

Ethics for Birdwatching

Please do not disturb nesting birds, as this may expose eggs and young to extreme temperature and predation.

Wintering wildlife need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration, particularly during feeding and resting periods, therefore they should be disturbed as little as possible.

DO NOT LITTER! Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash.



Symbols in Checklist

W	Winter (December, January, February)
Sp	Spring (March, April, May)
S	Summer (June, July, August)
F	Fall (September, October, November)

Seasonal Abundance

A	Abundant (common species)
C	Common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
U	Uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
O	Occasional (seen a few times during the season)
R	Rare (seen at intervals of 2-5 years)

- * Have nested in park
- # Exotic species

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	W	Sp	S	F
Loons and Grebes				
__ Pied-billed Grebe	U	U		U
Pelicans and their Allies				
__ Anhinga	C	C	C	C
__ Double-crested Cormorant	U	U	U	U
Hérons, Egret and Bitterns				
__ Cattle Egret	U	U	U	U
__ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
__ Great Blue Heron (white form)		R		R
__ Great Egret	U	U	U	U
__ Green Heron *	U	U	U	U
__ Least Bittern *		R		
__ Little Blue Heron	U	U	U	U
__ Snowy Egret	U	U	U	U
__ Tricolored Heron	U	U	U	U

Ibises, Spoonbills and Storks				
__ Glossy Ibis				R
__ White Ibis	U	U	U	U
__ Wood Stork	O	O	O	O
__ Roseate Spoonbill				R
Waterfowl				
__ Blue-winged Teal				R
__ Mottled Duck	C	C	C	C
__ Wood Duck *	U	C	C	C

Vulture, Hawks and Allies				
__ American Kestrel	C	C		C
__ Bald Eagle	R	R		R
__ Black Vulture	O	O	O	O
__ Cooper's Hawk	O	O	U	O
__ Merlin	C	C		C
__ Osprey	U	U	U	U
__ Peregrine Falcon				R
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
__ Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	U

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Vulture, Hawks and Allies (cont.)				
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U		U
__ Swallow-tailed Kite		R	O	
__ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes				
__ American Coot	U	U	U	U
__ Common Moorhen *	C	C	C	C
__ Limpkin *	U	U	U	U
__ Purple Gallinule *		R		
__ Sandhill Crane *	C	C		U
Shorebirds				
__ Common Snipe	O	O		O
__ Killdeer*		O	C	O
__ Solitary Sandpiper		O		O

Gulls and Terns				
__ Ring-billed Gull	C	C		O
__ Least Tern		R		

Doves				
__ Common Ground Dove	R	R	R	R
__ Eurasian Collared Dove #	A	A	A	A
__ Mourning Dove	A	A	A	A
__ Rock Pigeon #	U	U	U	U
__ White-winged Dove	O		O	O

Cuckoos				
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		O		O

Owls				
__ Eastern Screech Owl *	U	U	U	U
__ Great Horned Owl *	U	U	U	U

Goatsuckers				
__ Chuck-will's-widow		U	U	
__ Common Nighthawk		U	U	U

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Swifts and Hummingbirds				
__ Chimney Swift		C	C	C
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U		U
Kingfishers				
__ Belted Kingfisher		U	U	U
Woodpeckers				
__ Downy Woodpecker *	U	C	O	U
__ Northern Flicker	O	O	O	O
__ Pileated Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
__ Red-headed Woodpecker		R		
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O	O	O	O

Flycatchers				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee				R
__ Eastern Phoebe	C	O		C
__ Great Crested Flycatcher*		C	C	R

Swallows				
__ Barn Swallow				R
__ Purple Martin *	O	O		
__ N. Rough-winged Swallow	R			O
__ Tree Swallow	O			O

Jays and Crows				
__ Blue Jay*	A	A	A	A
__ Fish Crow	U	U	U	U

Wrens				
__ Carolina Wren*	O	O	C	O
__ House Wren	O	O		O

Bluebirds, Thrushes & Robins				
__ American Robin	O			O

Thrashers				
__ Brown Thrasher	O	O	O	O
__ Gray Catbird	C	C		C
__ Northern Mockingbird	A	A	A	A

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Waxwings				
__Cedar Waxwings	U	U		
Shrikes				
__Loggerhead Shrike*	C	C	C	C
Starlings				
__European Starling*#	C	C	C	C
Vireos				
__Blue-headed Vireo		O	O	
__Red-eyed Vireo		O	O	
__White-eyed Vireo	O		O	
Warblers				
__American Redstart		O	O	
__Black-and-white Warbler		O		
__Blackpoll Warbler		O		
__Black-throated Blue Warbler		O	O	
__Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	
__Northern Parula		O	O	
__Northern Waterthrush		R		
__Ovenbird	O	O	O	
__Palm Warbler	C	C	C	
__Prairie Warbler	U	U	U	
__Yellow-rumped Warbler		C	C	
__Yellow-throated Warbler	O		O	
Tanagers				
__Scarlet Tanager		R	R	
__Summer Tanager		R	R	
Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Allies				
__Blue Grosbeak			R	
__Indigo Bunting	O	O	O	
__Northern Cardinal*	A	A	A	A
__Painted Bunting	C	C	C	
__Rose-breasted Grosbeak			R	

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Sparrows				
__Savannah Sparrow				R
Blackbirds and Allies				
__Baltimore Oriole				R
__Boat-tailed Grackle*	C	C	C	C
__Brown-headed Cowbird		R		
__Common Grackle*	A	A	A	A
__Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	A	A
Finches				
__American Goldfinch		R		
Parakeets				
__Monk Parakeet#		U	U	U
These additional species are found in Okeeheelee Park but have not been seen in the Nature Center area.				
__Forster's Tern		R		
__Muscovy Duck#	A	A	A	A
__Royal Tern	U	U		U
__Ring-necked Duck	U			U

Injured and Orphaned Wildlife

Nestlings (featherless birds) can be safely placed back into their nest. Fledglings (feathered baby birds) often leave the nest before they are able to fly. Parent birds will continue to care for these babies. If you find a baby bird that is truly orphaned or an injured bird, DO NOT give it food or water. Place the bird in a ventilated box and call a wildlife rehabilitator immediately.



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Nature trails open daily sunrise to sunset.

Nature center exhibit hours are seasonal.
Please call 561-233-1400
or check www.pbcparcs.com/nature
to confirm hours before you visit.

Location

The nature center is located one mile into Okeeheelee Park on the north side of Forest Hill Blvd. between Jog Rd. and the FL Turnpike.

Programs are offered throughout the year for all ages as well as school field trips and programs for groups, scouts or clubs.
Call to schedule your next group visit.



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BIRDS

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OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER



Come explore 90 acres of pine flatwoods along more than 2 miles of trails as you search for some of the 113 species of birds that live here. Small ponds and a marsh encourage wading birds and waterfowl to rest and feed. Two blinds by the East Marsh allow for a closer look at these water birds.

Bird feeders in front and behind the nature center building bring buntings, warblers and other small birds. Be sure to look for migrating hummingbirds in our butterfly garden and migrating warblers in fruiting and flowering trees. Enjoy your visit!

Please notify staff of any unusual sightings. Thanks!