

HERNANDO AUDUBON SOCIETY

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS FOUND IN HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

This checklist presents a list of 302 birds of Hernando County, Florida. The list is arranged taxonomically.

Many birds have strict habitat preferences, small local populations, and/or irregular migration patterns. The symbols used in this checklist are defined as follows:

Seasons:

SP	Spring	March-May
SU	Summer	June-July
F	Fall	August-November
W	Winter	December-February

Probability of Sighting:

- C Common: These birds should be seen or heard in suitable habitat.
- U Uncommon: These birds are present, but not certain to be seen or heard, because of their low numbers, behavior, habitat, or distribution.
- O Occasional: These birds are only seen a few times in a season. Many of them are only in the county during migration.
- R Rare: These birds are not expected to be seen every year. They occur in low numbers and may be unreported for a number of years. Also included are erratics, those birds that are common some years and scarce or missing other years.
- X Accidental: These birds have appeared outside of their normal range.
- * Indicates breeding in the county.

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	SP	SU	FA	WI
....Black-bellied Whistl.-Duck	R	R	R	
....Fulvous Whistling-Duck	R		R	R
....Snow Goose	R		R	R
....Canada Goose	O		O	O
....Muscovy	C	C	C	C
....Wood Duck *	C	C	C	C
....Gadwall	O		O	O
....American Wigeon	U		U	U
....American Black Duck	R		R	R
....Mallard	O		O	O
....Mottled Duck *	C	C	C	C
....Blue-winged Teal	C		C	C
....Cinnamon Teal				R
....Northern Shoveler	U		U	U
....Northern Pintail	O		O	O
....Green-winged Teal	U		U	U
....Canvasback	O		O	O
....Redhead	U	R	U	U
....Ring-necked Duck	C		C	C
....Greater Scaup	O		O	O
....Lesser Scaup	C	R	C	C
....Surf Scoter				R
....Black Scoter				R
....Long-tailed Duck				R
....Bufflehead	C		U	C
....Common Goldeneye	O			O
....Hooded Merganser	C		C	C
....Common Merganser				R

	SP	SU	FA	WI
....Red-breasted Merganser	C	R	C	C
....Ruddy Duck	O		O	O
....Wild Turkey *	C	C	C	C
....Northern Bobwhite *	U	U	U	U
....Red-throated Loon				R
....Common Loon	U	R	U	C
....Pied-billed Grebe *	C	U	C	C
....Horned Grebe	U		U	C
....Northern Gannet	O	R	O	O
....American White Pelican	U		U	U
....Brown Pelican *	C	C	C	C
....Double-cr. Cormorant *	C	C	C	C
....Anhinga *	C	C	C	C
....Magnificent Frigatebird	O	O	O	R
....American Bittern	O	R	O	O
....Least Bittern *	U	U	U	O
....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
....Tricolored Heron *	C	C	C	C
....Reddish Egret	U	U	U	U
....Cattle Egret *	C	C	C	C
....Green Heron *	C	C	C	C
....Black-cr. Night-Heron *	U	U	U	U
....Yellow-cr. Night-Heron *	U	U	U	U
....White Ibis *	C	C	C	C
....Glossy Ibis	O	O	O	U

	SP	SU	FA	WI
....White-faced Ibis	R			
....Roseate Spoonbill	O	O	O	O
....Wood Stork *	C	C	C	C
....Black Vulture *	C	C	C	C
....Turkey Vulture *	C	C	C	C
....Osprey *	C	C	C	C
....Swallow-tailed Kite *	U	U	U	X
....White-tailed Kite			R	
....Snail Kite			R	
....Mississippi Kite *	O	R	O	
....Bald Eagle *	C	O	C	C
....Northern Harrier	C		C	C
....Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U
....Cooper's Hawk *	U	U	U	U
....Red-shouldered Hawk *	C	C	C	C
....Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	R
....Short-tailed Hawk *	O	O	O	
....Red-tailed Hawk *	C	C	C	C
....Golden Eagle				X
....Crested Caracara				X
....American Kestrel *	C	C	C	C
....Merlin	O		O	O
....Peregrine Falcon	O		O	O
....Yellow Rail			R	
....Black Rail *	U	U	U	U
....Clapper Rail *	C	C	C	C
....King Rail *	U	U	U	U
....Virginia Rail	U		U	U
....Sora	U		U	U
....Purple Gallinule *	U	U	U	U
....Common Moorhen *	C	C	C	C
....American Coot	C	U	C	C
....Limpkin *	U	U	U	U
....Sandhill Crane *	C	C	C	C
....Black-bellied Plover	C	O	C	C
....American Golden-Plover				R
....Snowy Plover	R	R	R	R
....Wilson's Plover *	U	U	U	O
....Semipalmated Plover	C	U	C	C
....Piping Plover	R		R	R
....Killdeer *	C	C	C	C
....American Oystercatcher *	U	U	U	U
....Black-necked Stilt *	O	O	O	R
....American Avocet			R	R
....Greater Yellowlegs	C	U	C	C
....Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	C	C
....Solitary Sandpiper	O		O	R
....Willet *	C	C	C	C
....Spotted Sandpiper	U		U	U
....Whimbrel	R		R	R
....Long-billed Curlew				R
....Marbled Godwit				R
....Ruddy Turnstone	U	U	U	U
....Red Knot	O		O	O
....Sanderling	U		U	U
....Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U	
....Western Sandpiper	C	O	C	C
....Least Sandpiper	C	O	C	C
....White-rumped Sandpiper	O		O	
....Pectoral Sandpiper	O		O	
....Dunlin	C	R	C	C
....Stilt Sandpiper	O		O	
....Short-billed Dowitcher	C		C	C

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....Long-billed Dowitcher	O		O	O
....Wilson's Snipe	U		U	C
....American Woodcock	U		U	U
....Red-necked Phalarope				R
....Pomarine Jaeger				R
....Laughing Gull	C	C	C	C
....Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	O
....Ring-billed Gull	C	O	C	C
....Herring Gull	U	O	U	U
....Lesser Black-backed Gull				R
....Great Black-backed Gull				R
....Gull-billed Tern	O		O	O
....Caspian Tern	U	O	U	U
....Royal Tern	C	C	C	C
....Sandwich Tern	O	O	O	O
....Common Tern	O		O	
....Forster's Tern	C		C	C
....Least Tern *	U	U	U	
....Black Tern	O	O	O	
....Black Skimmer	C	U	C	C
....Rock Pigeon *	C	C	C	C
....Eurasian Collared-Dove *	C	C	C	C
....White-winged Dove	U	U	U	U
....Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	C
....Common Ground-Dove *	C	C	C	C
....Budgerigar *	C	C	C	C
....Monk Parakeet	R	R	R	R
....Black-billed Cuckoo	R		R	
....Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	C	C	C	
....Barn Owl *	O	O	O	O
....Eastern Screech-Owl *	C	C	C	C
....Great Horned Owl *	C	C	C	C
....Burrowing Owl *	U	U	U	U
....Barred Owl *	C	C	C	C
....Short-eared Owl				R
....Common Nighthawk *	C	C	C	
....Chuck-will's-widow *	C	C	C	
....Whip-poor-will	U		U	U
....Chimney Swift *	C	C	C	
....Vaux's Swift				R
....Ruby-thr. Hummingbird*	C	U	C	O
....Black-chin. Hummingbird				R
....Rufous Hummingbird	O		O	O
....Belted Kingfisher *	U	O	C	C
....Red-headed Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
....Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
....Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	U
....Downy Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
....Hairy Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U
....Red-cockaded Woodpeck.*	U	U	U	U
....Northern Flicker *	C	C	C	C
....Pileated Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
....Eastern Wood-Pewee	U		U	
....Acadian Flycatcher	O	R	O	
....Least Flycatcher	O		O	
....Eastern Phoebe	C		C	C
....Great Crested Flycatcher *	C	C	C	R
....Western Kingbird	R		R	R
....Eastern Kingbird *	U	U	U	R
....Gray Kingbird *	O	O	O	
....Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	R		R	R
....Loggerhead Shrike *	C	C	C	C
....White-eyed Vireo *	C	C	C	C

	SP	SU	FA	WI
....Blue-headed Vireo	C		U	C
....Yellow-throated Vireo *	C	C	U	O
....Red-eyed Vireo *	C	C	C	
....Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C
....Florida Scrub-Jay	R	R	R	R
....American Crow *	C	C	C	C
....Fish Crow *	C	C	C	C
....Purple Martin *	C	C	C	U
....Tree Swallow	C		U	C
....N. Rough-winged Swallow *	U	U	U	
....Bank Swallow	U		U	
....Cliff Swallow	O		O	
....Barn Swallow *	C	C	C	R
....Carolina Chickadee *	C	C	C	C
....Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C
....Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
....White-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
....Brown-headed Nuthatch *	U	U	U	U
....Brown Creeper				R
....Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	C
....House Wren	C		C	C
....Winter Wren				R
....Sedge Wren	C		C	C
....Marsh Wren *	C	C	C	C
....Golden-crowned Kinglet				O
....Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
....Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	C	C	C	C
....Eastern Bluebird *	C	C	C	C
....Veery	O		O	
....Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O	
....Swainson's Thrush	O		O	
....Hermit Thrush	U		U	U
....Wood Thrush	O		O	
....American Robin	C		C	C
....Gray Catbird	C	R	C	C
....Northern Mockingbird *	C	C	C	C
....Brown Thrasher *	C	C	C	U
....European Starling *	C	C	C	C
....American Pipit	U		U	U
....Cedar Waxwing	U		O	U
....Blue-winged Warbler	O		O	R
....Golden-winged Warbler	O		O	
....Tennessee Warbler	O		O	
....Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O	O
....Nashville Warbler			R	R
....Northern Parula *	C	C	C	O
....Yellow Warbler	U		U	R
....Chestnut-sided Warbler	O		O	
....Magnolia Warbler	O		O	
....Cape May Warbler	O		O	R
....Black-thr. Blue Warbler	O		O	R
....Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C
....Black-thr. Green Warbler	O		O	O
....Blackburnian Warbler	O		O	
....Yellow-throated Warbler *	C	C	C	U
....Pine Warbler *	C	C	C	C
....Prairie Warbler	C	O	U	U
....Palm Warbler	C		C	C
....Bay-breasted Warbler	R		R	
....Blackpoll Warbler	O		R	
....Cerulean Warbler	O		O	
....Black-and-white Warbler	U	R	U	C
....American Redstart	U		U	O

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....Prothonotary Warbler *	U	U	U	
....Worm-eating Warbler	O		O	
....Swainson's Warbler	R		R	
....Ovenbird	U		U	U
....Northern Waterthrush	O		O	R
....Louisiana Waterthrush	O	R	O	
....Kentucky Warbler	O		O	
....Connecticut Warbler	R			
....Common Yellowthroat *	C	C	C	C
....Hooded Warbler	U		U	
....Wilson's Warbler	O		O	
....Yellow-breasted Chat	O		O	
....Summer Tanager *	C	C	C	R
....Scarlet Tanager	O		O	
....Western Tanager				R
....Eastern Towhee *	C	C	C	C
....Bachman's Sparrow *	C	C	C	U
....Chipping Sparrow	C		C	C
....Clay-colored Sparrow			O	O
....Field Sparrow	O		O	O
....Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
....Lark Sparrow	R		R	R
....Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
....Grasshopper Sparrow	O		O	O
....Henslow's Sparrow				R
....Le Conte's Sparrow				R
....Nelson's Sharp-t. Sparrow	O		O	O
....Saltmarsh Sharp-t. Sparrow				R
....Seaside Sparrow *	U	U	U	U
....Song Sparrow	U		U	U
....Lincoln's Sparrow			O	O
....Swamp Sparrow	C		C	C
....White-throated Sparrow	O		O	O
....White-crowned Sparrow			O	O
....Dark-eyed Junco	R		R	R
....Northern Cardinal *	C	C	C	C
....Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O		O	
....Blue Grosbeak *	U	U	U	
....Indigo Bunting *	U	O	U	O
....Painted Bunting	O		O	O
....Bobolink	O		R	
....Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	C	C
....Eastern Meadowlark *	C	C	C	C
....Yellow-headed Blackbird	R		R	R
....Rusty Blackbird				R
....Brewer's Blackbird				R
....Common Grackle *	C	C	C	C
....Boat-tailed Grackle *	C	C	C	C
....Shiny Cowbird	R			
....Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	C
....Orchard Oriole	O	O	O	
....Baltimore Oriole	O		O	O
....Purple Finch				R
....House Finch *	U	U	U	U
....Pine Siskin	R		R	R
....American Goldfinch	U		C	C
....House Sparrow *	C	C	C	C

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