We hope you enjoy birding in St. Lucie County. Please note that not every species of bird listed can be found here all year. Many of our avian visitors are seasonal!

## **Birding Etiquette:**

- Silence is golden, so approach birds quietly.
- Do not deliberately flush birds "for a better look."
- Use recorded birdcalls sparingly.
- Do not disturb nesting birds
- Always ask permission before entering private property; do not trespass!
- Avoid pointing binoculars, cameras, and scopes at other people and their homes

While you are here, please leave nothing but footprints in the natural areas and take nothing from the preserves except photographs.

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**Bird Identification Check** List for St. Lucie County, Florida

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| Waterfowl Black-bellied Whistling Duck Wood Duck** Mallard* Mottled Duck American Widgeon Wood Duck Blue-winged Teal* Northern Pintail* Green-winged Teal* Ring-necked Duck* Lesser Scaup* Hooded Merganser* Red-breasted Merganser* Grouse, Quail & Allies Northern Bobwhite Wild Turkey Loons & Grebes Common Loon* Pied-billed Grebe Storks Woodstork Pelicaniformes Magnificent Frigatebird Northern Gannet* Double-crested Cormorant Anhinga American White Pelican* Brown Pelican  *Seen in fall/winter **Seen in spring/summer | Wading Birds Least Bittern Great Blue Heron Great Egret Snowy Egret Little Blue Heron Tricolored Heron Cattle Egret Green Heron Black-crowned Night-heron Yellow-crowned Night-Heron White Ibis Glossy Ibis Roseate Spoonbill Raptors & Allies Black Vulture Turkey Vulture Osprey Swallow-tailed Kite** Snail Kite Northern Harrier* Sharp-shinned Hawk* Cooper's Hawk Bald Eagle Red-shouldered Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Rails & Gallinules Clapper Rail Virginia Rail* Sora* Common Gallinule American Coot | Black-necked Stilt** American Oystercatcher** Black-bellied Plover Wilson's Plover Semipalmated Plover Killdeer Spotted Sandpiper Solitary Sandpiper** Greater Yellowlegs* Willet* Lesser Yellowlegs* Ruddy Turnstone Sanderling Dunlin* Least Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper* Semipalmated Sandpiper** Western Sandpiper** Short-billed Dowitcher* Long-billed Dowitcher* Wilson's Snipe* Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Bonaparte's Gull* Laughing Gull Ring-billed Gull Herring Gull* |
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| **Seen in spring/summer   |  |   |

| Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Lesser Black-backed Gull*                              | Hummingbirds Ruby-throated Hummingbird Kingfishers          | Martins & Swallows Northern Rough-winged Swallow* Purple Martin** |
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| Greater Black-backed Gull*   | Belted Kingfisher   | Tree Swallow*   |
| Least Tern **  | Woodpeckers   | Bank Swallow:   |
| Caspian Tern*  | Red-bellied Woodpecker                                      | Barn Swallow:   |
| Common Tern*   | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*                                   | Wrens   |
| Forster's Tern*  | Downy Woodpecker  | House Wren*   |
| Royal Tern   | Hairy Woodpecker*   | Sedge Wren*   |
| Sandwich Tern  | Northern Flicker  | Marsh Wren*   |
| Black Skimmer  | Pileated Woodpecker   | Carolina Wren   |
| Pigeons & Doves  | Falconidae  | Gnatcatchers  |
| Rock Pigeon  | Crested Caracara  | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove   | American Kestrel*   | Kinglets  |
| Common Ground-Dove   | Merlin*   | Ruby-crowned Kinglet*   |
| White-winged Dove  | Peregrine Falcon*   | Thrushes  |
| Mourning Dove  | Empidonax   | Veery‡  |
| Cuckoos  | Eastern Wood-Peewee*  | Gray-cheeked Thrush‡  |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo**   | Least Flycatcher*   | Swainson's Thrush;  |
| Owls   | Eastern Phoebe*   | Hermit Thrush*  |
| Barn Owl   | Great-crested Flycatcher**                                  | American Robin*   |
| Eastern Screech Owl  | Eastern Kingbird**  | Mimids ———  |
| Great Horned Owl   | Shrikes   | Gray Catbird*   |
| Barred Owl   | Loggerhead Shrike   | Brown Thrasher  |
| Nightjars  | Vireos  | Northern Mockingbird  |
| Common Nighthawk**   | White-eyed Vireo  | Starlings   |
| Chuck-will's-widow**   | Blue-headed Vireo*  | European Starling   |
| Swifts   | Red-eyed Vireo*   | Waxwings  |
| Chimney Swift**  | Corvidae  | Cedar Waxwing   |
| *Seen in fall/winter<br>**Seen in spring/summer<br>‡Seen only during migration | Blue Jay<br>Florida Scrub Jay<br>American Crow<br>Fish Crow |   |

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## Wood Warblers

Ovenbird\* Worm-eating Warbler: Northern Waterthrush\* Black-and-white Warbler\* Prothonotary Warbler: Tennessee Warbler: Orange-crowned Warbler ‡ Common Yellowthroat\* Hooded Warbler ‡ American Redstart: Cape May Warbler: Northern Parula Magnolia 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

## **Sparrows & Other Emberizids**

Bachman's Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow\* Chipping Sparrow\* Savannah Sparrow\* Swamp Sparrow\* Eastern Towhee **Cardinals & Allies** Summer Tanager\* Northern Cardinal Indigo Bunting\* Painted Bunting\* Blackbirds Bobolink<sup>‡</sup> Red-winged Blackbird Eastern Meadowlark Common Grackle Boat-tailed Grackle Brown-headed Cowbird\* Baltimore Oriole\* **Finches** House Finch\* American Goldfinch\* **Old World Sparrows** House Sparrow

Rarities do occur here. If you see a bird that is not listed, get a photograph, if possible. The following is a list of the more "common" rare bird sightings in St. Lucie County.

Fulvous Whistling Duck Northern Shoveler Horned Grebe Brown Booby Reddish Egret Broad-winged Hawk (Photo confirmation required!) Short-tailed Hawk Purple Gallinule American Avocet Marbled Godwit Red Knot Stilt Sandpiper Black Tern Yellow-chevroned Parakeet Smooth-billed Ani Eastern Whip-poor-will Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Eastern Bluebird American Pipit Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Rusty Blackbird

\*Seen in fall/winter

Black-throated Green Warbler:

<sup>\*\*</sup>Seen in spring/summer \$\text{Seen only during migration}\$