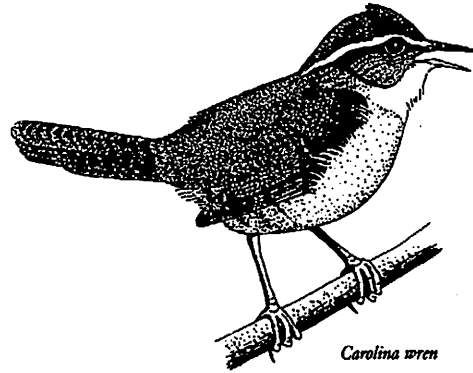


CHECKLIST OF THE MORE COMMON BIRDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA



This list covers 189 of the more common bird species, essentially those likely to be present in Seminole County every year, even if numbers are small - or the birds are inconspicuous or hard to find.

Location

Date

Weather

Observers

	Sp	Su	F	W
LOONS, GREBES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe *	f	f	f	f
PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ANHINGA				
<input type="checkbox"/> White Pelican	u	o	o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Pelican	r	r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Anhinga *	c	c	c	c
HERONS AND ALLIES				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern				o
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern *	u	f	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Tricolored Heron *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Reddish Egret	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-heron	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night-heron	r	r	r	r
IBIS, STORKS, VULTURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> White Ibis *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Roseate Spoonbill	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stork *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture *	c	c	c	c
DUCKS & GEESE				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Mottled Duck *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	o	f	f	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck				u
EAGLES, HAWKS & FALCONS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow-tailed Kite *	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle *	f	u	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	f	f	f	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk *	c	c	c	c

	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-tailed Hawk *	r	r	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Caracara *	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel *	f	r	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	r		r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
TURKEY, QUAIL				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite *	f	f	f	f
RAILS, CRANE, ALLIES				
<input type="checkbox"/> King Rail *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Gallinule *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Moorhen *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot *	c	u	f	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Limpkin *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane *	c	c	c	c
PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover	r		r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-necked Stilt *	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	f		f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	u		u	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	r		r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	o		o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher	o		o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	f		f	c
GULLS & TERNS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull	c	r	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	u		u	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	f	r	f	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull	o		o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	f		f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	f		f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Tern *	f	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Skimmer	o		o	o
PIGEONS & DOVES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Dove (E) *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Collared-dove *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Dove (E) *	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove *	c	c	c	c

	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Ground-dove *	f	f	f	f
PARROTS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Monk Parakeet (E) *	r	r	r	r
CUCKOOS & ALLIES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	u	u	u	
OWLS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl *	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-owl *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl *	f	f	f	f
GOATSUCKERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk *	f	f	f	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck-will's-widow *	f	f	f	
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will	o		o	r
SWIFT, HUMMINGBIRD, KINGFISHER				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift *	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Humming. *	u	u	u	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher ?*	c	r	f	c
WOODPECKERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	f		f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker *	f	f	f	f
FLYCATCHERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-peewee	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher *	r	r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	f		f	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Great-crested Flycatcher *	f	c	f	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	o		o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	r		r	r
SHRIKE, VIREOS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo *	r	r	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo *	c	c	f	
CROWS & JAYS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida Scrub-jay *	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow *	c	c	c	c
SWALLOWS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin *	f	f	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	c		c	c

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Sw.	u		u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow *	c	u	c	
CHICKADEES, TITMOUSE, NUTHATCH				
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee *	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Nuthatch *	u	u	u	u
WRENS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	f		f	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	f		f	f
KINGLET & GNATCATCHER				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	c	c	c	c
THRUSHES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	c		u	c
MIMIDS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	c		c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher *	f	f	f	f
STARLING, PIPIT, WAXWING				
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling (E) *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	f		u	c
WOOD WARBLERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	o		o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula *	c	c	f	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	o		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	c		c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	o			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	u	r	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler *	o	o		
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating Warbler	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Warbler	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	u		u	r

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	u		u	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat *	c	c	c	c
TANAGER				
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager *	u	u		
SPARROWS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee *	f	f	f	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachman's Sparrow *	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	c		c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	f		f	f
CARDINAL & ALLIES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak *	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting *	f	r	f	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Painted Bunting *	r	r	r	r
BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	o		o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat-tailed Grackle *	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird *	u	u	u	f
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	u		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole				o
FINCHES				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	f		u	c
OLD-WORLD SPARROWS				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow *	f	f	f	f

Notes:

Key to table symbols:

Seasons:

Sp spring, March to May,
 Su summer, June to August
 F fall, September to November
 W winter, December to February

Frequency of observation in the correct habitat:

c Found daily, often in good numbers
 f Found most days, usually in small numbers
 u Found some days
 o Lucky to find
 r Rarely encountered

Other symbols:

E Exotic species (introduced by humans)
 * Breeding proven or very likely

FINDING BIRDS. Generally the most conspicuous of the vertebrates, birds can be found almost anywhere. It is, however, necessary to visit a variety of habitats at various times of year to observe the greatest variety.

Some of the most characteristic birds of Florida are herons, egrets and ibis. A boat trip along the St Johns River, or around the shores of Lake Monroe or Lake Jesup, can be very productive for these wading birds.

Woodland birds and migrant songbirds may occur in city parks, neighborhoods and gardens. Check out some of the properties in Seminole County's Natural Lands Program, or state parks and forests. They are usually harder to see than those of open habitats. Knowledge of the sounds they make helps locate and identify them. Recordings are available to help you learn the various songs and calls.

Some of our bird species are only found here during migration, typically March, April, September & October. These birds winter as far south as Brazil, and summer as far north as Canada. .

BINOCULARS are needed to see birds well. A

FIELD GUIDE helps with identification. Check with Seminole Audubon Society or join one of their classes or field trips for more information.

RECORD-KEEPING It's valuable to keep a record of what you see. Recording the number of birds you find can provide useful information on bird population changes. Many birders keep a list of birds seen each year, or of birds seen in their state, county, or neighborhood.

CONSERVATION Our birds are clearly declining in number. Join Audubon or one of the other conservation organizations to learn more and to help reverse this process. Preserving land in its natural state is the key to conservation. It is essential to encourage local and national officials to set aside land for conservation.

ETHICS. It is important to avoid stressing the birds as you observe them. Avoid approaching too closely, especially when birds may be nesting. Never enter private property without permission.

SOURCES AND INFORMATION The main source of data for this checklist is over twenty years of personal experience with birds in the Central Florida area. The list was compiled by Roger Grimshaw and other members of Seminole Audubon Society's Ornithology Committee. Please contact us with any suggestions, omissions or errors. Bird populations are always changing and we would like to hear of your sightings, especially of rare species or those not on the list. Write to us at:

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