

# Bird Checklist for Okaloosa County and Walton County Florida



Choctawhatchee Audubon Society is dedicated to the protection of bird and wildlife habitat, environmental education, and a greater appreciation of the beauty of Northwest Florida

A Non-profit, volunteer organization serving Okaloosa and Walton County since 1976 and a chapter of the National Audubon Society

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**Join us for our monthly meetings**

**When:** All meetings are free and open to the Public on the first Thursday of the month, August through May.

**Where:** NWF State College, Niceville Campus, Student Services Center, Building 400, Room 130.

**Time:** Meet at 6:30 pm. Program Begins at 7 pm

	Sp	Su	F	W	
<b>MARTINS &amp; SWALLOWS</b>					
_____ Purple Martin	B	c	c	c	r
_____ Tree Swallow		c	c	c	u
_____ N. Rough-winged Swallow	B	u	u	u	
_____ Bank Swallow		u		u	
_____ Cliff Swallow		r		r	
_____ Barn Swallow	B	c	c	c	
<b>CHICKADEES &amp; TITMICE</b>					
_____ Carolina Chickadee	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Tufted Titmouse	B	c	c	c	c
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch		r		r	r
_____ Brown-headed Nuthatch	B	c	c	c	c
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
_____ Brown Creeper					r
<b>WRENS</b>					
_____ House Wren		c		c	c
_____ Winter Wren		r		r	r
_____ Sedge Wren		r		u	u
_____ Marsh Wren		u		u	u
_____ Carolina Wren	B	c	c	c	c
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	B	c	c	c	u
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet		r		r	u
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet		c		c	c
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
_____ Eastern Bluebird	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Veery		u		u	u
_____ Gray-cheeked Thrush		u		r	
_____ Swainson's Thrush		u		u	
_____ Hermit Thrush		u		u	c
_____ Wood Thrush	B	u	u	u	
_____ American Robin	B	c	u	c	c
<b>MIMICS</b>					
_____ Gray Catbird	B	c	r	c	u
_____ Brown Thrasher	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Northern Mockingbird	B	c	c	c	c
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
_____ European Starling	B	c	c	c	c
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
_____ Cedar Waxwing		c		u	c
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
_____ House Sparrow	B	c	c	c	c
<b>PIPITS</b>					
_____ American Pipit		u		u	c

	Sp	Su	F	W	
<b>FINCHES</b>					
_____ House Finch	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Pine Siskin		r		r	r
_____ American Goldfinch		c		c	c
<b>NEW WORLD WARBLERS</b>					
_____ Ovenbird		r		u	r
_____ Worm-eating Warbler		u		r	
_____ Northern Waterthrush		u		u	
_____ Louisiana Waterthrush	B	r	r	r	
_____ Golden-winged Warbler		r		r	
_____ Blue-winged Warbler		r		r	
_____ Black-and-white Warbler		c		c	u
_____ Prothonotary Warbler	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Swainson's Warbler	B			r	r
_____ Tennessee Warbler		u		u	u
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler		u		u	u
_____ Kentucky Warbler		r	r	r	
_____ Common Yellowthroat		c	c	c	c
_____ Hooded Warbler		c	c	c	c
_____ American Redstart		c		c	
_____ Cerulean Warbler		r		r	
_____ Northern Parula	B	c	c	u	
_____ Magnolia Warbler		u		u	
_____ Bay-breasted Warbler		u			
_____ Blackburnian Warbler		r		r	
_____ Yellow Warbler		c	r	c	
_____ Chestnut-sided Warbler		r		u	
_____ Blackpoll Warbler		u			
_____ Black-throated Blue Warbler		r		r	
_____ Palm Warbler		c		c	c
_____ Pine Warbler	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler		c		c	c
_____ Yellow-throated Warbler	B	u	u	u	r
_____ Prairie Warbler	B	c	r	c	
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler		r		u	
_____ Wilson's Warbler				r	r
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat	B	c	c	u	
<b>NEW WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
_____ Eastern Towhee	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Bachman's Sparrow	B	u	u	u	u
_____ Chipping Sparrow		c		c	c
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow				r	r
_____ Field Sparrow		u		u	u
_____ Vesper Sparrow		u		c	c
_____ Lark Sparrow				r	
_____ Savannah Sparrow		c		c	c
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow		r		r	r
_____ Henslow's Sparrow		r			r
_____ Le Conte's Sparrow					r
_____ Nelson's Sparrow		r		u	r
_____ Song Sparrow		c		c	c
_____ Swamp Sparrow		c		c	c
_____ White-throated Sparrow		c		c	c
_____ White-crowned Sparrow		r		r	u
_____ Dark-eyed Junco		r		r	r

	Sp	Su	F	W	
<b>GROSBEAKS &amp; ALLIES</b>					
_____ Summer Tanager	B	c	c	c	r
_____ Scarlet Tanager		u		u	
_____ Northern Cardinal	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		c		u	
_____ Blue Grosbeak	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Indigo Bunting	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Painted Bunting		r			
_____ Dickcissel		r		r	
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES &amp; ALLIES</b>					
_____ Bobolink		u		r	
_____ Red-winged Blackbird	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Eastern Meadowlark	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird				r	
_____ Rusty Blackbird					u
_____ Common Grackle	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Orchard Oriole	B	c	c	c	c
_____ Baltimore Oriole		u		u	

**Write-ins for unlisted species and notes**

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### Local Birding Locations

Wright Landfill, Beal Ext., 7- 3:30pm M-F, Sat 7 - Noon  
Okaloosa Holding Ponds, N Roberts Rd. FWB, 8-5 PM  
Veterans Park, Okaloosa Island  
West Jetty, South of Destin Bridge  
Henderson SP, Destin  
Deer Lake SP, Walton Co  
Topsail Hill State Preserve, Hwy 98, Walton Co.  
Fred Gannon SP, Rocky Bayou  
Blackwater River State Forest  
Choctawhatchee River Flood Plain, E of HWY 81

Visit [www.choctawhatcheeaudubon.org](http://www.choctawhatcheeaudubon.org) and our Facebook page for:

- Saturday field trips and other events
- Additional local birding locations

You are encouraged to estimate numbers of individuals seen and heard and submit your checklist to eBird.org

This PDF checklist and eBird records (including very rare birds) are available at [www.choctawhatcheeaudubon.org](http://www.choctawhatcheeaudubon.org)

**ABUNDANCE BY SEASON**

**Sp** - Spring: March, April and May  
**Su** - Summer: June, July  
**F** - Fall: August, September, October, November  
**W** - Winter December, January, February  
**c** - common: likely to be seen/heard in suitable habitat  
**u** - uncommon: present but may not be observed  
**r** - rare: Once to a few times a season

**NOTES**

**B** - Breeds in Okaloosa or Walton County  
**F** - Federally Threatened or Endangered  
**S** - State Threatened or Endangered  
**V** - Federally Vulnerable

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>DUCKS &amp; GEESE</b>				
_____ Canada Goose	B	u	u	u
_____ Muscovy Duck	B	u	u	u
_____ Wood Duck	B	u	u	u
_____ Gadwall		r	u	u
_____ American Wigeon		r	u	r
_____ Mallard	B	u	u	u
_____ Blue-winged Teal		c	r	c
_____ Northern Shoveler		u	u	u
_____ Northern Pintail		u	r	r
_____ Green-winged Teal		u	u	u
_____ Canvasback		r	r	r
_____ Redhead		c	r	c
_____ Ring-necked Duck		u	c	c
_____ Greater Scaup		r	r	r
_____ Lesser Scaup		c	r	c
_____ Black Scoter			r	u
_____ Bufflehead		c	u	c
_____ Common Goldeneye		r	r	r
_____ Hooded Merganser		u	u	u
_____ Red-breasted Merganser		c	r	u
_____ Ruddy Duck		u	u	u
<b>QUAIL &amp; TURKEY</b>				
_____ Northern Bobwhite	B	u	u	u
_____ Wild Turkey	B	u	u	u
<b>GREBES</b>				
_____ Pied-billed Grebe	B	c	r	c
_____ Horned Grebe		u	u	c
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
_____ Rock Pigeon	B	c	c	c
_____ Eurasian Collared-Dove	B	c	c	c
_____ White-winged Dove	B	u	u	u
_____ Mourning Dove	B	c	c	c
_____ Common Ground-Dove	B	u	u	u
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	B	c	c	c
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
_____ Common Nighthawk	B	c	c	c
_____ Chuck-will's-widow	B	c	c	u

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>SWIFTS &amp; HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
_____ Chimney Swift	B	c	c	c
_____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	c	u	c
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird			r	r
_____ Rufous Hummingbird		r	r	r
_____ Buff-bellied Hummingbird			r	r
<b>RAILS, COOTS &amp; CRANE</b>				
_____ Clapper Rail	B	u	u	u
_____ King Rail	B	r	r	r
_____ Virginia Rail		u	u	u
_____ Sora		c	u	u
_____ Purple Gallinule	B	r	r	r
_____ Common Gallinule	B	u	u	u
_____ American Coot	B	c	r	c
_____ Sandhill Crane				r
<b>AVOCETS &amp; STILTS</b>				
_____ Black-necked Stilt	B	u	u	u
_____ American Avocet		r	u	
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
_____ Black-bellied Plover		u	r	u
_____ American Golden-Plover		r	r	
_____ Snowy Plover	S	B	u	u
_____ Semipalmated Plover		c	r	c
_____ Piping Plover		r	r	r
_____ Killdeer	B	c	u	c
<b>SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES &amp; ALLIES</b>				
_____ Upland Sandpiper		r	r	
_____ Whimbrel		r	r	
_____ Marbled Godwit		r	r	
_____ Ruddy Turnstone		u	u	r
_____ Stilt Sandpiper		u	u	
_____ Sanderling		c	r	c
_____ Dunlin		r	u	r
_____ Baird's Sandpiper		r	r	
_____ Least Sandpiper		c	r	c
_____ White-rumped Sandpiper		u	r	
_____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r	r	
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper		c	c	r
_____ Semipalmated Sandpiper		c	c	
_____ Western Sandpiper		u	r	u
_____ Short-billed Dowitcher		r	u	r
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher		r	r	r
_____ Wilson's Snipe		u	c	c
_____ American Woodcock	B	r	r	r
_____ Spotted Sandpiper		u	c	r
_____ Solitary Sandpiper		u	u	
_____ Greater Yellowlegs		u	r	c
_____ Willet	B	c	c	c
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs		c	r	c
_____ Wilson's Phalarope		r	r	

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMERS</b>				
_____ Laughing Gull		c	c	c
_____ Bonaparte's Gull		c	u	c
_____ Ring-billed Gull		c	r	c
_____ Herring Gull		u	u	u
_____ Least Tern	S	B	c	c
_____ Black Tern		r	u	
_____ Common Tern		r	r	
_____ Forster's Tern		c	r	c
_____ Royal Tern		c	u	c
_____ Sandwich Tern		u	r	u
_____ Black Skimmer	B	u	u	u
<b>LOONS</b>				
_____ Common Loon		c	r	c
<b>FRIGATEBIRD, CORMORANT, ANHINGA &amp; GANNET</b>				
_____ Magnificent Frigatebird			r	r
_____ Northern Gannet		r	r	u
_____ Double-crested Cormorant		c	c	c
_____ Anhinga	B	r	r	r
<b>PELICANS</b>				
_____ American White Pelican		r	r	r
_____ Brown Pelican		c	c	c
<b>HERONS, EGRETS &amp; BITTERNS</b>				
_____ American Bittern		r	r	r
_____ Least Bittern	B	r	r	r
_____ Great Blue Heron	B	c	c	c
_____ Great Egret	B	c	c	u
_____ Snowy Egret	B	u	u	u
_____ Little Blue Heron	S	B	u	u
_____ Tricolored Heron	S	B	r	r
_____ Reddish Egret	S	r	r	r
_____ Cattle Egret	B	c	c	c
_____ Green Heron	B	c	c	u
_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron		r	r	u
_____ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	B	r	r	r
_____ White Ibis	B	r	u	u
_____ Glossy Ibis			r	r
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
_____ Black Vulture	B	c	c	c
_____ Turkey Vulture	B	c	c	c
<b>OSPREY, HAWKS &amp; EAGLES</b>				
_____ Osprey	S	B	c	c
_____ Swallow-tailed Kite	B	u	u	r
_____ Mississippi Kite	B	c	c	u
_____ Bald Eagle	V	B	u	r
_____ Northern Harrier		u	u	u
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk		r	r	r
_____ Cooper's Hawk	B	u	r	u
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	B	c	c	c
_____ Broad-winged Hawk	B	u	u	u
_____ Red-tailed Hawk	B	u	r	u

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>OWLS</b>				
_____ Barn Owl	B	r	r	r
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl	B	c	c	c
_____ Great Horned Owl	B	c	c	c
_____ Barred Owl	B	u	u	u
<b>KINGFISHER</b>				
_____ Belted Kingfisher	B	c	r	c
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
_____ Red-headed Woodpecker	B	u	u	u
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker	B	c	c	c
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		r	u	u
_____ Downy Woodpecker	B	c	c	c
_____ Hairy Woodpecker	B	r	r	r
_____ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	B	u	u	u
_____ Northern Flicker	B	u	u	u
_____ Pileated Woodpecker	B	u	u	u
<b>FALCONS</b>				
_____ American Kestrel	S	B	c	r
_____ Merlin		r	r	r
_____ Peregrine Falcon		r	r	r
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee	B	c	r	c
_____ Acadian Flycatcher	B	c	c	c
_____ Least Flycatcher		r	u	u
_____ Eastern Phoebe		c	c	c
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher		r	r	r
_____ Great Crested Flycatcher	B	c	c	c
_____ Western Kingbird				r
_____ Eastern Kingbird	B	c	c	c
_____ Gray Kingbird	B	u	u	u
_____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		r	r	
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
_____ Loggerhead Shrike	B	u	u	u
<b>VIREOS</b>				
_____ White-eyed Vireo	B	c	c	c
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo	B	u	u	u
_____ Blue-headed Vireo		u	u	u
_____ Philadelphia Vireo				r
_____ Red-eyed Vireo	B	c	c	c
<b>CROWS &amp; JAYS</b>				
_____ Blue Jay	B	c	c	c
_____ American Crow	B	c	c	c
_____ Fish Crow	B	c	c	c