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IBISES, SPOONBILLS, & STORKS								
Common loon		r	r	r				
WATERFOWL								
Fulvous whistling-duck		r	r	r				
Black-bellied whistling-duck		r	r	r				
Snow goose		r	r	r				
Canada goose		r	r	r				
Egyptian goose		r	r	r				
Wood duck +		u	u	u				
Green-winged teal		u	u	u				
Mottled duck +		f	f	f				
Mallard		r	r	r				
Northern pintail		r	r	r				
Blue-winged teal		f	f	f				
Northern shoveler		r	r	r				
Gadwall								
American wigeon								
Canvasback								
Redhead								
Ring-necked duck		r	r	r				
HERONS, EGRETS, ETC...								
American bittern		f	r	f				
Least bittern +		f	f	f				
Great blue heron +		c	c	c				
Great egret +		c	c	c				
Snowy egret +		c	c	c				
Little blue heron +		c	c	c				
Tricolored heron +		c	c	c				
Reddish egret		r	r	r				
Cattle egret +		f	f	f				
Green heron +		c	c	c				
Black-crowned night-heron +		f	u	f				
Yellow-crowned night-heron +		u	u	u				
VULTURES								
Turkey vulture +		c	c	c				
Black vulture +		c	c	c				
GREBES								
Pied-billed grebe +		f	f	f				
Horned grebe								
PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ETC...								
American white pelican		u	u	u				
Brown pelican		u	u	u				
Magnificent frigatebird		r						
Double-crested cormorant +		c	c	c				
Anhinga +		c	c	c				

Birds of Big Cypress National Preserve
Top Row -- limpkin, red-cockaded woodpecker, eastern bluebird
Bottom Row -- black-necked stilt, sandhill crane, anhinga

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Big Cypress Birds



Look for signs along roadways with this symbol that identify the trail. Learn more at: www.floridabirdingtrail.com

Watching wildlife the responsible way...
 The thrill of watching a wild animal in its native surroundings is spectacular and awe inspiring. While visiting Big Cypress National Preserve, or any other natural area, remember:

- Never feed wildlife.
- View wildlife with respect.
- All wildlife is wild and unpredictable. Stay a safe distance from any wild animal — 15 feet is recommended.
- All plants and animals within national park areas are protected, it is illegal to collect any wildlife without special permits.



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Birds of the Swamp...

Bird watching is one of the Preserve's principal attractions. Vegetation types such as cypress strands, hardwood hammocks, old-growth pinelands, sawgrass prairies, and mangrove forests support a wonderful array of bird diversity. This is illustrated by the 207 species of birds observed within the Preserve boundaries.

The Big Cypress bird checklist has two primary functions: 1) to inform visitors of the presence and abundance of bird species in the Preserve and 2) to assist the wildlife team in updating the list through visitor observations. Therefore, if you see any unusual birds (those listed as rare or not listed at all), please advise Preserve staff at the visitor center and fill out a wildlife observation card, or write to:

Big Cypress National Preserve
 Attention: Wildlife Biologist
 33100 Tamiami Trail East
 Ochopee, FL 34141

Please be as specific as possible. Your reported observations are important and appreciated.

Recommended Birding Sites

Within the Preserve Loop Road, Kirby Storter Trail, Turner River Road, Wagonwheel Road, Birdon Road, and the Florida National Scenic Trail are ideal birding areas. See the Big Cypress National Preserve brochure for locations.

Birding Ethics

- Be careful not to disturb nesting birds. Eggs or chicks left unattended are vulnerable to extreme temperatures or predators.
- Avoid disrupting the natural behavior of birds. Although an isolated disturbance may not be harmful to an individual's survival, cumulative incidents from other visitors may be detrimental.
- Be extremely cautious and courteous when roadside birding; be sure to pull entirely off the road when observing wildlife and to always be aware of other motorists.

