

# Sample Species List

# Birds







**Mammals**

**Birds**

**Frogs  
& Toads**

**Trees  
& Shrubs**

**Butterflies**

**Wildflowers**

**Reptiles**

**Insects**

**Natural  
Communities**

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) manages the water resources for west-central Florida as directed by state law. The goal of the District is to meet the needs of current and future water users while protecting and preserving the water resources within its boundaries.

Through its efforts to protect water resources, the District buys and manages land. As a result, plants and animals that live on these lands are also protected and the public can enjoy recreational and educational activities in the great outdoors.

Every year approximately 2.5 million people visit the more than 325,000 acres of public conservation lands acquired by the District and its partners to protect the region's water resources. The District provides opportunities for these recreational activities to highlight the uniqueness of conservation lands while protecting the natural resources that make them such great places to visit. The lands are open to the public for activities such as hiking, bicycling, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, camping, nature study and picnicking. Many District lands also have facilities that are universally accessible for the mobility-impaired. Each of the areas owned by the District offers something special. Learning as much as possible about what is special before you visit a park/management area allows you to gain an appreciation for what you are likely to experience. These species guides highlight common habitats, plants and animals found on District conservation lands.

For additional information on District lands, order or download our *Recreation Guide to Southwest Florida Water Management District Lands* at [WaterMatters.org/recreation/](http://WaterMatters.org/recreation/). The property descriptions included in the recreation guide convey basic information about each property, such as location, access and parking, hours of operation, restroom and water availability, recreational opportunities, and contact numbers. You can also contact the District's Land Use and Protection Section at (352) 796-7211, ext. 4470, or via email at [Recreation@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Recreation@WaterMatters.org).

Southwest Florida  
Water Management District



CONSERVATION LANDS

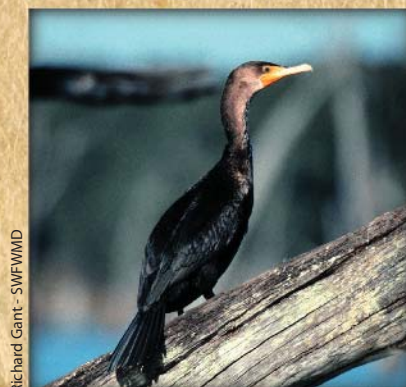


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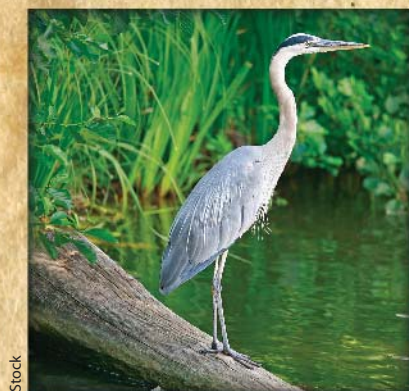
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*Podilymbus podiceps*



**Double-Crested Cormorant**  
*Phalacrocorax auritus*



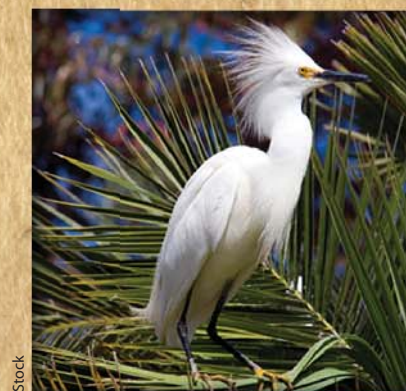
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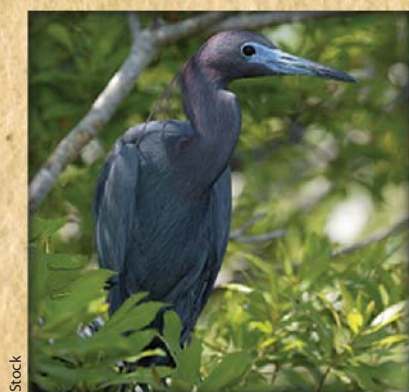
**Great Blue Heron**  
*Ardea herodias*



**Great Egret**  
*Ardea alba*



**Snowy Egret**  
*Egretta thula*



**Little Blue Heron**  
*Egretta caerulea*



**Cattle Egret**  
*Bubulcus ibis*



**White Ibis**  
*Eudocimus albus*



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**Wood Stork**  
*Mycteria americana*



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**Wood Duck**  
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**Black Vulture**  
*Coragyps atratus*



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**Turkey Vulture**  
*Cathartes aura*



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**Osprey**  
*Pandion haliaetus*



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**Swallow-Tailed Kite**  
*Elanoides forficatus*



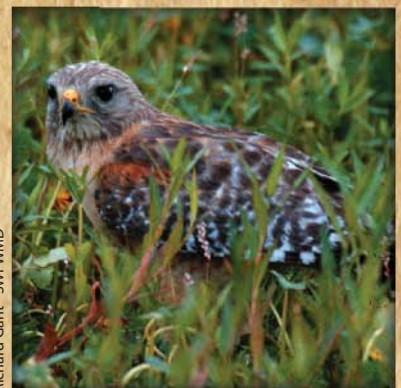
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**Bald Eagle**  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



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**Red-Tailed Hawk**  
*Buteo jamaicensis*



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**Red-Shouldered Hawk**  
*Buteo lineatus*



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**American Kestrel**  
*Falco sparverius*



**Wild Turkey**  
*Meleagris gallopavo*

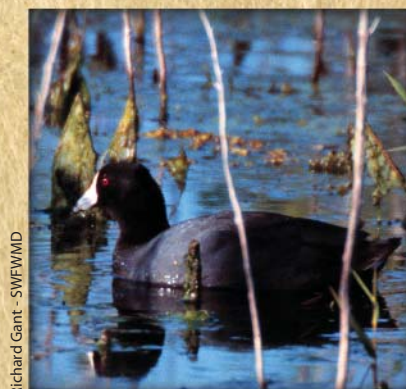


**Boat-Tailed Grackle**  
*Quiscalus major*

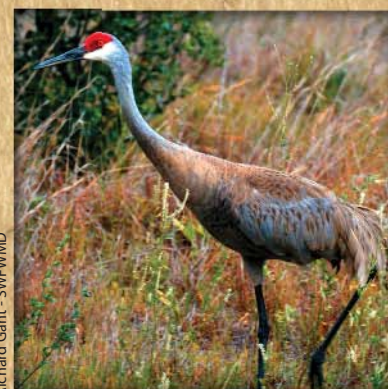
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**Common Moorhen**  
*Gallinula chloropus*



**American Coot**  
*Fulica americana*



**Sandhill Crane**  
*Grus canadensis*



**Killdeer**  
*Charadrius vociferus*



**Mourning Dove**  
*Zenaida macroura*



**Belted Kingfisher**  
*Megasceryle alcyon*



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**Common Grackle**  
*Quiscalus quiscula*



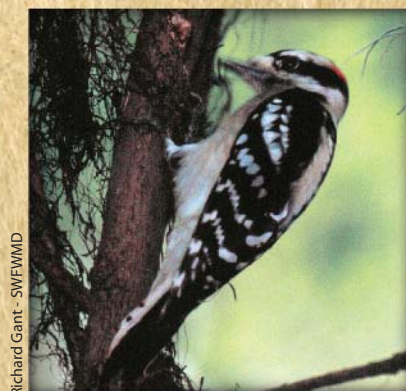
**Common Nighthawk**  
*Chordeiles minor*



**Northern Flicker**  
*Colaptes auratus*



**Downy Woodpecker**  
*Picoides pubescens*



**Hairy Woodpecker**  
*Picoides villosus*



**Red-Bellied Woodpecker**  
*Melanerpes carolinus*



**Pileated Woodpecker**  
*Dryocopus pileatus*



**Blue Jay**  
*Cyanocitta cristata*



**Florida Scrub-Jay**  
*Aphelocoma coerulescens*



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**Gray Catbird**  
*Dumetella carolinensis*

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**Carolina Chickadee**  
*Poecile carolinensis*

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**Tufted Titmouse**  
*Baeolophus bicolor*

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**Carolina Wren**  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*

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**Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher**  
*Poliophtila caerulea*

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**Eastern Bluebird**  
*Sialia sialis*

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**Northern Mockingbird**  
*Mimus polyglottos*

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**Eastern Phoebe**  
*Sayornis phoebe*

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**Brown Thrasher**  
*Toxostoma rufum*



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**Loggerhead Shrike**  
*Lanius ludovicianus*



**Great Crested Flycatcher**  
*Myiarchus crinitus*



**White-Eyed Vireo**  
*Vireo griseus*



**Common Yellowthroat**  
*Geothlypis trichas*



**Pine Warbler**  
*Dendroica pinus*



**Northern Cardinal**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*

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male



**Northern Cardinal**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*

♀  
female



**Eastern Towhee**  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*



**Red-Winged Blackbird**  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*



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**Eastern Meadowlark**  
*Sturnella magna*



**Florida Burrowing Owl**  
*Athene cunicularia floridana*



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**Barred Owl**  
*Strix varia*



**Great Horned Owl**  
*Bubo virginianus*



**Eastern Screech-Owl**  
*Megascops asio*