

Vireos

White-eyed Vireo	C - R
Yellow-throated Vireo	U: Sp - F
Blue-headed Vireo	U: F - Sp
Red-eyed Vireo	U: Sp - F

Jays and Crows

Blue Jay	C
American Crow	C: F - W
Fish Crow	C

Swallows

Purple Martin	C
Tree Swallow	C - R
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C: Sp - F
Bank Swallow	U: Sp - F
Cliff Swallow	R: Sp & F
Barn Swallow	U: Sp - F

Chickadees and Titmice

Carolina Chickadee	C
Tufted Titmouse	C

Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch	R: F - Sp
Brown-headed Nuthatch	U

Wrens

Carolina Wren	C
House Wren	U: F - Sp
Sedge Wren	R: W & Sp
Marsh Wren	R

Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet	U: F - Sp
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C: F - Sp

Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U
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Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird	U
Veery	R: Sp & F
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R: Sp & F
Swainson's Thrush	U: Sp & F
Hermit Thrush	R: F - Sp
Wood Thrush	U
American Robin	C: F - Sp

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

Gray Catbird	C: F - Sp
Northern Mockingbird	C
Brown Thrasher	U

Starlings

European Starling	C
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Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing	C: F - Sp
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Wood-Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler	R: Sp & F
Orange-crowned Warbler	U: F - Sp
Nashville Warbler	O: Sp & F
Northern Parula	C: Sp - F
Yellow Warbler	U: Sp - F
Magnolia Warbler	U: Sp & F
Cape May Warbler	C: F - Sp
Yellow-rumped Warbler	R
Black-throated Green Warbler	R: Sp & F
Yellow-throated Warbler	R
Pine Warbler	C
Prairie Warbler	C: Sp - F
Palm Warbler	U
Cerulean Warbler	R: Sp & F
Black-and-white Warbler	R: F - Sp
American Redstart	C: Sp & F
Prothonotary Warbler	C: Sp - S
Ovenbird	U: Sp & F
Kentucky Warbler	U: Sp & S
Common Yellowthroat	C
Hooded Warbler	U: Sp - F
Yellow-breasted Chat	U: Sp & S

Tanagers

Summer Tanager	C: Sp - F
Scarlet Tanager	U: Sp & F

Emberizids

Eastern Towhee	C
Chipping Sparrow	C - R
Field Sparrow	C: F - Sp
Savannah Sparrow	C: F - Sp
Fox Sparrow	O: F - Sp
Song Sparrow	C: F - Sp
Swamp Sparrow	C: F - Sp

White-throated Sparrow	C: F - Sp
Dark-eyed Junco	R: W - Sp

Cardinals and Allies

Northern Cardinal	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U: Sp & F
Blue Grosbeak	U: Sp - F
Indigo Bunting	C
Painted Bunting	R: Sp
Dickcissel	O

Blackbirds

Red-winged Blackbird	C
Eastern Meadowlark	C
Common Grackle	C
Brown-headed Cowbird	C
Orchard Oriole	U: Sp & S
Baltimore Oriole	U: F - Sp

Finches and Allies

Purple Finch	R: F - Sp
House Finch	C
American Goldfinch	C: F - Sp

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow	C
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Blackwater River & Yellow River Marsh Preserve

State Parks Bird Checklist



Photo courtesy of Mitch McConnell

To help you keep track of the spectacular range of birdlife that Blackwater River State Park and Yellow River Marsh Preserve have to offer, the Florida Park Service has published this checklist.

Symbols used in the checklist are:

Seasonal Occurrence

Sp	Mar, Apr, May
S	Jun, Jul
F	Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
W	Dec, Jan, Feb

Abundance Designations

C	Common – almost always seen
U	Uncommon – sometimes found in proper habitat
R	Rare – occurs once or a few times a season
O	Occasional – present in some years
A	Accidental

Species

Ducks, Geese and Swans

Snow Goose	O: F - Sp
Canada Goose	A
Wood Duck	U
American Wigeon	O: F - Sp
Mallard	O: F - Sp
Blue-winged Teal	C - O
Northern Shoveler	R: F - Sp
Green-winged Teal	R: F - Sp
Redhead	R: F - Sp
Ring-necked Duck	R - O
Lesser Scaup	R: F - Sp
Bufflehead	R: F - Sp
Hooded Merganser	R: F - Sp
Red-breasted Merganser	O: F - Sp
Ruddy Duck	O: F - Sp

Grouse and Turkeys

Wild Turkey	R
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New World Quail

Northern Bobwhite	C
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Loons

Common Loon	O: W - Sp
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Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe	C: W - Sp; R: S
Horned Grebe	O: W - Sp

Pelicans

American White Pelican	O: W - Sp
Brown Pelican	C - O: W - Sp

Cormorants

Double-crested Cormorant	C - O: Sp - S; U: F - W
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Bitterns, Herons and Allies

American Bittern	R: F - Sp
Least Bittern	U: Sp - F
Great Blue Heron	U
Great Egret	R
Snowy Egret	U - R
Little Blue Heron	U - O
Tricolored Heron	R - O
Cattle Egret	C - R
Green Heron	C - O
Black-crowned Night-Heron	R: F - Sp
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	U - O

Ibises and Spoonbills

White Ibis	O: F & Sp
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Storks

Wood Stork	A: Sp - F
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New World Vultures

Black Vulture	U
Turkey Vulture	U - R

Hawks, Kites and Eagles

Osprey	U - R
Swallow-tailed Kite	U – O: Sp & S

Mississippi Kite	C- R: Sp - F
Bald Eagle	O
Northern Harrier	R: F - Sp
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U: F - Sp
Cooper's Hawk	R: F - Sp
Red-shouldered Hawk	U
Broad-winged Hawk	U: Sp - F
Red-tailed Hawk	C - R

Falcons

American Kestrel	U - R
Merlin	R: F - Sp
Peregrine Falcon	R: F - Sp

Rails, Gallinules and Coots

Clapper Rail	R
King Rail	O
Virginia Rail	R: F - Sp
Sora	R: F - Sp
Purple Gallinule	R: Sp & F
Common Moorhen	U
American Coot	U

Plovers

American Golden-Plover	R: Sp & F
Killdeer	C

Stilts and Avocets

Black-necked Stilt	O: Sp
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Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies

Spotted Sandpiper	R
Solitary Sandpiper	R: Sp & F
Greater Yellowlegs	R: F - Sp
Lesser Yellowlegs	R
Upland Sandpiper	R: Sp & F
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U: Sp - F
Western Sandpiper	R
Least Sandpiper	U
Pectoral Sandpiper	R: Sp & F
Dunlin	O: F - Sp
Short-billed Dowitcher	R: Sp & F
Long-billed Dowitcher	A: Sp & F
Wilson's Snipe	U
American Woodcock	R
Wilson's Phalarope	O: Sp & F

Gulls and Terns

Laughing Gull	C - U
Ring-billed Gull	C - R
Herring Gull	U - R
Least Tern	C: Sp & S
Gull-billed Tern	R: Sp & S
Caspian Tern	R: Sp & S
Black Tern	U: Sp & S
Forster's Tern	C
Royal Tern	A
Sandwich Tern	A

Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon	C
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Eurasian Collared-Dove	R
White-winged Dove	O - A
Mourning Dove	C
Common Ground-Dove	U

Cuckoos

Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U: Sp - F
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Barn Owls

Barn Owl	O
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Typical Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl	C
Great Horned Owl	R
Barred Owl	R

Nightjars

Common Nighthawk	C: Sp - F
Chuck-will's-widow	U: Sp - F

Swifts

Chimney Swift	C: Sp - F
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Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U: Sp - F
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Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher	U
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Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U: F - Sp
Downy Woodpecker	U
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	R
Northern Flicker	C
Pileated Woodpecker	R

Tyrant Flycatchers

Eastern Wood-Pewee	U: Sp - F
Acadian Flycatcher	U: Sp - F
Least Flycatcher	U: F
Eastern Phoebe	U: F - W
Great Crested Flycatcher	U: Sp - F
Western Kingbird	O: F - W
Eastern Kingbird	C: Sp - F
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	C: Sp & F

Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike	U
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