

BIRDS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA: CHECKLIST

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It has been some years since this list has been totally revised. Since then, the changes to the American Ornithologists Union's "AOU Check List of North American Birds" have been substantial. This order is a living thing and is updated every several years as more information about birds becomes available.

Also, the county has benefited from an increase of knowledgeable birdwatchers that have come to the area. With the assistance of two professional biologists and avid bird watchers (T. Doyle, U. S. Fish and Wildlife, and D. Suito, Collier County Government) I have brought the list up to date and put it in the new taxonomic order.

Fifteen new species have been added (Eurasian Wigeon, Red-footed Booby, Brown Booby, Masked Booby, Red-necked Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Pomarine Jaeger, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Red-masked Parakeet, White-eyed Parakeet, Lesser Nighthawk, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Western Tanager, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow and Bronzed Cowbird) and one species deleted (Bachman's Sparrow, no confirmed report since the 1930's). This gives a total of 311 species that have been reported and documented (every species accepted for this list has to have been observed and reported by two locally experienced birdwatchers).

The status notations often are the best judgments of the three revisers and are not necessarily written in stone; in fact, the most changes to this list have occurred in this category, for as time goes on we learn more and more about the avifauna of Collier County.

KEYS TO CODES

Breeding	B	Breeds in Collier County (CC)
Resident	R	In CC all year; not known to breed
Visitor	V	Spends part of the year in CC
Transient	T	Migrates through CC either spring, fall or both
Straggler	St	Unexpected occurrence, not easily interpretable
Spring	Sp	
Summer	S	
Fall	F	
Winter	W	
Abundant	1	Easily observed
Common	2	Often seen
Uncommon	3	Not frequently seen
Occasional	4	Not every year
Accidental	5	Less than 5 records
Introduced	6	Introduced by man into the continent

EXAMPLES:

Brown Pelican.....	BR-1
(Breeding, Resident, Abundant)	
Western Sandpiper.....	R-2
(Resident, Common)	
Ring-billed Gull.....	V-W-2
(Visitor, Winter, Common)	
Dunlin.....	V-FWSp-2
(Visitor, Fall-Winter-Spring, Common)	
Avocet.....	T-FSp-3
(Transient, Fall-Spring, Uncommon)	
Lesser Scaup.....	V-W-4
(Visitor, Winter, Occasional)	
Common Eider.....	St-W-5
(Straggler, Winter, Accidental)	
Shiny Cowbird.....	BR?-3
(Breeding, Resident??, Uncommon)	

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck...ST-F-5	White Ibis.....BR-1	Short-billed DowitcherR-2
Fulvous Whistling-DuckR-4	Glossy Ibis.....BR-2	Long-billed Dowitcher.....V-WS-4
Snow Goose.....St-W-5	Roseate SpoonbillR-3	Wilson's Snipe.....V-WSp-3
BrantSt-W-5	Wood Stork.....BR-2	American Woodcock.....BR-4
Moscovy Duck.....BR-2/6	Black Vulture.....BR-2	Wilson's Phalarope.....St-?-5
Wood Duck.....BR-3	Turkey VultureBR-1	Red-necked Phalarope.....St-F-5
Gadwall.....V-W-4	Osprey.....BR-2	Laughing GullR-1
American Wigeon.....V-W-4	Amer. Swallow-tailed Kite...B-SpS-3	Bonaparte's GullV-W-3
Eurasian Wigeon.....V-W-4	Snail Kite.....V-3	Belcher's Gull.....St-W-5
Mallard.....R-3	Bald Eagle.....BR-3	Ring-billed GullV-FWSp-1
(now hybridizing with Mottled)	Northern HarrierV-W-3	Herring Gull.....V-FWSp-2
Mottled Duck.....BR-2	Sharp-shinned Hawk.....V-FW-3	Lesser Black-backed GullV-W-4
Blue-winged Teal.....V-FWSp-2	Copper's Hawk.....V-FW-4	Great Black-backed Gull.....V-W-5
Northern ShovelerV-W-3	Red-shouldered Hawk.....BR-1	Black-legged Kittiwake.....St-W-5
Northern Pintail.....V-W-3	Broad-winged Hawk.....V-F-4	Gull-billed Tern.....V-WSpS-4
Green-winged Teal.....V-W-3	Short-tailed Hawk.....B?R-3	Caspian Tern.....R-3
Canvasback.....V-W-4	Swainson's Hawk.....St-W-5	Royal Tern.....R-1
Redhead.....V-W-4	Red-tailed Hawk.....BR-3	Sandwich Tern.....R-2
Ring-necked Duck.....V-W-3	Golden Eagle.....St-W-5	Roseate Tern.....T-Sp-4
Lesser Scaup.....V-W-4	Crested Caracara.....B?R-3	Common Tern.....T-SpF-3
Common Eider.....St-W-5	American KestrelV-FWSp-2	Artic Tern.....St-Sp-5
Surf Scoter.....V-W-4	Merlin.....V-FWSp-3	Foster's Tern.....V-FWSp-2
White-winged Scoter.....V-W-4	Peregrine Falcon.....V-FWSp-4	Least Tern.....B-SpS-2
Black Scoter.....V-W-5	Clapper RailBR-3	Bridled Tern.....St-F-5
Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)..V-W-4	King RailBR-3	Sooty Tern.....St-F-5
Bufflehead.....St-W-5	Virginia RailV-FWSp-4	Black Tern.....V-SF-3
Common Goldeneye.....St-W-5	SoraV-FWSp-3	Brown Noddy.....St-F-5
Hooded MerganserV-W-3	Purple Gallinule.....BR-3	Black Skimmer.....BR-2
Red-breasted Merganser.....V-W-2	Common MoorhenBR-2	Parasitic Jaeger.....ST-W-4
Masked Duck.....St-W-5	American CootV-FWSp-2	Pomarine Jaeger.....ST-WSp-5
Ruddy Duck.....V-W-3	Limpkin.....BR-3	Rock Pigeon.....BR-2
Wild Turkey.....BR-3	Sandhill Crane.....BR-3	White-crowned Pigeon.....B?R-4
Northern Bobwhite.....BR-3	Black-bellied Plover.....R-2	Ringed Turtle-Dove.....R-4
Common Loon.....V-W-3	American Golden Plover.....St-F-5	Eurasian Collared Dove.....BR-2
Least Grebe.....St-W-5	Snowy Plover.....BR-3	White-winged Dove.....V-4
Pied-billed Grebe.....BR-2	Wilson's Plover.....BR-2	Morning Dove.....BR-1
Horned Grebe.....T-W-4	Semipalmated Plover.....R-2	Common Ground-DoveBR-3
Eared Grebe.....St-W-5	Piping Plover.....V-FWSp-3	Rose-ringed Parakeet.....BR-3
Wilson's Storm-PetrelSt-?-5	Killdeer.....BR-2	Monk ParakeetSt-? 4
Red-footed Booby.....St-F-5	American Oystercatcher.....R-3	Blue-crowned Parakeet.....St-6
Brown Booby.....St-?-5	Black-necked Stilt.....B-SpS-3	Red-masked Parakeet.....St-6
Masked Booby.....ST-?-5	American AvocetV-SF-4	White-eyed Parakeet.....St-6
Northern GannetV-FWSp-3	Greater Yellowlegs.....R-2	Black-billed Cuckoo.....St-SF-5
White Pelican.....V-FWSp-3	Lesser Yellowlegs.....R-3	Yellow-billed CuckooB-SpS-3
Brown Pelican.....BR-1	Solitary SandpiperV-W-4	Mangrove Cuckoo.....B-SpS-3
Double-crested Cormorant.....BR-1	Willet.....R-2	Smooth-billed AniSt-?W-4
Anhinga.....BR-2	Spotted Sandpiper.....R-3	Barn OwlBR-4
Magnificent Frigatebird.....R-2	Whimbrel.....V-FWSp-3	Eastern Screech-OwlBR-3
American Bittern.....V-W-3	Long-billed CurlewV-FWS-4	Great Horned OwlBR-3
Least Bittern.....BR-3	Marbled GodwitV-FWS-3	Burrowing OwlBR-3
Great Blue Heron.....BR-2	Ruddy Turnstone.....R-2	Barred OwlBR-3
Great White Heron.....BR-3	Red KnotR-2	Common Nighthawk.....B-SpS-3
Great Egret.....BR-1	SanderlingR-2	Lesser Nighthawk.....St-W-5
Snowy Egret.....BR-1	Semipalmated Sandpiper.....V-F-4	Chuck-will's-widowBR-3
Little Blue Heron.....BR-1	Western Sandpiper.....R-2	Whip-poor-willV-FWSp-3
Tricolored Heron.....BR-1	Least Sandpiper.....V-FWS-3	Chimney SwiftB-SpSF-3
Reddish EgretBR-2	White-rumped Sandpiper....V-FSp-5	Ruby-throated Hummingbird....BR-4
Cattle EgretBR-1	Pectoral Sandpiper.....V-F-5	Rufous Hummingbird.....St-W-5
Green Heron.....BR-2	Purple Sandpiper.....St-W-5	Buff-bellied Hummingbird....St-FW-5
Black-crowned Night-Heron.....BR-2	Dunlin.....V-FWSp-2	Belted Kingfisher.....V-FWSpS-2
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron....BR-3	Stilt Sandpiper.....V-FSp-4	Red-headed WoodpeckerBR-3

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Red-bellied Woodpecker..... BR-1	Nashville Warbler..... T-FSp-4	Yellow-headed Blackbird..... V-FW-4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker..V-FWSp-3	Northern Parula..... BR-3	Rusty Blackbird.....V-FW-4?
Downy Woodpecker BR-3	Yellow Warbler..... BR-3	Common Grackle.....BR-1
Hairy Woodpecker.....BR-4	Chestnut-sided Warbler..... T-FSp-4	Boat-tailed Grackle.....BR-1
Red-cockaded Woodpecker.... BR-4	Magnolia Warbler T-FSp-3	Shiny Cowbird.....V-FWS-3
Northern Flicker BR-3	Cape May Warbler T-FSp-3	Bronzed Cowbird.....V-WSp-4
Pileated Woodpecker.....BR-2	Black-throated Blue Warb. .V-WSp-3	Brown-headed Cowbird..... BR-3
Eastern Wood Pewee..... V-FWSp-4	Yellow-rumped Warbler ...V-FWSp-2	Orchard Oriole..... T-SpF-4
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher . V-FWSp-4	Black-throated Green Warb.V-WSp-4	Spot-breasted Oriole.....T-5
Eastern Phoebe..... V-W-2	Blackburnan Warbler T-FSp-4	Baltimore Oriole.....V-FWSp-3
Great Crested FlycatcherBR-2	Yellow-throated Warbler .. V-FWSp-3	Pine Siskin T-W-4
Western Kingbird.....V-FWSp-3	Pine Warbler BR-3	American Goldfinch.....V-FWSp-3
Eastern Kingbird B-SpSF-3	Prairie Warbler..... BR-3	House Sparrow..... BR-2
Gray Kingbird.....V-FWSp-3	Palm Warbler.....V-FWSp-2	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher..... V-W-4	Bay-breasted Warbler..... T-FSp-4	NOTES:
Loggerhead Shrike..... BR-2	Blackpoll Warbler T-FSp-4	_____
White-eyed Vireo.....BR-2	Cerulean Warbler.....T-FSp-4	_____
Yellow-throated Vireo..... V-FWSp-4	Black-and-white Warbler .. V-FWSp-3	_____
Blue-headed Vireo.....V-FWSp-3	American Redstart T-FWSp-3	_____
Warbling Vireo..... V-W-5	Prothonotary Warbler..... BR-4	_____
Philadelphia Vireo..... T-Sp-4	Worm-eating Warbler..... T-FSp-3	_____
Red-eyed Vireo BR-3	Swainson's Warbler..... T-FSp-4	_____
Black-whiskered Vireo..... B-SpS-3	Ovenbird..... V-FWSp-3	_____
Blue Jay BR-2	Northern Waterthrush..... V-FWSp-3	_____
Scrub Jay.....BR-4	Louisiana Waterthrush.....T-FWSp-3	_____
American Crow BR-3	Kentucky Warbler T-FSp-3	_____
Fish Crow BR-2	Connecticut Warbler T-FSp-4	_____
Purple Martin..... B-WSpSF-2	Morning Warbler..... T-FSp-5	_____
Tree SwallowV-FWSp-2	Common Yellowthroat..... BR-2	_____
No. Rough-winged Swallow.. R-FW-3	Hooded Warbler T-FSp-3	_____
Bank Swallow..... T-F-4	Wilson's Warbler T-FSp-4	_____
Cliff Swallow T-F-4	Canada Warbler..... T-FSp-4	_____
Cave Swallow T-F-4	Summer Tanager.....BR-SpSFW-3	_____
Barn SwallowT-FWSp-2	Western Tanager.....St-W-5	_____
Tufted Titmouse..... BR-3	Scarlet Tanager..... T-SPF-4	_____
Brown-headed Nuthatch..... BR-3	Eastern Towhee..... BR-2	_____
Brown Creeper V-W-4	Chipping Sparrow V-FWSp-4	_____
Carolina Wren..... BR-2	Field Sparrow V-W-4	_____
House Wren.....V-FWSp-3	Vesper Sparrow.....V-W-4	_____
Winter Wren V-FWSp-5	Lark Sparrow.....V-W-5	_____
Sedge WrenV-FWSp-3	Savannah Sparrow V-FWSp-3	_____
Marsh WrenV-FWSp-3	Grasshopper Sparrow.....V-W-3	_____
Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....V-W-3	Le Conte's Sparrow V-W-4	_____
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher..... BR-2	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Spar... V-W-4	_____
Easter Bluebird..... BR-3	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Spar.... V-W-4	_____
Veery T-FSp-4	Seaside Spar. (Cape Sable)...B?R-4	_____
Gray-cheeked Thrush..... T-FSp-4	Fox Sparrow V-W-4	_____
Swainson's Thrush..... T-FSp-4	Song Sparrow..... V-FWSp-3	_____
Hermit Thrush.....V-FWSp-3	Lincoln's Sparrow..... V-W-4	_____
Wood ThrushT-FSp-4	Swamp Sparrow.....V-FWSp-3	_____
American Robin.....V-FWSp-2	White-throated Sparrow..... V-W-4	_____
Gray Catbird.....V-FWSp-2	White-crowned Sparrow..... V-W-4	_____
Northern Mockingbird..... BR-1	Northern Cardinal..... BR-2	_____
Brown Thrasher BR-3	Rose-breasted Grosbeak..T-SpFW-4	_____
European Starling..... BR-2	Blue Grosbeak..... T-SpF-4	_____
Common Myna..... R-4	Indigo Bunting..... VT-FWSp-3	_____
Cedar Waxwing V-W-4	Painted Bunting..... VT-FWSp-3	_____
Blue-winged Warbler T-FSp-3	Dickcissel T-FSp-5	_____
Golden-winged Warbler..... T-FSp-4	Bobolink..... T-SpF-3	_____
Tennessee Warbler T-FSp-4	Red-winged Blackbird.....BR-1	_____
Orange-crowned Warbler..V-FWSp-4	Eastern Meadowlark.....BR-2	_____