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# Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys

## *National Wildlife Refuges Bird List*



*Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge was established on July 16, 1929. It is located in the Gulf of Mexico near the town of Cedar Key, Florida. The islands that comprise the refuge range in size from 1 to 165 acres. Its founding purpose was "as a refuge and breeding ground for birds..." Cedar Keys Refuge supports one of the largest colonial bird nesting sites in north Florida.*

*Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1979 with the objective of preserving the Suwannee River delta and estuary ecosystem. This 53,000-acre refuge is located in Levy and Dixie Counties, Florida and serves as an important feeding area for the nesting birds of the Cedar Keys Refuge.*

*Seasonal appearance*

Sp Spring, March - May
S Summer, June - August
F Fall, September - November
W Winter, December - February

*Seasonal abundance*

a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)

c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)

u. uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)

o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)

r. rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

* nests on the refuge.



*Thise Blue Goose, designed by J.N "Ding" Darling,is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.*

This checklist includes 255 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records. On the back page, an additional 25 species are listed which are considered accidental occurrence to the refuge.



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| **Grebes** | | | | |
| ___Common Loon | c | r | c | c |
| ___Horned Grebe | u | | u | u |
| ___Pied-billed Grebe* | c | c | c | c |
| **Pelicans and Allies** | | | | |
| ___Magnificent Frigatebird | c | c | c | o |
| ___American White Pelican | u | u | u | u |
| ___Double-crested Cormorant* | a | a | a | a |
| ___Anhinga* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Brown Pelican* | a | a | a | a |
| **Herons, Egrets and Allies** | | | | |
| ___American Bittern | u | u | u | u |
| ___Least Bittern* | u | u | u | |
| ___Great Blue Heron* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Great Egret* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Snowy Egret* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Little Blue Heron* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Tricolored Heron* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Cattle Egret* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Green Heron* | c | c | c | u |
| ___Black-crowned Night-Heron* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow-crowned Night-Heron* | c | c | u | u |
| **Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork** | | | | |
| ___White Ibis* | a | a | a | a |
| ___Wood Stork | u | u | u | o |
| ___Roseate Spoonbill | | u | | r |
| **Waterfowl** | | | | |
| ___Tundra Swan | | | r | r |
| ___Snow Goose | | | r | r |
| ___Wood Duck* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Green-winged Teal | u | | u | u |
| ___American Black Duck | o | | o | o |
| ___Mottled Duck | r | r | r | r |
| ___Mallard | u | | u | u |
| ___Northern Pintail | u | | u | u |
| ___Blue-winged Teal | u | | u | u |
| ___Northern Shoveler | u | | u | u |
| ___Gadwall | u | | u | u |
| ___American Wigeon | u | | u | u |
| ___Canvasback | u | | u | u |
| ___Redhead | u | | u | u |
| ___Ring-necked Duck | u | | u | u |
| ___Greater Scaup | r | | r | r |
| ___Lesser Scaup | o | | o | o |
| ___Common Goldeneye | o | | o | o |

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| ___Bufflehead | u | | u | c |
| ___Hooded Merganser | c | u | u | c |
| ___Common Merganser | r | | r | r |
| ___Ruddy Duck | u | | o | u |
| ___Red-breasted Merganser | c | | c | c |
| **Vultures, Hawks and Allies** | | | | |
| ___Black Vulture* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Turkey Vulture* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Osprey* | c | c | c | c |
| ___American Swallow-tailed Kite* | c | c | u | |
| ___Bald Eagle* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Northern Harrier | u | o | u | u |
| ___Sharp-shinned Hawk | u | | u | u |
| ___Cooper's Hawk* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Short-tailed Hawk | o | o | o | |
| ___Broad-winged Hawk | u | u | u | |
| ___Red-shouldered Hawk* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Red-tailed Hawk* | u | u | u | u |
| ___American Kestrel* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Merlin | r | | o | r |
| ___Peregrine Falcon | o | | o | o |
| **Gallinaceous Birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)** | | | | |
| ___Wild Turkey* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Northern Bobwhite* | c | c | c | c |
| **Rails, Gallinules, and Coots** | | | | |
| ___King Rail | u | u | u | u |
| ___Clapper Rail* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow Rail | | | | r |
| ___Sora | u | | u | u |
| ___Purple Gallinule | u | u | u | r |
| ___Common Moorhen* | c | c | c | c |
| ___American Coot | u | r | u | u |
| ___Limpkin* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Virginia Rail | u | | u | u |
| ___Black Rail* | u | u | | r |
| **Shorebirds** | | | | |
| ___Black-bellied Plover | c | u | c | c |
| ___Snowy Plover | | | | r |
| ___Semipalmated Plover | c | | c | c |
| ___Piping Plover | r | | r | r |
| ___Killdeer* | c | u | c | c |
| ___Black-necked Stilt | r | | | r |
| ___American Avocet | u | | | u |
| ___Greater Yellowlegs | c | | c | c |

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| ___Lesser Yellowlegs | u | | u | u |
| ___Solitary Sandpiper | o | | o | |
| ___Willet | c | c | c | c |
| ___Spotted Sandpiper | c | o | c | c |
| ___Whimbrel | u | | u | u |
| ___Long-billed Curlew | | | | o |
| ___Marbled Godwit | u | | u | u |
| ___Ruddy Turnstone | c | u | c | c |
| ___Red Knot | u | | u | u |
| ___Sanderling | c | | c | c |
| ___Semipalmated Sandpiper | u | u | u | |
| ___Western Sandpiper | c | | c | c |
| ___Least Sandpiper | c | u | c | c |
| ___Pectoral Sandpiper | r | | r | |
| ___Dunlin | c | o | c | c |
| ___Stilt Sandpiper | | | o | |
| ___Short-billed Dowitcher | c | u | c | c |
| ___Long-billed Dowitcher | u | o | u | u |
| ___Common Snipe | c | | c | c |
| ___American Woodcock | o | | o | o |
| ___American Oystercatcher | u | u | c | c |
| **Gulls and Terns** | | | | |
| ___Laughing Gull | c | c | c | c |
| ___Bonaparte's Gull | o | | o | u |
| ___Ring-billed Gull | c | u | c | c |
| ___Great Black-backed Gull | | | | r |
| ___Herring Gull | c | o | c | c |
| ___Caspian Tern | u | u | u | u |
| ___Black Skimmer | c | c | c | c |
| ___Common Tern | o | | o | o |
| ___Forster's Tern | c | | c | c |
| ___Least Tern | c | c | c | u |
| ___Royal Tern | c | c | c | c |
| ___Sandwich Tern | u | u | u | u |
| ___Black Tern | o | | o | |
| **Doves** | | | | |
| ___Mourning Dove* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Common Ground-Dove* | c | c | c | c |
| ___White-winged Dove | | | o | o |
| ___Eurasian Collard Dove | u | u | u | u |
| **Cuckoos** | | | | |
| ___Black-billed Cuckoo | r | | r | |
| ___Yellow-billed Cuckoo* | u | u | u | |

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| **Owls** | | | | |
| ___Common Barn Owl | o | o | o | o |
| ___Eastern Screech-Owl* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Great Horned Owl* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Barred Owl* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Burrowing Owl | r | | r | |
| ___Short-eared Owl | | | | o |
| **Nightjars** | | | | |
| ___Common Nighthawk* | c | c | c | |
| ___Chuck-will's-widow* | c | c | c | r |
| ___Whip-poor-will | | | u | r |
| **Swifts, Hummingbirds** | | | | |
| ___Chimney Swift | c | c | c | |
| ___Ruby-throated Hummingbird* | u | u | u | |
| **Kingfishers** | | | | |
| ___Belted Kingfisher* | c | o | c | c |
| **Woodpeckers** | | | | |
| ___Red-headed Woodpecker | u | u | u | u |
| ___Red-bellied Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | u | | u | u |
| ___Downy Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Hairy Woodpecker* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Northern Flicker* | c | u | c | c |
| ___Pileated Woodpecker* | c | c | c | c |
| **Flycatchers** | | | | |
| ___Eastern Wood-Pewee | u | u | u | |
| ___Acadian Flycatcher* | o | u | | |
| ___Eastern Phoebe | u | | u | c |
| ___Great Crested Flycatcher* | c | c | c | |
| ___Eastern Kingbird* | c | c | c | |
| ___Western Kingbird | o | | o | o |
| ___Gray Kingbird* | u | u | u | |
| **Martins and Swallows** | | | | |
| ___Purple Martin | u | u | u | |
| ___Tree Swallow | c | | c | c |
| ___Northern Rough-winged Swallow* | u | u | u | |
| ___Barn Swallow | c | c | c | |
| ___Bank Swallow | o | | o | |
| **Jays and Crows** | | | | |
| ___Blue Jay* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Fish Crow* | c | c | c | c |

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| ___Scrub Jay | u | u | u | u |
| ___American Crow* | c | c | c | c |
| **Chickadees and Titmice** | | | | |
| ___Carolina Chickadee* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Tufted Titmouse* | c | c | c | c |
| **Nuthatches** | | | | |
| ___Brown-headed Nuthatch* | o | o | o | o |
| ___Red-breasted Nuthatch | o | | o | o |
| **Creepers** | | | | |
| ___Brown Creeper | r | | r | r |
| **Wrens** | | | | |
| ___Carolina Wren* | c | c | c | c |
| ___House Wren | c | | c | c |
| ___Winter Wren | r | r | | r |
| ___Sedge Wren | c | | c | c |
| ___Marsh Wren* | c | c | c | c |
| **Kinglets and Gnatcatchers** | | | | |
| ___Golden-crowned Kinglet | r | | o | o |
| ___Ruby-crowned Kinglet | c | | c | c |
| ___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* | c | c | c | c |
| **Thrushes** | | | | |
| ___Eastern Bluebird* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Veery | u | | u | |
| ___Gray-cheeked Thrush | o | | o | |
| ___Swainson's Thrush | u | | u | |
| ___Wood Thrush | u | | u | |
| ___Hermit Thrush | u | | u | u |
| ___American Robin | c | | c | a |
| **Thrashers** | | | | |
| ___Gray Catbird | c | r | c | c |
| ___Northern Mockingbird* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Brown Thrasher* | c | c | c | c |
| **Pipits** | | | | |
| ___American Pipit | u | | u | u |
| **Waxwings** | | | | |
| ___Cedar Waxwing | c | | u | c |
| **Shrike** | | | | |
| ___Loggerhead Shrike* | o | o | o | o |

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| **Vireos** | | | | |
| ___White-eyed Vireo | c | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow-throated Vireo | u | u | u | |
| ___Red-eyed Vireo | c | c | c | |
| ___Blue-headed Vireo | u | | u | u |
| **Warblers** | | | | |
| ___Blue-winged Warbler | o | | o | |
| ___Golden-winged Warbler | r | | | |
| ___Tennessee Warbler | u | | u | |
| ___Orange-crowned Warbler | u | | u | u |
| ___Northern Parula* | c | c | c | r |
| ___Yellow Warbler | o | u | u | |
| ___Chestnut-sided Warbler | r | | o | |
| ___Magnolia Warbler | u | | u | |
| ___Cape May Warbler | u | | u | |
| ___Yellow-rumped Warbler | c | | c | a |
| ___Black-throated Blue Warbler | u | | u | |
| ___Black-throated Green Warbler | o | | o | |
| ___Blackburnian Warbler | o | | o | |
| ___Yellow-throated Warbler* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Pine Warbler* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Prairie Warbler* | u | o | u | o |
| ___Palm Warbler | c | | c | c |
| ___Bay-breasted Warbler | o | | o | |
| ___Blackpoll Warbler | u | | o | |
| ___Cerulean Warbler | o | | o | |
| ___Black-and-white Warbler | c | r | c | u |
| ___American Redstart | u | | u | |
| ___Prothonotary Warbler* | c | u | c | |
| ___Worm-eating Warbler | u | | u | |
| ___Swainson's Warbler | r | r | r | |
| ___Ovenbird | c | | c | u |
| ___Northern Waterthrush | u | r | u | |
| ___Louisiana Waterthrush | u | r | u | |
| ___Kentucky Warbler | u | | u | |
| ___Connecticut Warbler | r | | r | |
| ___Common Yellowthroat* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Yellow-breasted Chat | u | u | u | r |
| ___Hooded Warbler* | c | c | c | |
| ___Wilson's Warbler | o | | o | o |
| **Tanagers** | | | | |
| ___Summer Tanager* | u | c | u | |
| ___Scarlet Tanager | o | | o | |
| **New World Finches** | | | | |
| ___Northern Cardinal* | a | a | a | a |
| ___Rose-breasted Grosbeak | u | | u | |

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| ___Blue Grosbeak | u | u | u | |
| ___Indigo Bunting | u | o | u | |
| ___Painted Bunting | o | r | o | |
| **Sparrows** | | | | |
| ___Rufous-sided Towhee* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Bachman's Sparrow* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Chipping Sparrow | u | | u | u |
| ___Field Sparrow | u | | u | u |
| ___Vesper Sparrow | u | | u | u |
| ___Savannah Sparrow | c | | c | c |
| ___Grasshopper Sparrow | r | | | o |
| ___Henslow's Sparrow | | | | o |
| ___LeConte's Sparrow | | | | o |
| ___Sharp-tailed Sparrow | o | | o | u |
| ___Song Sparrow | c | | c | c |
| ___Seaside Sparrow* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Swamp Sparrow | c | | c | c |
| ___White-throated Sparrow | c | | c | c |
| ___Dark-eyed Junco | o | | o | o |
| **Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles** | | | | |
| ___Red-winged Blackbird* | a | a | a | a |
| ___Bobolink | r | | | u |
| ___Eastern Meadowlark* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Rusty Blackbird | | | | u |
| ___Common Grackle* | u | u | u | u |
| ___Boat-tailed Grackle* | a | a | a | a |
| ___Brown-headed Cowbird* | c | c | c | c |
| ___Orchard Oriole | u | u | u | |
| ___Northern Oriole | o | | o | u |
| **Old World Finches** | | | | |
| ___Purple Finch | o | | | o |
| ___American Goldfinch | c | | u | c |
| ___Pine Siskin | | | | r |
| **Introduced non-native species** | | | | |
| ___House Sparrow* | c | c | c | c |
| ___European Starling* | c | c | c | c |

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These additional species are of rare or accidental occurrence, in most instances substantiated by only one or two records:

Red-throated Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Brown Booby
Northern Gannet
Oldsquaw
Black Scoter
Bewick's Wren
Warbling Vireo
Black-whiskered Vireo
Fox Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Shiny Cowbird
Philadelphia Viroe
White-rumped Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Common Black-headed Gull
Sooty Tern
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Reddish Egret
Glossy Ibis
Canada Goose
Sandhill Crane
Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher

**Sighting Notes**

**Date** _____

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**Time** _____

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**Weather** _____

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**No. of species** _____

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**Route or area** _____

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**Observers** _____

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**Remarks** _____

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