

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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Savannah Sparrow

CARDINALS & ALLIES: Cardinalinae	SP	S	F	W
___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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CHECKLIST OF BIRDS



Great Crested Flycatcher

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Eastern Phoebe

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

STORKS: Ciconiidae				
____Wood Stork	U	U	U	U

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

QUAIL & TURKEYS: Phasianidae				
____Wild Turkey	R	R	R	R
____Northern Bobwhite	C	C	C	C

PLOVERS: Charadriidae				
____Killdeer	C	C	C	A

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	

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae				
____Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	C	C	

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae				
____Belted Kingfisher	U	R	U	C

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

CREEPERS: Certhiidae				
____Brown Creeper				O

WRENS: Troglodytidae				
____Carolina Wren	A	A	A	A
____House Wren	C		C	C

WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae				
____Cedar Waxwing	C		R	U