

KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS: Muscicapidae

___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
___Blue-grayGnatcatcher	U	U	U	U
___Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	U
___Hermit Thrush	U		U	U
___Wood Thrush	U	R	U	
___American Robin	A		U	A

MIMIC THRUSHES: Mimidae

___Gray Catbird	C	R	C	C
___Northern Mockingbird	A	A	A	A
___Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	C

SHRIKES: Laniidae

___Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	U
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STARLINGS: Sturnidae

___European Starling	A	A	A	A
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VIREOS: Vireonidae

___White-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	U
___Solitary Vireo	U		U	U
___Yellow-throated Vireo		U	U	U
___Red-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	

WOOD WARBLERS: Parulinae

___Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	U
___Northern Parula	C	C	U	
___Yellow-rumped Warbler	A		U	A
___Yellow-throated Warbler	U	U	U	U
___Pine Warbler	C	U	U	U
___Prairie Warbler	U	U	U	U
___Palm Warbler	U		U	U
___Black-and-white Warbler	C		C	C
___American Redstart	U		U	
___Prothonotary Warbler	C	U	U	
___Ovenbird	U		U	R
___Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C

TANAGERS: Thraupinae

___Summer Tanager	U	U		
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Eastern Phoebe



Savannah Sparrow

CARDINALS & ALLIES: Cardinalinae

___Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
___Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		U	
___Blue Grosbeak		U	R	U
___Indigo Bunting	U		U	

TOWHEES, SPARROWS & ALLIES: Emberizinae

___Eastern Towhee	C	A	C	C
___Bachman's Sparrow	U	U	R	R
___Chipping Sparrow	C		U	C
___Field Sparrow	R		R	U
___Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
___Fox Sparrow	R		R	R
___Song Sparrow	C		C	C
___Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U	U
___White-throated Sparrow	U		U	U
___Dark-eyed Junco	O			O

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES & ALLIES: Icterinae

___Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
___Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C
___Boat-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C
___Common Grackle	C	C	C	C
___Brown-headed Cowbird	C	U	U	C
___Orchard Oriole		U	U	

NORTHERN FINCHES: Fringillidae

___Purple Finch	O			O
___American Goldfinch	C		U	C

OLD-WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae

___House Sparrow	A	A	A	A
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Eastern Bluebird

Cedar Waxwing



Birding Area:

Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____

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Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS



Great Crested Flycatcher



Welcome to Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest, located in Nassau County along the southern bank of the St. Mary's River on the Florida-Georgia border. As part of the St. Mary's River Basin, the extensive natural communities on the forest abound with flora and fauna. The ecological landscape of the forest ranges from sandhills, mature and immature pine flatwoods, to the flourishing river basin. This diversity provides ideal habitat for a variety of birds and offers birdwatchers the opportunity to view many common and sought-after species.

For viewing opportunities on Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest, park at the designated parking area on Lake Hampton Road and follow Road 3 toward the St. Mary's River and the power line easement. Rarely viewed birds that have been observed in this area include: Mississippi kite, swallow-tailed kite, and a variety of wading birds.

Another good area for viewing can be found by parking in the designated parking area on Penny Haddock Road, and following Road 1 to Road 2. Birds typically seen in this area include: Bachman's sparrow, eastern bluebird, wood stork and hairy woodpecker. Maps of Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest are available at the parking area kiosks.



Tufted Titmouse

SEASONS

These categories indicate the general periods in which to expect the various species.

Spring	(Sp)	March,	April,	May
Summer	(Su)	June,	July,	August
Fall	(F)	September,	October,	November
Winter	(W)	December,	January,	February

CATEGORIES OF ABUNDANCE

These designations apply to the relative abundance of species seen (or heard) in the appropriate habitat.

- A - abundant (easily observed)
- C - common (often seen in suitable habitat)
- U - uncommon (not certain to be seen)
- O - occasional (possible, but not probable)
- R - rare (not to be expected)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet



	SP	S	F	W
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BITTERNS & HERONS: Ardeidae

____Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
____Great Egret	C	C	C	C
____Snowy Egret	C	C	C	C
____Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
____Cattle Egret	A	A	C	U

IBIS & SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

____White Ibis	C	C	C	U
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STORKS: Ciconiidae

____Wood Stork	U	U	U	U
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VULTURES: Cathartidae

____Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
____Black Vulture	U	U	U	U

WATERFOWL: Anatidae

____Canada Goose			O	R
____Wood Duck	U	U	U	U

KITES, EAGLES, & HAWKS: Accipitridae

____Osprey	U	U	U	U
____Swallow-tailed Kite		R		
____Mississippi Kite		R		
____Bald Eagle	R		R	R
____Northern Harrier	U		U	U
____Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U
____Cooper's Hawk	R	R	R	U
____Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
____Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	C	C

FALCONS: Falconidae

____American Kestrel	C		C	C
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QUAIL & TURKEYS: Phasianidae

____Wild Turkey	R	R	R	R
____Northern Bobwhite	C	C	C	C

PLOVERS: Charadriidae

____Killdeer	C	C	C	A
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SANDPIPERS: Scolopacidae

____Spotted Sandpiper	R		R	U
____Common Snipe	U		U	U
____American Woodcock	U	R	U	U

DOVES: Columbidae

____Rock Dove	A	A	A	A
____Eurasian Collared-Dove	C	C	C	C
____Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
____Common Ground-Dove	U	U	U	U

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

TYPICAL OWLS: Strigidae

____Eastern Screech-Owl	C	C	C	C
____Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
____Barred Owl	C	C	C	C

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

____Common Nighthawk	U	U	U	
____Chuck-will's-widow	C	C	O	
____Whip-poor-will				R

SWIFTS: Apodidae

____Chimney Swift	C	C	C	
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HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

____Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	C	C	
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KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

____Belted Kingfisher	U	R	U	C
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WOODPECKERS: Picidae

____Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	R
____Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
____Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	C
____Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
____Hairy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
____Northern Flicker	U	U	U	U
____Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U



Blue Jay

Mississippi Kite



	SP	S	F	W
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TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

____Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	
____Eastern Phoebe	U		U	C
____Great Crested Flycatcher	A	A	C	
____Eastern Kingbird	U	U	C	

SWALLOWS: Hirundinidae

____Purple Martin	C	C	O	O
____Tree Swallow	C		A	A
____Northern Rough-winged Swallow	R	R	R	
____Barn Swallow	C	R	C	

JAYS & CROWS: Corvidae

____Blue Jay	A	A	A	A
____American Crow	C	C	C	C
____Fish Crow	C	C	C	C

TITMICE: Paridae

____Carolina Chickadee	U	U	U	U
____Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae

____Brown-headed Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
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CREEPERS: Certhiidae

____Brown Creeper				O
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WRENS: Troglodytidae

____Carolina Wren	A	A	A	A
____House Wren	C		C	C

WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae

____Cedar Waxwing	C		R	U
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