

The 1962 acres of St. George Island State Park offer environments from beaches to pine woods and scrub oak hammocks. Because of the location on the island, the park has fewer resident vertebrates than nearby areas on the mainland, but many interesting species occur. These include Snowy Plover, Gray Kingbird and American Oystercatcher. The surrounding waters are home for many wintering waterfowl, and during the summer months nest on the park's beaches. The fall and spring months are best for observing birds in the park. After the passage of cold fronts, many migrating birds nest and feed in the oak hammocks.

This list is a compilation of vertebrates from all of St. George Island, and many species have not been recorded. Observations confirming the presence of species in the park would be greatly appreciated. Please ask for two lists, and make notes on one and leave it at the park office.

Symbols for Seasonal Residence
 SP-Spring (March-May)
 SU-Summer (June-August)
 F - Fall (September-November)
 W - Winter (December-February)

Symbols for Relative Abundance of Each Species

A-Abundant, observed each day
 C-Common, observed several times each week
 U-Uncommon, observed a few times a year
 R-Rare, not observed every year
 *-indicates species nesting in the park

	SP	SU	F	W
LOONS				
___artic loon				R
___common loon	C	C	A	
GREBES				
___horned grebe	C	C	A	
___pie-billed grebe	C	C	A	
PELICANS				
___white pelican	U	U	U	
___brown pelican	A	A	A	A
BOOBIES				
___northern gannet	C	U	C	
CORMORANTS				
___double-crested	C	C	C	C

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FRIGATEBIRD				
___magnificent frigatebird		R		R
HERONS & BITTERNs				
___green-backed heron*	C	U	U	R
___great blue heron*	C	C	C	C
___great egret	C	C	C	C
___little blue heron	U	U	U	U
___cattle egret	C	U	U	
___snowy egret	U	U	U	U
___tricolored (I.A.) heron	U	U	U	U
___black-crowned night heron	U	U	U	
___yellow-crowned night heron	U	U	U	
___least bittern*	U	U		
___America Bittern	U		U	U
___reddish egret		R		
IBIS				
___white ibis			R	R
DUCKs & GEESE				
___Canada goose			U	
___snow goose			U	U
___mallard				U
___black duck			U	U
___mottled duck	U	U	U	
___pintail			R	U
___blue-winged teal	U			U
___American wigeon				U
___wood duck				R
___red head	C		C	C
___ring-necked duck			R	
___greater scaup	U		U	C
___lesser scaup	C		C	A
___common goldeneye	R		U	U
___bufflehead	C		C	C
___surf scoter			R	
___black scoter			R	R
___red breasted merganser	C		C	A
___hooded merganser				A
AMERICAN VULTURES				
___turkey vulture	U	R	U	U
HAWKS & EAGLES				
___sharp-shinned hawk	U		C	U
___red-tailed hawk	U		U	U
___red-shouldered hawk	U		U	U
___broad-winged hawk	R		U	
___bald eagle*	U		U	U
___marsh hawk	U		C	C
OSPREY				
___osprey*	C	C	C	C
FALCONS				
___Peregrine falcon	R		U	U
___merlin	R		U	
___American Kestrel	U		C	C

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RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS				
___ king rail*	U	U	U	U
___ clapper rail*	C	C	C	C
___ Virginia rail			R	
___ sora	U		U	R
___ purple gallinule*	U		U	U
___ common morchen*	U	U	U	
___ American coot	U		U	U
OYSTERCATCHER				
___ American Oystercatcher*	C	C	U	C
PLOVERS				
___ black-bellied plover	A	C	A	A
___ semipalmated plover	C	C	U	U
___ piping plover	C	U	C	C
___ snowy plover*	C	C	C	C
___ killdeer*	U		U	
___ Wilson's plover*		R		
SNIPERS & SANDPIPERS				
___ greater yellowlegs	U		U	R
___ lesser yellowlegs	U		U	
___ solitary sandpiper	R			
___ willet*	A	A	A	A
___ spotted sandpiper	U	C	C	
___ ruddy turnstone	A	C	A	A
___ red knot	C	U	C	R
___ least sandpiper	U	U	U	R
___ Baird's sandpiper			R	
___ pectoral sandpiper			R	
___ dunlin	A		A	A
___ semipalmated sandpiper	U	U	U	
___ western sandpiper		U	U	U
___ sanderling	A	A	A	A
___ long-billed curlew				R
___ whimbrel	R		A	
___ short-billed dowitcher	C	U	C	C
___ common snipe			R	R
___ American woodcock		R		
___ Wilson's phalarope			R	
AVOCET				
___ American avocet			R	
___ black-necked stilt	R	R		
JAEGER				
___ parasitic jaeger				R
GULLS & TERNS				
___ herring gull	C	R	C	R
___ lesser black-backed gull				C
___ ring-billed gull	C	R	C	A
___ laughing gull	A	A	C	U
___ Bonaparte's gull	U			U
___ gull-billed tern*	U	U		
___ Forster's tern	A	U	C	A
___ common tern	U		U	

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GULLS & TERNS				
___ least tern*	C	A	R	
___ royal tern	A	A	C	U
___ sandwich tern	A	C	U	
___ Caspian tern	U	R	U	U
___ black tern*	U	C		
___ artic tern			R	
___ razorbill	R			
___ black skimmer*	C	C	C	U
DOVES				
___ white-winged dove	R		R	R
___ mourning dove*	U	R	A	U
___ ground dove*	A	A		U
CUCKOOS				
___ yellow-billed cuckoo	C		C	
___ black-billed cuckoo	R		R	
___ mangrove cuckoo			R	
BARN OWL				
___ ham owl				U
OWLS				
___ great horned owl*	U	U	U	U
___ short-eared owl				R
GOATSUCKERS				
___ chuck's will's widow	C	C	U	
___ whip-poor-will	U		U	U
___ common nighthawk*	A	C	A	
___ lesser nighthawk	R		R	
SHIFTS				
___ chimney swift	U	R	U	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ ruby-throated	U		R	
KINGFISHERS				
___ belted kingfisher	C	U	C	U
WOODPECKERS				
___ common flicker	R		C	U
___ red-bellied woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
___ red-headed woodpecker	C		R	
___ yellow-bellied sapsucker	C		C	C
___ downey woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
FLYCATCHERS				
___ eastern kingbird*	A	C	C	
___ gray kingbird	C	C	C	
___ western kingbird			U	
___ great crested flycatcher*	A	A	C	
___ eastern phoebe	U		U	
___ Acadian flycatcher	U		U	
___ eastern wood pewee	R		U	
___ willow flycatcher				R
___ least flycatcher			C	
___ scissor-tailed flycatcher				
SWALLOWS				
___ tree swallow	U		U	U
___ rough-winged swallow	U		R	
___ barn swallow	A	C		A

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SWALLOWS

___ cliff swallow	U		U	
___ purple martin	C		C	
___ bank swallow	U	R	U	

JAYS & CROWS

___ blue jay*	R	R	U	U
___ fish crow*	A	A	A	U
___ American crow				R

NUTHATCHES

___ red-breasted	U		U	U
___ brown-headed*	U	U	U	U

CREEPERS

___ brown creeper			U	R
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WRENS

___ house wren	C		A	A
___ Carolina wren*	A	A	A	A
___ long-billed marsh wren*	U	U	U	U
___ short-billed marsh wren	U		U	U
___ rock wren			R	

THRASHERS

___ northern mockingbird	C	U	C	C
___ gray catbird	A		A	C
___ brown thrasher	U	U	C	C

THRUSHES

___ American robin	C		C	C
___ wood thrush	U		U	
___ hermit thrush	U		U	C
___ Swainson's thrush	U		U	
___ gray-cheeked thrush	U		U	
___ veery	C		C	

KINGLETS &

GNATCATCHERS

___ blue-gray gnat-catcher	A	C	C	U
___ golden-crowned kinglet			U	U
___ ruby-crowned kinglet	C		C	A

PIPITS

___ water pipit	U		U	R
___ Sprague's pipit				R

SHRIKES

___ loggerhead shrike	U		U	U
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STARLINGS

___ European starling	R	R		
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VIREOS

___ white-eyed vireo*	C	C	C	U
___ Bell's vireo				R
___ yellow-throated vireo	U		U	
___ solitary vireo	U		U	U
___ black-whiskered vireo	R			
___ red-eyed vireo	A		A	
___ Philadelphia vireo				R

WOOD WARBLERS

___ black & white warbler	C		C	U
___ prothonotary warbler	C		U	
___ worm-eating warbler	U		R	
___ blue-winged warbler	U		U	
___ golden-winged warbler	U		U	
___ Tennessee warbler	U		U	R
___ orange-crowned warbler	U		U	U
___ northern parula	A	C	U	
___ yellow warbler	R	C	C	
___ magnolia warbler	U		C	
___ Cape May warbler	C		R	
___ black-throated blue warbler	U		U	
___ black-throated gray warbler	R			
___ yellow-rumped warbler	C		C	A
___ black-throated green warbler	R		U	
___ cerulean warbler	R		R	
___ Blackburnian warbler	U		U	
___ yellow-throated warbler	U	U	U	
___ chestnut-sided warbler	R		U	
___ bay-breasted warbler	U		U	
___ blackpoll warbler	C			
___ pine warbler*	C	C	A	U
___ prairie warbler	C	C	A	
___ palm warbler	C		A	U
___ ovenbird	U		U	
___ northern waterthrush	U		U	
___ Louisiana waterthrush	U	R		
___ Kentucky warbler	U		U	
___ common yellowthroat*	A	C	A	A
___ yellow-breasted chat	R		R	
___ hooded warbler	C		C	
___ Wilson's warbler	R		R	
___ American redstart	C		C	

TANAGERS

___ scarlet tanager	U		U	
___ western tanager				R
___ summer tanager	U		U	

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MEADOWLARKS,
BLACKBIRDS &
ORIOLES

___ bobolink	C		R	
___ eastern meadowlark	U		C	C
___ yellow-headed blackbird			R	
___ red-winged blackbird*	A	A	A	A
___ orchard oriole	C	U		
___ northern oriole	U		U	
___ boat-tailed grackle*	C	C	U	U
___ brown-headed cowbird*	U	U	U	

GROSBEAKS, SPARROWS
& BUNTINGS

___ cardinal*	A	A	A	A
___ rose-breasted grosbeak	C		U	
___ dickcissel				
___ blue grosbeak	U		U	
___ indigo bunting	C		C	
___ painted bunting	U		U	
___ purple finch			R	R
___ pine siskin			R	R
___ American goldfinch	U		U	C
___ rufous-sided towhee*	A	A	A	A
___ savannah sparrow	A		C	A
___ grasshopper sparrow	R		R	
___ sharp-tailed sparrow	R		R	
___ seaside sparrow*	U	U	U	U
___ vesper sparrow	C		C	C
___ dark-eyed junco			U	U
___ chipping sparrow	C		C	C
___ field sparrow	U		U	U
___ white-throated sparrow	A		A	A
___ white-crowned sparrow			R	
___ swamp sparrow	A		A	A
___ song sparrow	A		A	A

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