



# Birds of the Mississippi Coastal Counties

George, Jackson, Hancock, Harrison, Stone, and Pearl River Counties

389 species - Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the A.O.U. Check-List of North American Birds, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, Supplement 51

Locality \_\_\_\_\_ Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

**Legend:**

- Sp - Spring
- Su - Summer
- F - Fall
- W - Winter
- C Common or abundant
- F Fairly common
- U Uncommon
- R Rare, present annually in small numbers
- CA Casual (not present every year)
- A Accidental

**Notes:**

- 1-Breeding confirmed/documented
- 2-Breeding noted/undocumented
- 3-Breeding historical
- 4-Extirpated/extinct
- 5-MOS review species
- [ ] Undocumented by specimen or photograph in the checklist area

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Species	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>GEESE, SWANS &amp; DUCKS</b>				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck <sup>5</sup>	CA	CA		
Greater White-fronted Goose	R	F	U	
Snow Goose	U	C	U	
Ross's Goose	A	A	A	
[Brant] <sup>5</sup>		A		
Canada Goose <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
[Tundra Swan] <sup>5</sup>				A
Wood Duck <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Gadwall	C	C	C	
[Eurasian Wigeon] <sup>5</sup>				A
American Wigeon	U	U	U	
American Black Duck	CA	CACA		
Mallard <sup>1</sup>	U	U	F	F
Mottled Duck <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Blue-winged Teal <sup>3</sup>	C	R	C	C
Cinnamon Teal <sup>5</sup>				CACA
Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	C
Northern Pintail	F	A	F	F
Green-winged Teal	C	A	C	C
Canvasback	R	R	U	U
Redhead	U	A	F	F
Ring-necked Duck	C	C	C	
Greater Scaup	U	A	F	F
Lesser Scaup	C	R	C	C
King Eider <sup>5</sup>				A
Surf Scoter	R	U	U	
White-winged Scoter	R	R	R	
Black Scoter	R	U	U	
Long-tailed Duck	U	A	U	U
Bufflehead	CA	C	C	
Common Goldeneye	U	U	U	
Hooded Merganser <sup>1</sup>	U	R	F	F
Common Merganser <sup>5</sup>			A	A
Red-breasted Merganser	C	R	C	C
Ruddy Duck <sup>3</sup>	C	R	C	C
<b>QUAIL</b>				
Northern Bobwhite <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	F
<b>TURKEYS</b>				
Wild Turkey <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
<b>LOONS</b>				
Red-throated Loon	A	CACA		

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
[Pacific Loon] <sup>5</sup>				A
Common Loon	C	R	C	C
<b>GREBES</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe <sup>1</sup>	C	F	C	C
Horned Grebe	F	R	C	C
Red-necked Grebe <sup>5</sup>	A			A
Eared Grebe	R	R	R	
<b>FLAMINGOS</b>				
American Flamingo <sup>5</sup>				A
<b>SHEARWATERS</b>				
Great Shearwater <sup>5</sup>		A		A
[Sooty Shearwater] <sup>5</sup>				A A
[Audubon's Shearwater] <sup>5</sup>				A
<b>STORM-PETRELS</b>				
[Wilson's Storm-Petrel] <sup>5</sup>		A	A	
<b>STORKS</b>				
Wood Stork		R	R	
<b>FRIGATEBIRDS</b>				
Magnificent Frigatebird	U	F	F	R
<b>BOOBIES &amp; GANNETS</b>				
Masked Booby <sup>5</sup>				A
Northern Gannet	F	R	F	F
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
Neotropic Cormorant <sup>5</sup>		A		A
Double-crested Cormorant	C	R	C	C
[Great Cormorant] <sup>5</sup>	A			A A
<b>ANHINGAS</b>				
Anhinga <sup>1</sup>	U	U	R	R
<b>PELICANS</b>				
American White Pelican	F	R	F	F
Brown Pelican	C	C	C	C
<b>BITTERNS &amp; HERONS</b>				
American Bittern	U	A	U	U
Least Bittern <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	R
Great Blue Heron <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Great Egret <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Snowy Egret <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Little Blue Heron <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Tricolored Heron <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Reddish Egret	U	F	F	U
Cattle Egret <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	U
Green Heron <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	R

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
Black-crowned Night-Heron <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	F
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	R
<b>IBISES &amp; SPOONBILLS</b>				
White Ibis	F	F	C	C
Glossy Ibis	R	R	R	R
White-faced Ibis	R	R	R	R
Roseate Spoonbill	A	R	R	A
<b>AMERICAN VULTURES</b>				
Black Vulture	C	F	C	C
Turkey Vulture	C	F	C	C
<b>OSPREY</b>				
Osprey <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	F
<b>KITES, EAGLES &amp; HAWKS</b>				
Swallow-tailed Kite <sup>1</sup>	F	F	R	
White-tailed Kite <sup>3,5</sup>	A	A	A	A
Mississippi Kite <sup>1</sup>	F	F	R	
Bald Eagle <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
Northern Harrier	U		F	F
Sharp-shinned Hawk <sup>3</sup>	F		F	F
Cooper's Hawk <sup>1</sup>	U	U	F	F
[Northern Goshawk] <sup>5</sup>				A
Harris's Hawk <sup>5</sup>	A			A
Red-shouldered Hawk <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Broad-winged Hawk <sup>1</sup>	F	F	C	
Swainson's Hawk <sup>5</sup>	CA		R	A
Red-tailed Hawk <sup>1</sup>	C	U	C	C
[Ferruginous Hawk] <sup>5</sup>				A A
[Rough-legged Hawk] <sup>5</sup>				A A
Golden Eagle				CACA
<b>CARACARAS &amp; FALCONS</b>				
Crested Caracara <sup>5</sup>	A			A
American Kestrel <sup>1</sup>	U	R	C	C
Merlin	R		U	R
Peregrine Falcon	U		U	U
[Prairie Falcon] <sup>5</sup>				A
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>				
Yellow Rail <sup>5</sup>	CA			CACA
Black Rail <sup>5</sup>	CA	A		CACA
Clapper Rail <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
King Rail <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	F
Virginia Rail	F			F

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
Sora	C	A	C	C
Purple Gallinule <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	A
Common Moorhen <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
American Coot <sup>1</sup>	C	R	C	C
<b>CRANES</b>				
Sandhill Crane <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
Black-bellied Plover	C	R	C	C
American Golden-Plover	F	A	U	CA
Snowy Plover <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
Wilson's Plover <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	A
Semipalmated Plover	C	R	C	C
Piping Plover	R	U	U	U
Killdeer <sup>1</sup>	C	F	C	C
<b>OYSTERCATCHERS</b>				
American Oystercatcher <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	F
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>				
Black-necked Stilt <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	F
American Avocet	U	R	U	R
<b>SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES &amp; ALLIES</b>				
Spotted Sandpiper	C	R	C	F
Solitary Sandpiper	F		F	
Greater Yellowlegs	C	U	C	U
Willet <sup>1</sup>	C	F	C	C
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	C	U
Upland Sandpiper	U		U	
Whimbrel	U	CA	U	
Long-billed Curlew	R	CA	R	R
Hudsonian Godwit <sup>5</sup>	A		A	
Marbled Godwit	U		U	U
Ruddy Turnstone	C	R	C	C
Red Knot	U	R	U	U
Sanderling	C	R	C	C
Semipalmated Sandpiper	C	R	C	
Western Sandpiper	C	R	C	F
Least Sandpiper	C	R	C	F
White-rumped Sandpiper	F		CA	
Baird's Sandpiper	R		R	
Pectoral Sandpiper	C	R	C	A
Purple Sandpiper <sup>5</sup>	A			CA

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
Dunlin	C	R	C	C
Stilt Sandpiper	F	R	F	CA
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	U	A	U	A
[Ruff] <sup>5</sup>				A
Short-billed Dowitcher	C	R	C	F
Long-billed Dowitcher	C	R	C	U
Wilson's Snipe	C			C
American Woodcock <sup>2</sup>	R	A	R	R
Wilson's Phalarope	F	CA	U	CA
Red-necked Phalarope <sup>5</sup>	CA			CA
Red Phalarope <sup>5</sup>				A
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; ALLIES</b>				
Black-legged Kittiwake <sup>5</sup>				A A
Sabine's Gull <sup>5</sup>				A A
Bonaparte's Gull	C			C C
[Black-headed Gull] <sup>5</sup>				A
Little Gull <sup>5</sup>				A
Laughing Gull <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Franklin's Gull	A			F
Ring-billed Gull	C	R	C	C
[California Gull] <sup>5</sup>				A
Herring Gull	C	R	C	C
Thayer's Gull <sup>5</sup>				A
Lesser Black-backed Gull <sup>5</sup>				R R
Glaucous Gull <sup>5</sup>				CA
Great Black-backed Gull <sup>5</sup>				CA
Brown Noddy <sup>5</sup>				A A
Sooty Tern <sup>5</sup>				A CA
Bridled Tern <sup>5</sup>				A CA
Least Tern <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Gull-billed Tern <sup>1</sup>	U	U	R	A
Caspian Tern <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Black Tern	C	F	C	
[Roseate Tern] <sup>5</sup>	A			
Common Tern <sup>1</sup>	R			R CA
[Arctic Tern] <sup>5</sup>				A
Forster's Tern <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Royal Tern <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Sandwich Tern <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	
Black Skimmer <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Pomarine Jaeger <sup>5</sup>				A A
Parasitic Jaeger <sup>5</sup>				CACA

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
Rock Pigeon <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
White-crowned Pigeon <sup>5</sup>	A			
[Band-tailed Pigeon] <sup>5</sup>				A
Eurasian Collared-Dove <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
White-winged Dove <sup>1</sup>	F	F	C	C
Mourning Dove <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Inca Dove <sup>1,5</sup>	R	R	R	R
Common Ground-Dove <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
<b>CUCKOOS &amp; ANIS</b>				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	A
Black-billed Cuckoo	CA		R	
Groove-billed Ani			U	R
<b>BARN OWLS</b>				
Barn Owl <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	F
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>				
Eastern Screech-Owl <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Great Horned Owl <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Burrowing Owl <sup>5</sup>				CA
Barred Owl <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Short-eared Owl				R
<b>NIGHTHAWKS &amp; NIGHTJARS</b>				
[Lesser Nighthawk] <sup>5</sup>				A
Common Nighthawk <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Chuck-will's-widow <sup>1</sup>	F	F	F	R
Whip-poor-will	U		U	R
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
Chimney Swift <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
Broad-billed Hummingbird <sup>5</sup>				A
White-eared Hummingbird <sup>5</sup>				A
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	CA	A		CA
Ruby-throated Hummingbird <sup>1</sup>	C	U	C	R
Black-chinned Hummingbird	A			R
Anna's Hummingbird <sup>5</sup>	A			A
Calliope Hummingbird <sup>5</sup>	A			CA
Broad-tailed Hummingbird <sup>5</sup>	CA		A	CA
Rufous Hummingbird			R	R
Allen's Hummingbird <sup>5</sup>	CA			CA
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
Belted Kingfisher <sup>1</sup>	C	U	C	C
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
Red-headed Woodpecker <sup>1</sup>	C	C	U	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	F		C	F
Downy Woodpecker <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
Red-cockaded Woodpecker <sup>1</sup>	R	R	R	R
Northern Flicker <sup>1</sup>	C	U	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Ivory-billed Woodpecker <sup>4</sup>				

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
Olive-sided Flycatcher				R
[Western Wood-Pewee] <sup>5</sup>				A
Eastern Wood-Pewee <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	CA		U	
Acadian Flycatcher <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Alder Flycatcher <sup>5</sup>	CA		R	
Willow Flycatcher <sup>5</sup>	CA		R	
Least Flycatcher	R		U	
Eastern Phoebe	C		C	C
Vermilion Flycatcher			R	R
Ash-throated Flycatcher <sup>5</sup>	CA		CACA	
Great Crested Flycatcher <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
[Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher] <sup>5</sup>				A
Western Kingbird	CA		U	CA
Eastern Kingbird <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Gray Kingbird <sup>3,5</sup>	CACA			A
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	CA		U	CA
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
Loggerhead Shrike <sup>1</sup>	F	U	C	C
<b>VIREOS</b>				
White-eyed Vireo <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	U
Bell's Vireo <sup>5</sup>	A		CA	
[Black-capped Vireo] <sup>5</sup>	A			
Yellow-throated Vireo <sup>1</sup>	C	F	C	
Blue-headed Vireo	F	F	F	
Warbling Vireo	CA		R	
Philadelphia Vireo	R		U	
Red-eyed Vireo <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
[Black-whiskered Vireo] <sup>5</sup>	CA	A		
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS</b>				
Blue Jay <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
American Crow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	F
<b>LARKS</b>				
[Horned Lark]				A
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
Purple Martin <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Tree Swallow	C	A	C	C
Northern Rough-winged Swallow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	CA
Bank Swallow	F		F	
Cliff Swallow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Cave Swallow <sup>5</sup>	A		A	
Barn Swallow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	R
<b>TITMICE</b>				
Carolina Chickadee <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
White-breasted Nuthatch	A	A		A
Brown-headed Nuthatch <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
<b>CREEPERS</b>				
Brown Creeper	R		U	U

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>WRENS</b>				
Carolina Wren <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren	A	A	A	A
House Wren	C	C	C	C
Winter Wren	R		U	R
Sedge Wren	C		C	C
Marsh Wren <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher <sup>1</sup>	C	F	C	U
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		F	F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
Eastern Bluebird <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Veery	C		C	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	F		F	
Swainson's Thrush	C		C	
Hermit Thrush	F		C	F
Wood Thrush <sup>1</sup>	C	F	F	
American Robin <sup>1</sup>	C	R	C	C
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
Gray Catbird <sup>1</sup>	C	U	C	C
Northern Mockingbird <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
European Starling <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
<b>WAGTAILS &amp; PIPITS</b>				
American Pipit	U		F	F
Sprague's Pipit <sup>5</sup>				CACA
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
Cedar Waxwing	C		C	C
<b>LONGSPURS</b>				
Lapland Longspur				CA
<b>WOOD-WARBLERS</b>				
Bachman's Warbler <sup>4</sup>				
Blue-winged Warbler	C		C	
Golden-winged Warbler	R		R	
Tennessee Warbler	C		C	CA
Orange-crowned Warbler	F		C	U
Nashville Warbler	A		R	
Northern Parula <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Yellow Warbler	C	R	C	A
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C	
Magnolia Warbler	C	A	C	
Cape May Warbler	R		CA	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		R	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C
[Black-throated Gray Warbler] <sup>5</sup>	A		A	
Black-throated Green Warbler	F		F	
Townsend's Warbler <sup>5</sup>			A	A
Blackburnian Warbler	F		F	
Yellow-throated Warbler <sup>1</sup>	F	U	F	R
Pine Warbler <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Prairie Warbler <sup>1</sup>	C	F	C	

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
Palm Warbler	F		F	U
Bay-breasted Warbler	C		C	
Blackpoll Warbler	U		A	
Cerulean Warbler	U		U	
Black-and-white Warbler	C	CA	C	CA
American Redstart <sup>1</sup>	C	R	C	
Prothonotary Warbler <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	A
Worm-eating Warbler	C		C	
Swainson's Warbler <sup>1</sup>	U		U	R
Ovenbird	F		C	
Northern Waterthrush	C		C	
Louisiana Waterthrush	C	CA	F	
Kentucky Warbler <sup>1</sup>	F		U	U
[Connecticut Warbler] <sup>5</sup>	A		A	
Mourning Warbler	A		CA	
Common Yellowthroat <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	U
Hooded Warbler <sup>1</sup>	C		C	C
Wilson's Warbler	R		U	R
Canada Warbler	U		U	
[Painted Redstart] <sup>5</sup>				A
Yellow-breasted Chat <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
<b>NEW WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
Green-tailed Towhee <sup>5</sup>			A	A
Eastern Towhee <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Bachman's Sparrow <sup>1</sup>	U	U	U	U
American Tree Sparrow <sup>5</sup>				A
Chipping Sparrow <sup>3</sup>	C	A	C	C
Clay-colored Sparrow	A		CA	A
Field Sparrow <sup>3</sup>	U	A	F	U
Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
Lark Sparrow			R	CA
Lark Bunting <sup>5</sup>			A	A
Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
Grasshopper Sparrow	R		U	U
Henslow's Sparrow	R		U	U
Le Conte's Sparrow	R		U	U
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	F		F	F
Seaside Sparrow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Fox Sparrow			U	U
Song Sparrow	C		C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	R		U	R
Swamp Sparrow	C		C	C
White-throated Sparrow	C	A	C	C
Harris's Sparrow <sup>5</sup>				A
White-crowned Sparrow	R		U	R
Dark-eyed Junco	U		F	F
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS &amp; ALLIES</b>				
Summer Tanager <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	R
Scarlet Tanager	C		C	
Western Tanager <sup>5</sup>				CACA
Northern Cardinal <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	A	C	
Black-headed Grosbeak <sup>5</sup>	A		A	A

Species	Sp	Su	F	W
Blue Grosbeak <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	
Indigo Bunting <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	A
Painted Bunting <sup>1</sup>	F	F	U	
Dickcissel <sup>3</sup>	F	CA	U	R
<b>BLACKBIRDS &amp; ALLIES</b>				
Bobolink	C		CA	A
Red-winged Blackbird <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Eastern Meadowlark <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark <sup>5</sup>				A
Yellow-headed Blackbird	CA	A	R	R
Rusty Blackbird			U	U
Brewer's Blackbird			U	U
Common Grackle <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Boat-tailed Grackle <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
[Great-tailed Grackle] <sup>5</sup>	A		A	
Shiny Cowbird <sup>5</sup>	A		A	A
Bronzed Cowbird <sup>1</sup>	U	U	R	R
Brown-headed Cowbird <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Orchard Oriole <sup>1</sup>	C	C	CACA	
Hooded Oriole				A
Bullock's Oriole <sup>5</sup>			A	A
Baltimore Oriole	F		C	CA
<b>FINCHES</b>				
Purple Finch	R		U	U
House Finch <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C
Pine Siskin	R		U	U
American Goldfinch	C		C	C
Evening Grosbeak	CA			CA
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
House Sparrow <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C

#### REPORTING

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