

Washington Oaks State Gardens

Bird Checklist



Washington Oaks State Gardens covers 400 acres extending from the Atlantic Ocean to the Matanzas River. The park has a variety of communities including beach, coastal scrub, coastal hammock and tidal marsh. The bird-life is quite diverse with shorebirds frequenting the beach; egrets, herons and ibis using the marsh areas along the Matanzas river, and warblers frequenting the oak trees in the hammocks. Some good places to bird are the beach crossover platform, the gardens and the Mala Compra hiking trail through the hammock to the picnic area. Make sure you take the paths out to the tidal marsh.

Acknowledgment- This checklist has been compiled from surveys at Washington Oaks State Gardens thanks to the Flagler Audubon Society and other volunteers who spent numerous hours surveying the park.

CATEGORIES OF ABUNDANCE OF SPECIES

- A Abundant means a species is so common that birders usually observe more than 25 individuals in proper habitat and season
- C Common means birders are likely to see 5 to 25 individuals daily in proper habitat and season
- F Fairly common means a species is common enough that birders should observe at least one individual daily in proper habitat and season
- U Uncommon species can be widespread but may not be observed by birders searching for it in proper habitat and season
- O Casual means a bird that wanders into North America at infrequent intervals and is not observed annually, but exhibits a pattern of occurrence over several decades
- R Rare can mean either that the species is widely distributed outside North America but exists in low numbers here, or that the entire population is small and local.

Habitat classifications (HAB)

- A AERIAL applies to birds most often seen in flight.
- B BEACH includes beach, dunes, and open ocean.
- C COASTAL SCRUB includes coastal strand and coastal scrub.
- G GARDENS are landscaped areas and formal planted gardens.
- H HAMMOCK is upland forest dominated by broadleaf trees.
- R RIVER includes river and its surrounding tidal wetlands.

These are general and sometimes broad categories.

Seasons: SP = Spring, SU = Summer, F = Fall, W = Winter

Birds, which are green highlighted, have not yet been reported; those in yellow have been reported but may be outdated.

FAMILY COMMON NAME SIGHTED SP SU F W HABITAT

Ducks, Geese, and Swans (Anatidae)							
	Canada Goose						
	Muscovy Duck						
	Wood Duck						
	Gadwall						
	American Wigeon						
	Mallard						
	Mottled Duck						
	Blue-winged Teal						
	Northern Shoveler						
	Northern Pintail						
	Green-winged Teal						
	Ring-necked Duck						
	Lesser Scaup						
	Bufflehead						
	Hooded Merganser		O	-	O	U	R,B
	Red-breasted Merganser		U	-	O	C	B,R
	Ruddy Duck						

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail (Phasianidae)							
	Wild Turkey		R	R	R	R	H

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)							
	Northern Bobwhite		O	O	O	O	H

Loons (Gaviidae)							
	Common Loon		-	-	-	U	B

Grebes (Podicipedidae)							
	Pied-billed Grebe						
	Horned Grebe		-	-	-	O	B

Boobies and Gannets (Sulidae)							
	Northern Gannet		U	-	-	C	A,B

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)							
	American White Pelican		O	-	O	O	A,B
	Brown Pelican		C	C	C	C	A,B

Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)							
	Double-crested Cormorant		C	U	C	C	A,B,R

Darters (Anhingidae)							
	Anhinga		O	O	O	O	A,R

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies (Ardeidae)							
	American Bittern						
	Least Bittern						
	Great Blue Heron		C	C	C	C	R
	Great Egret		C	C	C	C	R
	Snowy Egret		C	C	C	C	R
	Little Blue Heron		C	C	C	C	R
	Tricolored Heron		C	C	C	C	R
	Cattle Egret						
	Green Heron		U	U	U	U	R
	Black-crowned Night-Heron		U	U	U	U	R
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		O	O	O	O	R

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Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)							
	White Ibis		O	O	O	O	A,B,R
	Glossy Ibis						
	Roseate Spoonbill		O	O	O	-	R

Storks (Ciconiidae)							
	Wood Stork		O	O	O	O	R

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)							
	Black Vulture		O	O	O	O	A
	Turkey Vulture		C	C	C	C	A

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies (Accipitridae)							
	Osprey		C	C	C	C	A,R
	Swallow-tailed Kite		O	O	-	-	A
	Bald Eagle		O	O	O	O	A,R
	Northern Harrier		O	-	O	O	A,C
	Sharp-shinned Hawk		O	-	O	O	H
	Cooper's Hawk						
	Red-shouldered Hawk		C	C	C	C	A,H
	Broad-winged Hawk		-	-	R	-	A
	Short-tailed Hawk						
	Red-tailed Hawk						

Caracaras and Falcons (Falconidae)							
	American Kestrel		O	-	O	O	A,C
	Merlin		R	-	O	R	A,H
	Peregrine Falcon		R	-	O	R	A,B

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)							
	Yellow Rail						
	Clapper Rail		O	O	O	O	R
	King Rail						
	Virginia Rail						
	Sora						
	Purple Gallinule						
	Common Moorhen		U	U	U	U	R
	American Coot						

Cranes (Gruidae)							
	Sandhill Crane		O	-	-	O	A

Lapwings and Plovers (Charadriidae)							
	Black-bellied Plover		C	U	C	C	B
	Semipalmated Plover		O	-	U	U	B
	Piping Plover						
	Killdeer		-	-	-	U	B

Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)							
	American Oystercatcher						

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)							
	Black-winged Stilt						
	American Avocet						

FAMILY

COMMON NAME

SIGHTED

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HABITAT

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)

Greater Yellowlegs						
Lesser Yellowlegs						
Willet		C	C	C	C	B
Spotted Sandpiper		O	-	O	O	R,B
Whimbrel						
Marbled Godwit						
Ruddy Turnstone		U	O	U	U	B
Red Knot		R	-	-	R	B
Sanderling		C	C	C	C	B
Western Sandpiper						
Least Sandpiper						
Purple Sandpiper		-	-	-	R	B
Rock Sandpiper						
Dunlin		-	-	-	O	B
Short-billed Dowitcher						
Long-billed Dowitcher						
Common Snipe						
American Woodcock						

Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

Laughing Gull		C	U	C	C	A,B
Bonaparte's Gull		-	-	-	O	A,B
Ring-billed Gull		C	O	C	C	A,B,R
Herring Gull		U	O	U	U	A,B
Lesser Black-backed Gull						
Great Black-backed Gull		O	-	O	O	A,B
Gull-billed Tern						
Caspian Tern		U	O	O	U	A,B,R
Royal Tern		C	U	C	C	A,B,R
Sandwich Tern		O	O	O	O	A,B,R
Common Tern		R	-	R	R	A,B
Forster's Tern		O	-	O	U	A,B,R
Least Tern		U	U	O	-	A,B,R

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon		-	R	-	-	B
Eurasian Collared-Dove						
Mourning Dove		C	C	C	C	H,G
Common Ground-Dove						

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis (Cuculidae)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo						
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Barn Owls (Tytonidae)

Barn Owl						
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Typical Owls (Strigidae)

Eastern Screech-Owl		O	O	O	O	H
Great Horned Owl		O	O	O	O	H
Barred Owl		U	U	U	U	H,G

Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)

Common Nighthawk		U	U	O	-	A,H
Chuck-will's-widow		U	U	O	-	H
Whip-poor-will		R	-	R	R	H

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Swifts (Apodidae)								
	Chimney Swift		C	C	C	-		A

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)								
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U	U	O	-		H,G

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)								
	Belted Kingfisher		U	R	C	C		R

Woodpeckers and Allies (Picidae)								
	Red-headed Woodpecker							
	Red-bellied Woodpecker		C	C	C	C		H,G
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		O	-	U	U		H,G
	Downy Woodpecker		U	U	U	U		H,G
	Hairy Woodpecker		O	O	O	O		H,G
	Red-cockaded Woodpecker							
	Northern Flicker		O	O	O	O		H
	Gilded Flicker							
	Pileated Woodpecker		C	C	C	C		H,G

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)								
	Eastern Wood-Pewee							
	Acadian Flycatcher							
	Eastern Phoebe		O	-	U	C		H
	Great Crested Flycatcher		C	U	O	-		H
	Eastern Kingbird		R	R	R	-		H
	Gray Kingbird							

Shrikes (Laniidae)								
	Loggerhead Shrike							

Vireos (Vireonidae)								
	White-eyed Vireo		U	O	U	U		H,G
	Yellow-throated Vireo		O	O	O	-		H
	Blue-headed Vireo							
	Red-eyed Vireo		U	U	U	-		H,G

Jays and Crows (Corvidae)								
	Blue Jay		C	C	C	C		H,G
	Florida Scrub-Jay		R	R	R	R		C
	American Crow		U	U	U	U		A,B,H
	Fish Crow		C	C	C	C		A,B,R

Swallows (Hirundinidae)								
	Purple Martin		U	U	O	-		A
	Tree Swallow		U	-	C	C		A,R
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow							
	Barn Swallow		U	O	U	-		A

Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)								
	Carolina Chickadee		O	O	O	O		H
	Tufted Titmouse		C	C	C	C		H,G

Nuthatches (Sittidae)								
	Brown-headed Nuthatch							

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Creepers (Certhiidae)							
	Brown Creeper						

Wrens (Troglodytidae)							
	Carolina Wren		C	C	C	C	H,G
	House Wren		O	-	O	U	H,G
	Winter Wren						
	Sedge Wren						
	Marsh Wren		O	O	O	O	H

Kinglets (Regulidae)							
	Golden-crowned Kinglet						
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		C	-	C	C	H

Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers (Sylviidae)							
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		U	O	U	U	H

Thrushes (Turdidae)							
	Eastern Bluebird						
	Veery		-	-	R	-	H
	Swainson's Thrush		-	-	R	-	H
	Hermit Thrush		O	-	O	O	H
	Wood Thrush						
	American Robin		U	-	O	C	H,G

Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)							
	Gray Catbird		C	-	C	C	H
	Northern Mockingbird		U	U	U	U	B,H
	Brown Thrasher		O	O	O	O	H

Starlings (Sturnidae)							
	European Starling						

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)							
	Cedar Waxwing		U	-	O	U	H

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)							
	Orange-crowned Warbler		-	-	R	R	H,G
	Northern Parula		C	U	O	-	H,G
	Yellow Warbler		R	-	R	-	H,G
	Cape May Warbler		R	-		-	H
	Black-throated Blue Warbler		U	-	U	-	H,G
	Yellow-rumped Warbler		C	-	C	C	H,G
	Black-throated Green Warbler		R	-	R	-	H,G
	Yellow-throated Warbler		O	R	O	O	H,G
	Pine Warbler		O	R	O	O	H
	Prairie Warbler		O	-	O	O	H
	Palm Warbler		U	-	O	O	H
	Blackpoll Warbler		O	-	-	-	H,G
	Black-and-white Warbler		U	-	U	U	H,G
	American Redstart		O	-	O	-	H
	Prothonotary Warbler						
	Worm-eating Warbler		O	R	R	-	H
	Swainson's Warbler						
	Ovenbird		R	-	R	R	H
	Northern Waterthrush		R	R	R	-	H,G
	Louisiana Waterthrush		R	-	-	-	H,G

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	Common Yellowthroat		O	R	R	O		H,R
	Hooded Warbler							

Tanagers (Thraupidae)								
	Summer Tanager		O	-	-	-		H
	Scarlet Tanager		R	-	-	-		H

Emberizids (Emberizidae)								
	Eastern Towhee		C	C	C	C		H,C
	Bachman's Sparrow							
	Chipping Sparrow							
	Field Sparrow							
	Vesper Sparrow							
	Savannah Sparrow							
	Grasshopper Sparrow							
	Henslow's Sparrow							
	Le Conte's Sparrow							
	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow							
	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow							
	Seaside Sparrow							
	Song Sparrow							
	Lincoln's Sparrow							
	Swamp Sparrow							
	White-throated Sparrow							
	Dark-eyed Junco							

Cardinals, Saltators, and Allies (Cardinalidae)								
	Northern Cardinal		C	C	C	C		H,G
	Yellow Grosbeak							
	Rose-Breasted Grosbeak		-	-	R	-		H
	Blue Bunting							
	Indigo Bunting		R	-	R	-		H
	Painted Bunting		R	-	R	-		H

Blackbirds (Icteridae)								
	Red-winged Blackbird		C	U	C	O		H,R
	Eastern Meadowlark							
	Rusty Blackbird							
	Common Grackle		U	U	U	U		H,G
	Boat-tailed Grackle		U	U	U	U		H,R
	Brown-headed Cowbird							
	Orchard Oriole		R	-	-	-		H,G
	Baltimore Oriole		O	-	O	O		H,G

Fringilline and Cardueline Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)								
	Purple Finch							
	House Finch							
	Pine Siskin							
	American Goldfinch		O	-	O	-		H

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)								
	House Sparrow							

Please report any observations of any species that are not found on this list as well as any rare birds or those found at times other than indicated in the checklist.

Date: _____

Area Birded: _____

Weather: _____

Observers:

Notes:

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