

Ichetucknee Springs State Park BIRD CHECKLIST

SEASONS:

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

Sp = Spring (March—May) **F = Fall** (Sept.–Nov.)
Su = Summer (June—Aug.) **W = Winter** (Dec.-Feb.)

CATEGORIES OF ABUNDANCE:

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

- A = Abundant** = Conspicuously present; observed nearly every day and in large numbers or as a substantially established population.
- C = Common** = Observed a few to several times per week, sometimes in large numbers.
- F = Fairly Common** = Observed several times per month or season, usually with groups or populations in smaller numbers.
- U = Uncommon** = Observed only a few times per season or year, usually in small numbers and/or with appearances infrequent and sporadic.
- R = Rare** = Species not expected; observed once or twice during a year or over many years but always within the historic range of the species.
- X = Accidental** = Species observed outside its historic range, usually with fewer than 5 confirmed records—may apply to out-of-season records of “regular” species as well.

* = Indicates confirmed breeding record within the park.

These categories are only relative, subjective indices of bird abundance. Used in conjunction with observances in the appropriate habitat, they should give one a feel for the relative distribution and abundance of birds within the park.

TAXONOMY:

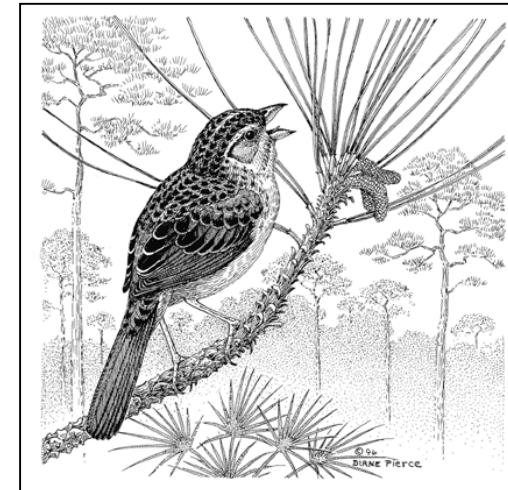
Bird names and arrangement of species follow the A.O.U. Checklist of North and Middle American Birds, Seventh Edition, with updates and addenda through 2020 (61st Supplement).

<i>Waterfowl</i>	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fulvous Whistling-Duck				X
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose				R
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscovy Duck	R			R
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	F	F	F	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	R	U	U
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	R		R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser	R			
<i>New World Quails</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	F	F	U	U
<i>Turkeys & Allies</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	F	U	F	F
<i>Grebes</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	U	R	U	F
<i>Pigeons & Doves</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	R	R	R	R
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Ground Dove	U	U	U	R
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Dove	R	R		R
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	F	F	F	F
<i>Cuckoos</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	F	F	U	
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<i>Nightjars</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	U	U	R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Whip-poor-will	R		R	R
<i>Swifts</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	R	R	R	
<i>Hummingbirds</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	R	
<i>Rails and Gallinules</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	R		R	R
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<i>Limpkin</i>				
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<i>Cranes</i>				
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<i>Plovers</i>				
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<i>Sandpipers</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock			R	R
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<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	R		R	

<i>Gulls & Terns</i>	Sp	Su	F	W
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<i>Loons</i>				
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<i>Storks</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stork	U	U	U	U
<i>Darters</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Anhinga	U	U	U	U
<i>Cormorants</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	F	U	U	F
<i>Pelicans</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican				R
<i>Hérons, Egrets & Allies</i>				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	F	F	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	R	U	U	R
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	R	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	R	R	R	X
<i>Ibises & Spoonbills</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> White Ibis	U	F	F	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis		R		<R>
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<i>New World Vultures</i>				
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<i>Osprey</i>				
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	F	F	U	F
<i>Barn Owl</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl	R			
<i>Owls</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl	U	R	R	U
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	F	F	F	F
<i>Kingfishers</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	F	U	F	C
<i>Woodpeckers</i>				
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	A	A	A	A
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		F	F

<i>Woodpeckers, cont'd</i>	Sp	Su	F	W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	F	F	F	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	F	R	F	C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	A	C	A	A
<i>Falcons</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	U
<i>Tyrant Flycatchers</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	R	U	R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			R	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher	F	F	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	F		C	A
<i>Shrikes</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R	R
<i>Vireos</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo	A	A	C	F
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<input type="checkbox"/> N. Rough-winged Swallow	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	U	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	U	U	R	
<i>Chickadees & Titmice</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee	F	F	F	F
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<i>Nuthatches</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
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<i>Wrens</i>				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	R	R	R	R
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren	A	A	A	A
<i>Gnatcatchers, Kinglets</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	F	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F		F	C
<i>Thrushes</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	F	F	F	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	R		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	R		R	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	U		U	C

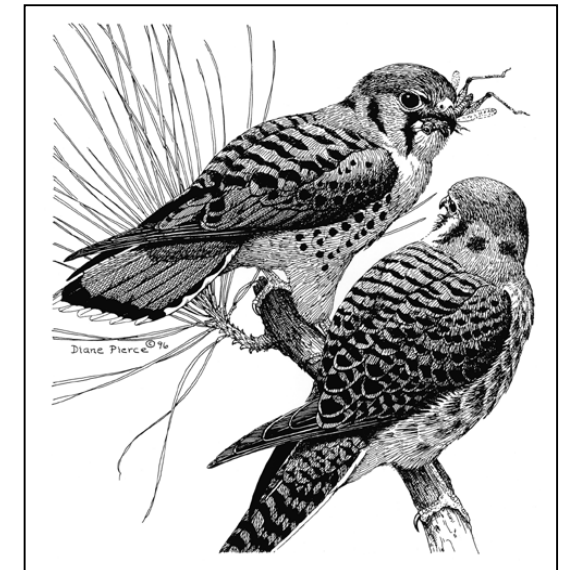
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Back panel: Bachman's Sparrow



FIELD NOTES

We hope you enjoy your visit to Ichetucknee Springs State Park. If you encounter any bird species that are not on this checklist, please notify park personnel or drop this checklist off at one of our Ranger Stations or Educational Center. Thank you!

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Observer(s): _____

Date(s): _____

Time(s) : _____

Weather: _____

Locality: _____

Total Species: _____

Total Individuals: _____

Mimics	Sp	Su	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	F		F	U
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	F	F	U	U
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	F	F	F	F
Starlings				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Starling	R	R	R	R
Waxwings				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U		R	U
Old World Sparrows				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	R	R	R	R
Finches				
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch				R
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin				R
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	U		U	F
Sparrows & Allies				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachman's Sparrow	U	R	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow				R
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U		U	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	R			U
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow				R
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	R		R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	U		R	U
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<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	R		R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	R		R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	R		R	U
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	C
Chats				
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Blackbirds & Allies				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	R		R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	R		R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	U	R	U	U
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	F	U	R	R
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<input type="checkbox"/> Boat-tailed Grackle	R	R	R	R
New World Warblers				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush	R	U	R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	U	R	R	R
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<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	U	R	U	F
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<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	R			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	U	R	U	F
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler	F	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	R	R	U	

New World Warblers, cont'd	Sp	Su	F	W
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler			R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	R	U	R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	R		R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	F	R	F	C
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	F		U	C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler	F	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler	R	R	R	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-thr. Green Warbler	R		R	
Tanagers, Cardinals & Allies				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	R		R	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	A	A	A	A
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R		R	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak	U	F	U	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	R	U	U	

Total species on checklist: 189

On very rare occasions, birds not normally encountered in the north-central Florida region have visited Ichetucknee Springs from other parts of Florida or the southeastern U.S., or they may be accidental or vagrant species from more remote locations.

Birds that fit into these categories include the following:

- Great Blue Heron, white subsp.: . . . August 2013**
- November 2013**
- Snail Kite June 1990**
- March 2016**

Ichetucknee Springs State Park encompasses 2,669 acres surrounding the headwaters of the Ichetucknee River, a tributary of the Santa Fe River in north-central Florida in Columbia and Suwannee Counties. The Ichetucknee River arises from numerous springs that are fed from a 250-square mile basin lying to the north in the region of Lake City. The combined flow of these magnificent springs creates an impressive first magnitude system that has made the Ichetucknee world-famous as a tubing river.

The crystal clear, 72-degree waters are home for an amazing variety of wildlife. The river courses through hardwood hammocks, floodplain marshes, and floodplain swamps on its southward journey and offers many opportunities for superb river recreation and nature study. In addition to the many birds that forage along the river, occasionally turtles, snakes, otters, and beavers may be observed.

The xeric uplands adjacent the river feature rolling pine forests and high-quality sandhills. White-tailed deer, bobcats, and indigo snakes are sometimes seen along the park's hiking and nature trails. During the wildflower season, the diversity and beauty of the flora is spectacular. These sandhills are also important breeding localities for resident American Kestrels and Bachman's Sparrows.

The pristine ambience of the river and the wonderful variety of its wildlife habitats make a visit to Ichetucknee Springs State Park an unforgettable experience.