

Check List of Birds Wakulla Springs State Park

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This is a list of the 184 birds that are observed one or more times per year at Wakulla Springs. Please refer to the key definitions below for seasonal abundance and nesting.

Enjoy your visit!

Key Definitions:

Seasons

Sp = Spring (March to May)

Su = Summer (June to August)

F = Fall (September to November)

W = Winter (December to February)

Abundance

A = Abundant: Observed daily or in great numbers

C = Common: Observed weekly or many times a season

U = Uncommon: Observed only a few times a season

R = Rare: Observed once or twice per year

Nesting

* = Nests within the park.

Ducks	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Black Duck	R	-	R	R
___ American Wigeon	R	-	R	R
___ Blue-winged Teal	U	-	U	R
___ Bufflehead	U	-	U	C
___ Common Goldeneye	R	-	R	R
___ Eurasian Wigeon	R	-	R	R
___ Gadwall	R	-	R	R
___ Greater Scaup	R	-	R	R
___ Green-winged Teal	R	-	R	R
___ Hooded Merganser	C	-	C	A
___ Lesser Scaup	R	-	R	U
___ Mallard	R	-	R	R
___ Northern Pintail	R	-	R	R
___ Northern Shoveler	R	-	R	R
___ Red-breasted Merganser	R	-	-	R
___ Ring-necked Duck	R	-	R	R
___ Redhead	R	-	R	R
___ Wood Duck *	U	U	U	U
OTHER SWIMMING BIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Anhinga *	A	A	A	A
___ American Coot	A	R	A	A
___ Common Moorhen *	A	A	A	A
___ Double-crested Cormorant *	A	A	A	A
___ Horned Grebe	R	-	R	R
___ Pied-billed Grebe *	A	A	A	A
___ Purple Gallinule *	R	R	R	R
AERIALWATER BIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Brown Pelican	-	-	R	R
___ Forster's Tern	R	-	R	U
___ Laughing Gull	U	U	U	U
___ Ring-billed Gull	R	-	R	R
BIRDS OF PREY	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Kestrel	R	R	R	R
___ American Swallow-tailed Kite *	C	C	-	-
___ Bald Eagle *	C	C	C	C
___ Barn Owl	R	R	R	R
___ Barred Owl *	A	A	A	A
___ Black Vulture	A	A	A	A
___ Broad-winged Hawk *	C	C	R	-

BIRDS OF PREY continued...	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Cooper's Hawk	R	R	R	R
___ Eastern Screech-Owl *	C	C	C	C
___ Great Horned Owl *	C	C	C	C
___ Merlin	R	-	R	R
___ Mississippi Kite *	C	C	-	-
___ Northern Harrier	R	-	R	R
___ Osprey *	A	A	C	C
___ Peregrine Falcon	R	-	R	R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk *	A	A	C	C
___ Red-tailed Hawk *	C	C	C	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	-	C	C
___ Turkey Vulture	A	A	A	A
CHICKEN-LIKE BIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Wild Turkey *	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Bobwhite *	R	R	R	R
WADING BIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Bittern	R	-	R	R
___ Black-crowned Night Heron	R	R	R	R
___ Cattle Egret *	C	A	U	R
___ Glossy Ibis	-	-	R	-
___ Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C
___ Great Egret *	C	C	C	C
___ Green Heron *	C	C	C	U
___ Least Bittern *	C	C	U	A
___ Limpkin	R	R	R	R
___ Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___ Roseate Spoonbill	R	R	R	R
___ Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	R
___ Snowy Egret *	C	C	C	C
___ Sora	R	-	R	U
___ Tricolored Heron	C	C	C	C
___ White Ibis	C	C	C	A
___ Wood Stork	R	R	R	R
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *	A	A	C	C
SHOREBIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Woodcock	U	R	U	U
___ Common Snipe	R	-	R	R
___ Killdeer	U	R	U	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	-	R	-
___ Spotted Sandpiper	C	-	U	U

MEDIUM-SIZED LAND BIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Belted Kingfisher	U	U	A	C
___ Chuck-will's-widow *	C	A	-	-
___ Common Ground-Dove *	U	U	U	U
___ Common Nighthawk	C	C	-	-
___ Downy Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A
___ Eurasian Collared Dove	-	-	R	-
___ Hairy Woodpecker *	R	R	R	R
___ Mourning Dove *	A	A	A	A
___ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C
___ Pileated Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A
___ Red-headed Woodpecker *	A	A	A	A
___ Whip-poor-will	R	-	R	R
___ White-winged Dove	-	-	R	-
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	-	C	A
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	A	A	U	-
SWIFTS, SWALLOWS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Bank Swallow	R	-	R	-
___ Barn Swallow *	C	C	C	-
___ Chimney Swift	C	A	U	-
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	-	U	-
___ Purple Martin	U	C	U	-
___ Tree Swallow	C	-	U	C
HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	A	A	U	-
FLYCATCHERS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Acadian Flycatcher *	A	A	-	-
___ Eastern Kingbird	U	U	-	-
___ Eastern Phoebe	C	-	C	A
___ Eastern Wood-pewee *	C	C	U	-
___ Great-crested Flycatcher *	A	A	U	-
TYPICAL SONGBIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Crow *	C	C	C	C
___ American Robin	C	-	A	A
___ Blue Jay *	A	A	A	-
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	A	A	C	C
___ Blue-headed Vireo	U	-	U	C
___ Brown Creeper	-	-	R	R
___ Brown Thrasher*	C	A	C	C
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch *	C	C	C	U

TYPICAL SONGBIRDS continued.	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Carolina Chickadee *	A	A	A	A
___ Carolina Wren*	A	A	A	A
___ Cedar Waxwing	C	-	U	A
___ Eastern Bluebird *	C	C	U	C
___ Fish Crow *	A	A	A	C
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	-	R	R
___ Gray Catbird	C	-	C	A
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	-	U	-
___ Hermit Thrush	C	-	U	A
___ House Wren	C	-	C	C
___ Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R	R
___ Northern Mockingbird *	A	A	A	A
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	R	R
___ Red-eyed Vireo *	A	A	C	-
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	A	-	C	A
___ Sedge Wren	R	-	R	R
___ Swainson's Thrush	C	-	C	-
___ Tufted Titmouse*	A	A	A	A
___ Veery	U	-	U	-
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
___ White-eyed Vireo *	A	A	C	C
___ Winter Wren	R	-	-	R
___ Wood Thrush	U	U	U	U
___ Yellow-throated Vireo *	A	A	U	-

WARBLERS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Redstart	U	R	U	-
___ Black-and-white Warbler	A	-	A	A
___ Blue-winged Warbler	-	R	R	-
___ Cerulean Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	R	-	U	-
___ Common Yellowthroat *	U	U	U	U
___ Golden-winged Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Hooded Warbler *	A	A	U	-
___ KentuckyWarbler*	R	R	U	-
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	R	R	R	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Northern Parula*	A	A	C	-
___ Northern Waterthrush	U	-	U	-
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U	-	U	C
___ Ovenbird	U	-	U	U

WARBLERS continued...	Sp	Su	F	W
___ PalmWarbler	C	-	C	U
___ Pine Warbler *	A	A	A	A
___ Prairie Warbler	U	-	U	U
___ ProthonotaryWarbler *	A	A	U	-
___ Swainson's Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Worm-eating Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	A	-	A	A
___ Yellow-throated Warbler *	A	A	C	C

TANAGERS, BLACKBIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Baltimore Oriole	-	-	-	R
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	R	R	U	U
___ Brown-headed Cowbird *	A	A	U	U
___ Common Grackle *	C	C	C	A
___ Orchard Oriole	U	U	R	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	A	A
___ Rusty Blackbird	R	-	R	U
___ Scarlet Tanager *	U	-	U	-
___ Summer Tanager	A	A	U	-

SPARROWS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Chipping Sparrow	C	-	A	A
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U	-	U	U
___ Eastern Towhee *	A	A	A	A
___ Field Sparrow	U	-	U	U
___ Fox Sparrow	R	-	R	R
___ House Sparrow	R	R	R	R
___ Song Sparrow	U	-	U	U
___ Swamp Sparrow	U	-	U	U
___ White-throated Sparrow	U	-	U	U

FINCHES, BUNTINGS	Sp	Su	F	W
___ American Goldfinch	U	-	U	C
___ Blue Grosbeak *	R	-	-	-
___ House Finch	R	-	-	R
___ Indigo Bunting *	U	U	U	-
___ Northern Cardinal *	A	A	A	A
___ Pine Siskin	R	-	R	R
___ Purple Finch	R	-	-	R
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	-	U	-

Limpkin ... Gone Forever?

At one time the limpkin was abundant here, but lately this brown and white spangled bird has been scarce. Its departure is directly related to the disappearance of the apple snail, the limpkin's main source of food. Like the limpkin, apple snails were once abundant along the river, but are now nearly gone.

Many believe that Hydrilla, a non-native invasive aquatic weed is to blame. First found in the river and spring in 1997, this fast growing weed had virtually taken over the river, crowding out native plants and wildlife. Or maybe apple snails are gone because of previous river flooding. Apple snails only live about one year. They lay their eggs above the water line to prevent embryos from drowning. But high flood waters may have drowned an entire breeding season of eggs.

Whatever the reason, until the apple snails return, the lonesome call of the limpkin will be sorely missed.



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Osprey



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