Checklist of Florida's Birds





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Florida's wild places are home to an incredible diversity of birds. Over 500 native bird species or naturally occurring strays have been recorded in the state in historic times, and about 330 native species commonly occur here (four have gone extinct). A further 14 nonnative species are considered to have established large, stable populations in Florida. More than 70 natural community types support this diversity, from the pine flatwoods of Apalachicola National Forest, to the scrub communities of the Lake Wales Ridge, and the vast sawgrass marshes and mangrove swamps of Everglades National Park. Our natural areas harbor many bird species seen nowhere else in the United States such as the Florida Scrub-Jay, Mangrove Cuckoo, and Snail Kite. In addition, Florida's birdlife changes with the cycle of the seasons. A constant turnover of breeding, wintering and migratory species provides new birding experiences throughout the year.

To help you keep track of the spectacular range of birdlife the state has to offer, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has published this checklist. The first edition of *Checklist of Florida's Birds* was prepared by Dr. Henry M. Stevenson in 1986. During his lifetime, Dr. Stevenson made many contributions to the field of ornithology, culminating with his writing *The Birdlife of Florida* with Bruce H. Anderson (1994). This book offers the most comprehensive information published on the lives of Florida's birds.

This current checklist is based on "verified" records of native birds and established nonnative species (exotics) from the book, *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List (2nd edition)*, published by the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) (Greenlaw *et al.* 2014). Verified species are those whose presence have been confirmed by specimens, photographs or voice recordings. In addition, more recently verified species were added from reports of the FOS Records Committee (FOSRC). Species taxonomy follows that established in the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's (AOU) *Check-list of North American Birds* (1998) and its subsequent supplements (most recently, Chesser *et al.* 2013). We have placed native species and naturally occurring strays first on the list, followed by extinct native species, and then included nonnative species considered to have "established" populations in their own section at the end of the list.

Birds listed in italics should be considered to be rare in Florida. We have placed these species at the bottom of their respective family sections after those which occur more regularly. Extra care should be taken in identifying these rarer species, and observations should be documented with photographs, video, or sound recordings if possible. Although somewhat subjective, our primary criterion for listing a species as rare was that it was unlikely to be reported from more than five locations in the state in a given year (based on the most recent data available). Some of these species occur in the state nearly annually, others have only been recorded once. A few, such as Bicknell's Thrush, may actually be more common than indicated, but their distribution in Florida is not well understood.

The FOSRC evaluates reports of very rare species to help build a better understanding of Florida's birdlife over time. This committee maintains a list of "review species" for which it solicits documentation of sightings (see http://www.fosbirds.org/content/ guidelines-submitting). Note that while all of the review species are listed as "rare" in this checklist, not all of the rare species on this checklist require review by the FOSRC. Species requiring FOSRC review have been recorded fewer than 10 times in the state. [NOTE: Proper documentation of FOSRC review species is required for them to be counted towards your Wings Over Florida certificate.]

Many birds that are not listed as "rare" in this Checklist are still not common in Florida! Some are very localized in distribution, have small population sizes, or are restricted to specific habitats. Others, such as Western Tanager, occur in very small numbers, but would be expected to be seen at more than five sites around the state in most years. A few species, such as Red-breasted Nuthatch, are "irruptive", meaning that they may be fairly common in parts of the state in some years and nearly absent in others.

We took the list of "established" nonnative species from the FOS bird list. These species occur in reasonably large numbers and have persisted for many years in at least parts of Florida, and are therefore considered to have successfully established populations in the state. They are considered to be "countable" on the life lists of birders who follow the rules of the American Birding Association. Note that some species may be considered to be established in some parts of the state, but not in others. For example, as of this writing the Egyptian Goose is only considered to be established in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin Counties, although they also breed in smaller numbers in other areas of the state. We have removed the Budgerigar from the Checklist because the population that was once considered to be established in the Gulf coast region appears to have died out (Pranty in press); and although individuals may still occasionally be found throughout the state, many are probably recently escaped cage birds. While we only list the established nonnative birds here, these are far from the only exotic species found in Florida! Dozens may be seen in various parts of the state, especially in larger metropolitan areas such as Miami. Most field guides include at least some of these, and a more complete list can be found in Pranty (2005). NOTE: Exotics, including escapees from captivity, are not countable towards Wings Over Florida certificates. Several species listed in the "Native or Naturally Occurring" section have breeding populations that became established in Florida through introductions by humans, but historically occurred naturally only as non-breeding visitors. These include the Canada Goose, Mallard, White-winged Dove, and possibly the Whooping Crane.

This booklet is also the official checklist of the Wings Over Florida birding certificate program. Wings Over Florida awards full-color certificates at five different achievement levels to birders who report their Florida life lists to the FWC. This program is a free service; however, tax-deductible donations to support the Wings Over Florida program may be sent to: Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Attn: GFBWT/WOF, PO Box 6181, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6181 (checks or money orders, in U.S. funds only, can be made payable to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, with GFBWT in the memo line). For more information, visit **floridabirdingtrail.com/index.php/ resources/wings** or write to Wings Over Florida Certificate Program, Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL, 32399-1600, and ask for an application packet. If you wish to receive only the *Checklist of Florida's Birds*, write to "Bird Checklist" at the same address.

Birding is always more enjoyable when you have information on where to go and what species to look for. The FWC developed the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail to help you find Florida's birding hot spots. To download or request copies of these trail guides, visit: **floridabirdingtrail.com**. Another source of information on the regional status and seasonal occurrence of Florida's birds (and where to find them) is Bill Pranty's *A Birder's Guide to Florida* published by the American Birding Association (2005).

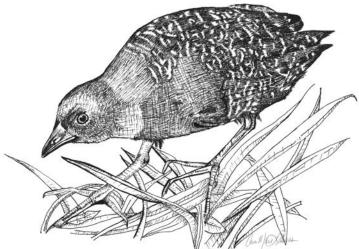
Good luck and good birding!



Grasshopper sparrow

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Black rail

Native or Naturally Occurring Species

Wa	terfowl	Location	Date
	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		
	Fulvous Whistling-Duck		
	Greater White-fronted Goose		
	Snow Goose		
	Canada Goose		
	Wood Duck		
	Gadwall		
	American Wigeon		
	Mallard		
	Mottled Duck		
	Blue-winged Teal		
	Northern Shoveler		
	Northern Pintail		
	Green-winged Teal		
	Canvasback		
	Redhead		
	Ring-necked Duck		
	Greater Scaup		
	Lesser Scaup		
	Surf Scoter		
	Black Scoter		
	Bufflehead		
	Common Goldeneye		

	Hooded Merganser		
	Red-breasted Merganser		
	Ruddy Duck		
	Ross's Goose		
	Brant		
	Cackling Goose		
	Tundra Swan		
	Eurasian Wigeon		
	American Black Duck		
	Cinnamon Teal		
	White-cheeked Pintail		
	King Eider		
	Common Eider		
	Harlequin Duck		
	White-winged Scoter		
	Long-tailed Duck		
	Common Merganser		
	Masked Duck		
Ne	w World Quail	Location	Date
	Northern Bobwhite		
Up	land Game Birds	Location	Date
	Wild Turkey		
Lo	ons	Location	Date
	Red-throated Loon		
	Common Loon		
	Pacific Loon		

Gre	ebes	Location	Date
	Pied-billed Grebe		
	Horned Grebe		
	Least Grebe		
	Red-necked Grebe		
	Eared Grebe		
	Western Grebe		
Fla	mingoes	Location	Date
	American Flamingo		
Alk	oatrosses	Location	Date
	Yellow-nosed Albatross		
Ре	trels & Shearwaters	Location	Date
	Black-capped Petrel		
	Cory's Shearwater		
	Great Shearwater		
	Audubon's Shearwater		
	Northern Fulmar		
	Fea's Petrel		
	Sooty Shearwater		
	Short-tailed Shearwater		
	Manx Shearwater		
Ste	orm-petrels	Location	Date
	Wilson's Storm-Petrel		
	Leach's Storm-Petrel		

	Band-rumped Storm-Petrel		
	European Storm-Petrel		
Tro	opicbirds	Location	Date
	White-tailed Tropicbird		
	Red-billed Tropicbird		
Ste	orks	Location	Date
	Wood Stork		
Fri	gatebirds	Location	Date
	Magnificent Frigatebird		
Во	obies & Gannets	Location	Date
	Masked Booby		
	Brown Booby		
	Northern Gannet		
	Red-footed Booby		
Co	rmorants	Location	Date
	Double-crested Cormorant		
	Neotropic Cormorant		
	Great Cormorant		
An	hingas	Location	Date
	Anhinga		
Ре	licans	Location	Date
	American White Pelican		
	Brown Pelican		

Не	rons & Bitterns	Location	Date
	American Bittern		
	Least Bittern		
	Great Blue Heron		
	Great Egret		
	Snowy Egret		
	Little Blue Heron		
	Tricolored Heron		
	Reddish Egret		
	Cattle Egret		
	Green Heron		
	Black-crowned Night- Heron		
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
lbi	ses & Spoonbills	Location	Date
	White Ibis		
	Glossy Ibis		
	Roseate Spoonbill		
	White-faced Ibis		
Ne	w World Vultures	Location	Date
	Black Vulture		
	Turkey Vulture		
0s	prey	Location	Date
	Osprey		
	es, Eagles Hawks	Location	Date
	Swallow-tailed Kite		

White-tailed Kite		
Snail Kite		
Mississippi Kite		
Bald Eagle		
Northern Harrier		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		
Cooper's Hawk		
Red-shouldered Hawk		
Broad-winged Hawk		
Short-tailed Hawk		
Swainson's Hawk		
Red-tailed Hawk		
Northern Goshawk		
Zone-tailed Hawk		
Ferruginous Hawk		
Rough-legged Hawk		
Golden Eagle		
ils, Gallinules Coots	Location	Date
Yellow Rail		
Black Rail		
Clapper Rail		
King Rail		
Virginia Rail		
Sora		
Purple Gallinule		

	Common Gallinule		
	American Coot		
Lin	npkin	Location	Date
	Limpkin		
Cra	anes	Location	Date
	Sandhill Crane		
	Whooping Crane		
Plo	overs & Lapwings	Location	Date
	Black-bellied Plover		
	American Golden-Plover		
	Snowy Plover		
	Wilson's Plover		
	Semipalmated Plover		
	Piping Plover		
	Killdeer		
	Northern Lapwing		
	Lesser Sand-Plover		
	Greater Sand-Plover		
	Mountain Plover		
	Pacific Golden-Plover		
Oy	stercatchers	Location	Date
	American Oystercatcher		
Sti	Its & Avocets	Location	Date
	Black-necked Stilt		
	American Avocet		

Sa	ndpipers	Location	Date
	Spotted Sandpiper		
	Solitary Sandpiper		
	Greater Yellowlegs		
	Willet		
	Lesser Yellowlegs		
	Upland Sandpiper		
	Whimbrel		
	Marbled Godwit		
	Ruddy Turnstone		
	Red Knot		
	Sanderling		
	Semipalmated Sandpiper		
	Western Sandpiper		
	Least Sandpiper		
	White-rumped Sandpiper		
	Pectoral Sandpiper		
	Purple Sandpiper		
	Dunlin		
	Stilt Sandpiper		
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper		
	Short-billed Dowitcher		
	Long-billed Dowitcher		

Wilson's Snipe		
American Woodcock		
Wilson's Phalarope		
Red-necked Phalarope		
Red Phalarope		
Common Greenshank		
Long-billed Curlew		
Black-tailed Godwit		
Hudsonian Godwit		
Bar-tailed Godwit		
Surfbird		
Red-necked Stint		
Baird's Sandpiper		
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		
Curlew Sandpiper		
Ruff		
lls, Terns Skimmers	Location	Date
Black-legged Kittiwake		
Bonaparte's Gull		
Laughing Gull		
Franklin's Gull		
Ring-billed Gull		
Herring Gull		

Lesser Black-backed Gull	
Glaucous Gull	
Great Black-backed Gull	
Brown Noddy	
Sooty Tern	
Bridled Tern	
Least Tern	
Gull-billed Tern	
Caspian Tern	
Black Tern	
Roseate Tern	
Common Tern	
Arctic Tern	
Forster's Tern	
Royal Tern	
Sandwich Tern	
Black Skimmer	
Sabine's Gull	
Gray-hooded Gull	
Black-headed Gull	
Little Gull	
Belcher's Gull	
Heermann's Gull	
California Gull	
Thayer's Gull	

	Iceland Gull		
	Slaty-backed Gull		
	Kelp Gull		
	Black Noddy		
	Elegant Tern		
Jae	egers & Skuas	Location	Date
	Pomarine Jaeger		
	Parasitic Jaeger		
	South Polar Skua		
	Long-tailed Jaeger		
Au	ks, Murres & Puffins	Location	Date
	Dovekie		
	Thick-billed Murre		
	Razorbill		
	Long-billed Murrelet		
	Ancient Murrelet		
	Atlantic Puffin		
Pi	geons & Doves	Location	Date
	White-crowned Pigeon		
	White-winged Dove		
	Mourning Dove		
	Common Ground-Dove		
	Scaly-naped Pigeon		
	Band-tailed Pigeon		
	Zenaida Dove		

	Inca Dove		
	White-tipped Dove		
	Key West Quail-Dove		
	Ruddy Quail-Dove		
Cu	ckoos & Anis	Location	Date
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo		
	Black-billed Cuckoo		
	Mangrove Cuckoo		
	Smooth-billed Ani		
	Groove-billed Ani		
Ва	rn-owls	Location	Date
	Barn Owl		
Тур	bical Owls	Location	Date
	Eastern Screech-Owl		
	Great Horned Owl		
	Burrowing Owl		
	Barred Owl		
	Short-eared Owl		
	Flammulated Owl		
	Snowy Owl		
	Long-eared Owl		
	Northern Saw-whet Owl		
Nig	ghtjars	Location	Date
	Lesser Nighthawk		
	Common Nighthawk		
	Antillean Nighthawk		

	Chuck-will's-widow		
	Eastern Whip-poor-will		
Sw	vifts	Location	Date
	Chimney Swift		
	White-collared Swift		
	Vaux's Swift		
	White-throated Swift		
	Antillean Palm-Swift		
Hu	mmingbirds	Location	Date
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird		
	Rufous Hummingbird		
	Broad-billed Hummingbird		
	White-eared Hummingbird		
	Buff-bellied Hummingbird		
	Bahama Woodstar		
	Black-chinned Hummingbird		
	Anna's Hummingbird		
	Costa's Hummingbird		
	Calliope Hummingbird		
	Broad-tailed Hummingbird		
	Allen's Hummingbird		

Kir	ngfishers	Location	Date
	Belted Kingfisher		
Wo	odpeckers	Location	Date
	Red-headed Woodpecker		
	Red-bellied Woodpecker		
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
	Downy Woodpecker		
	Hairy Woodpecker		
	Red-cockaded Woodpecker		
	Northern Flicker		
	Pileated Woodpecker		
Ca	racaras & Falcons	Location	Date
	Crested Caracara		
	American Kestrel		
	Merlin		
	Peregrine Falcon		
	Eurasian Kestrel		
Ту	rant Flycatchers	Location	Date
	Eastern		
	Wood-Pewee		
	Wood-Pewee Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		
	Yellow-bellied		
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		

Vermilion Flycatcher	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	
Great Crested Flycatcher	
Western Kingbird	
Eastern Kingbird	
Gray Kingbird	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	
Elaenia species	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	
Western Wood-Pewee	
Cuban Pewee	
Alder Flycatcher	
Willow Flycatcher	
Hammond's Flycatcher	
"Western Flycatcher"	
Black Phoebe	
Say's Phoebe	
Brown-crested Flycatcher	
La Sagra's Flycatcher	
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	
Piratic Flycatcher	

	Variegated Flycatcher		
	Tropical Kingbird		
	Cassin's Kingbird		
	Loggerhead Kingbird		
	Fork-tailed Flycatcher		
Sh	rikes	Location	Date
	Loggerhead Shrike		
Vir	eos	Location	Date
	White-eyed Vireo		
	Yellow-throated Vireo		
	Blue-headed Vireo		
	Philadelphia Vireo		
	Red-eyed Vireo		
	Black-whiskered Vireo		
	Thick-billed Vireo		
	Bell's Vireo		
	Warbling Vireo		
	Yellow-green Vireo		
	Cuban Vireo		
Jay	/s & Crows	Location	Date
	Blue Jay		
	Florida Scrub-Jay		
	American Crow		
	Fish Crow		
La	rks	Location	Date
	Horned Lark		

Ма	artins & Swallows	Location	Date
	Purple Martin		
	Tree Swallow		
	Northern Rough- winged Swallow		
	Bank Swallow		
	Cliff Swallow		
	Cave Swallow		
	Barn Swallow		
	Cuban Martin		
	Southern Martin		
	Mangrove Swallow		
	Violet-green Swallow		
	Bahama Swallow		
Ch	ickadees & Titmice	Location	Date
	Carolina Chickadee		
	Tufted Titmouse		
Nu	thatches		
	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
	White-breasted Nuthatch		
	Brown-headed Nuthatch		
Cr	eepers	Location	Date
	Brown Creeper		
W	ens	Location	Date
	Carolina Wren		

	House Wren		
	Winter Wren		
	Sedge Wren		
	Marsh Wren		
	Rock Wren		
	Bewick's Wren		
Gn	atcatchers	Location	Date
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
Kir	nglets	Location	Date
	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
Olo	d World Flycatchers	Location	Date
	Northern Wheatear		
Th	rushes	Location	Date
	Eastern Bluebird		
	Veery		
	Gray-cheeked Thrush		
	Swainson's Thrush		
	Hermit Thrush		
	Wood Thrush		
	American Robin		
	Mountain Bluebird		
	Townsend's Solitaire		
	Bicknell's Thrush		
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	Varied Thrush		
Mi	mic Thrushes	Location	Date
	Gray Catbird		
	Northern Mockingbird		
	Brown Thrasher		
	Bahama Mockingbird		
	Sage Thrasher		
	Curve-billed Thrasher		
Wa	agtails & Pipits	Location	Date
	American Pipit		
	Sprague's Pipit		
	White Wagtail		
Wa	axwings	Location	Date
	Cedar Waxwing		
Lo	ngspurs & Allies	Location	Date
	Lapland Longspur		
	Chestnut-collared Longspur		
	Snow Bunting		
Wo	ood-warblers	Location	Date
	Ovenbird		
	Worm-eating Warbler		
	Louisiana Waterthrush		
	Northern Waterthrush		
	Golden-winged Warbler		

Blue-winged Warbler	
Black-and-white Warbler	
Prothonotary Warbler	
Swainson's Warbler	
Tennessee Warbler	
Orange-crowned Warbler	
Nashville Warbler	
Connecticut Warbler	
Kentucky Warbler	
Common Yellowthroat	
Hooded Warbler	
American Redstart	
Cape May Warbler	
Cerulean Warbler	
Northern Parula	
Magnolia Warbler	
Bay-breasted Warbler	
Blackburnian Warbler	
Yellow Warbler	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Blackpoll Warbler	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	

	Palm Warbler		
	Pine Warbler		
	Yellow-rumped Warbler		
	Yellow-throated Warbler		
	Prairie Warbler		
	Black-throated Green Warbler		
	Canada Warbler		
	Wilson's Warbler		
	Yellow-breasted Chat		
	MacGillivray's Warbler		
	Mourning Warbler		
	Kirtland's Warbler		
	Black-throated Gray Warbler		
	Townsend's Warbler		
	Golden-cheeked Warbler		
Ba	nanaquit	Location	Date
	Bananaquit		
Tru	e Tanagers	Location	Date
	Western Spindalis		
	w World Sparrows Allies	Location	Date
	Eastern Towhee		
	Bachman's Sparrow		

Chipping Sparrow	
Clay-colored Sparrow	
Field Sparrow	
Vesper Sparrow	
Lark Sparrow	
Savannah Sparrow	
Grasshopper Sparrow	
Henslow's Sparrow	
Le Conte's Sparrow	
Nelson's Sparrow	
Saltmarsh Sparrow	
Seaside Sparrow	
Fox Sparrow	
Song Sparrow	
Lincoln's Sparrow	
Swamp Sparrow	
White-throated Sparrow	
White-crowned Sparrow	
Dark-eyed Junco	
Yellow-faced Grassquit	
Black-faced Grassquit	
Green-tailed Towhee	
Spotted Towhee	

	American Tree Sparrow		
	Black-throated Sparrow		
	Lark Bunting		
	Harris's Sparrow		
	Golden-crowned Sparrow		
Ca	rdinals & Allies	Location	Date
	Summer Tanager		
	Scarlet Tanager		
	Western Tanager		
	Northern Cardinal		
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak		
	Blue Grosbeak		
	Indigo Bunting		
	Painted Bunting		
	Dickcissel		
	Black-headed Grosbeak		
	Lazuli Bunting		
	Varied Bunting		
Bla	ackbirds & Allies	Location	Date
	Bobolink		
	Red-winged Blackbird		
	Eastern Meadowlark		

	Yellow-headed Blackbird		
	Rusty Blackbird		
	Brewer's Blackbird		
	Common Grackle		
	Boat-tailed Grackle		
	Shiny Cowbird		
	Bronzed Cowbird		
	Brown-headed Cowbird		
	Orchard Oriole		
	Baltimore Oriole		
	Tawny-shouldered Blackbird		
	Western Meadowlark		
	Hooded Oriole		
	Bullock's Oriole		
Fin	ches & Allies	Location	Date
	Purple Finch		
	Pine Siskin		
	American Goldfinch		
	Red Crossbill		
	Common Redpoll		
	Lesser Goldfinch		
	Evening Grosbeak		

Extinct Native Species*

Passenger Pigeon

Carolina Parakeet

Ivory-billed Woodpecker

Bachman's Warbler

*The Dusky Seaside Sparrow has also gone extinct, although 4 other subspecies of Seaside Sparrow still occur in Florida.

"Established" Nonnative Species

Waterfowl		Location	Date
	Egyptian Goose		
	Muscovy Duck		
Rails, Gallinules & Coots		Location	Date
	Purple Swamphen		
Pigeons & Doves		Location	Date
	Rock Pigeon		
	Eurasian Collared-Dove		
Parrots		Location	Date
	Monk Parakeet		
	Nanday Parakeet		
	White-winged Parakeet		
Bulbuls		Location	Date
	Red-whiskered Bulbul		
Starlings		Location	Date
	European Starling		
	Common Myna		

Blackbirds & Allies		Location	Date
	Spot-breasted Oriole		
Finches & Allies		Location	Date
	House Finch		
Old World Sparrows & Allies			
	House Sparrow		

Additional Species

Species	Location	Date

Notes:	
	
	

Wings Over Florida Application

See instructions and official rules before completing. Please print or type all information *clearly*.

Name:		Age:		
Address:	Address:			
City:		_ State:	Zip:	
Country:	Email:			
Birding Experier	nce (years):			
Certificate level	you are applying for (check all th	nat apply)*	
*Qualifying limits in pai	rentheses			
Ruby-throa (25 – 49)	ted Hummingbird	Cres	ted Caracara (200 – 299)	
Roseate S	poonbill (50 - 99)		cockaded Woodpecker 9 -399)	
Florida Scr	rub-Jay (100 – 199)	Man	grove Cuckoo (400+)	
Big Year (5 this certifie		in a single	e calendar year qualify for	
Number of spec	cies checked off on you	ur checklis	t?	
(Remember exotic s	pecies do not count for Wing	s Over Florida	a)	
observed by me and this application for the Florida Fish and	d all information included in r recognition of bird species I	this application have observe	Florida's Birds" booklet were on is true and correct. In making d and identified, I authorize this information for research,	
-	nature:			
Parent or Teach	er's Signature:			
	1	(applicants	s age 12 or younger)	
••	tion:			
How did you he	ar about Wings Over Fl	orida?		
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Other (Please indicate)

Wings Over Florida Rules

The "Wings Over Florida" program awards full color certificates at seven achievement levels to birdwatchers who report their life and/or big year lists to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. This program is a free service to residents and non-residents.

Official Rules

- 1. **No Exotic species** can be counted; no captive, escaped birds can be counted.
- 2. All birds listed must be alive, wild, and unrestrained when observed.
- 3. All birds listed must be identified by sight or sound by the person submitting the application.
- 4. Only one individual may be listed on each certificate awarded.

Application Instructions

- 1. Nonnative (exotic) species, **established** or **non-established** are **not** countable towards your Wings Over Florida total.
- 2. Fill out all the fields on the application sheet. Only one applicant per application sheet.
- 3. Mail this checklist and application form to the following address:

Wings Over Florida Certificate Program Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Office of Public Access and Wildlife Viewing Services P.O Box 6181 Tallahassee, Florida 32301-6181

Please allow 4-8 weeks for delivery of your certificate(s). If you have questions concerning Wings Over Florida please send an email to Andy.Wraithmell@MyFWC.com, or call (850) 488-9453, or visit floridabirdingtrail.com

If you would prefer to apply for your certificate online please visit floridabirdingtrail.com click on 'Do' and then 'List'.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail (GFBWT) is a program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This 2000-mile, self-guided highway trail includes more than 500 sites throughout Florida selected for their excellent birding or educational opportunities. The GFBWT's mission is to conserve and enhance Florida's wildlife habitat by promoting birding and wildlife watching activities, conservation education, and economic opportunity. To support the GFBWT, you may send a tax-deductible donation to: Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, C/O Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, P.O. Box 6181, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6181.

If you would like to learn more about the GFBWT and the Florida Fish or the Wildlife Conservation Commission's other projects relating to nongame wildlife, visit: **floridabirdingtrail.com** or go to **MyFWC.com/viewing**.



