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Everglades Animals **IN YOUR** Backyard

Learn about Everglades habitats and how to identify native Everglades species with your family with these resources and guides.



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Book Recommendations

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Discover these book recommendations from The Everglades Foundation's Board Member, James A. Kushlan, about *Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens* and *Waterbird Conservation for the Americas*.



Bird Resource Links

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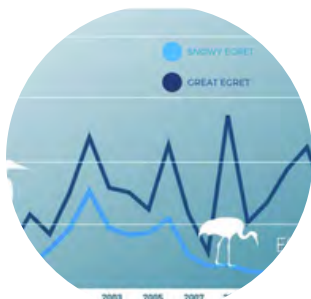
Use these resources to learn more about birds in your area, find native plants that attract birds, and how to make your backyard bird-friendly.



Citizen Science Projects

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See how you can get involved with observing and monitoring birds in your area, and use these skills to help scientists study birds all over Florida.



Educator Resources

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Are you an educator or know someone who is? Share with them these additional Everglades lessons and activities about birds to get their schools and classrooms involved.

HOW TO IDENTIFY BIRDS

5. Season

Bird habitats and migration patterns are very well studied, you might only see a certain type of bird in Florida during a particular season. This can help you identify.



Piping Plover,
Audubon

6. Field Marks/Coloration

What color is the bird? This can change depending on the season, as well as between males and females. Many species of birds will have different coloration and markings for breeding season.



Male and female
Cardinals, *Audubon*

7. Voice/Song

Different birds make different sounds! You can use apps and videos to help you identify bird songs in your backyard.



Mockingbird,
Audubon

HOW TO IDENTIFY BIRDS



Blue Jay, *Audubon*

1. Bird Families

Get to know your bird families. There are so many different types of birds; falcons, songbirds, shorebirds, warblers, crows, jays, and sparrows to name a few. This will help to categorize the birds you see.



Common Sparrow and Red Bellied Woodpecker,

Bird Photography

2. Size/Shape

How big is the bird? Once you start to learn the sizes of common birds, you can use your knowledge to reference the size and shape of other birds. What shape are the beak and legs? This can also help determine the bird family group.



Pileated Woodpecker,

Audubon

3. Behavior

What is the bird doing? Is it eating? Building a nest? Flying? Different birds have different behaviors when it comes to eating, breeding, and nesting. Documenting bird behaviors is a very important skill.



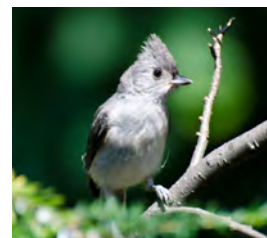
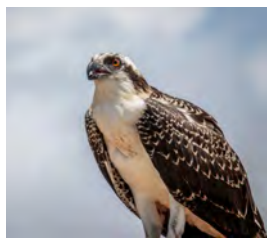
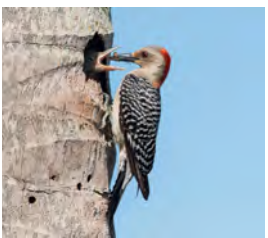
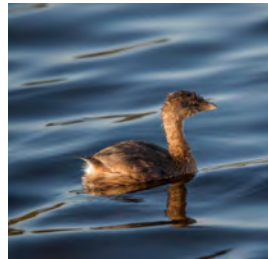
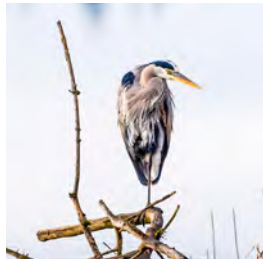
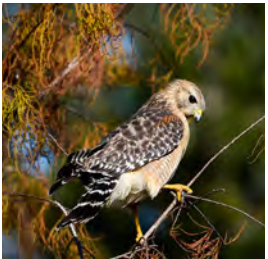
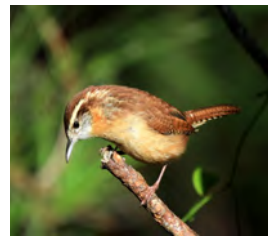
Purple Martins,

Audubon

4. Habitat

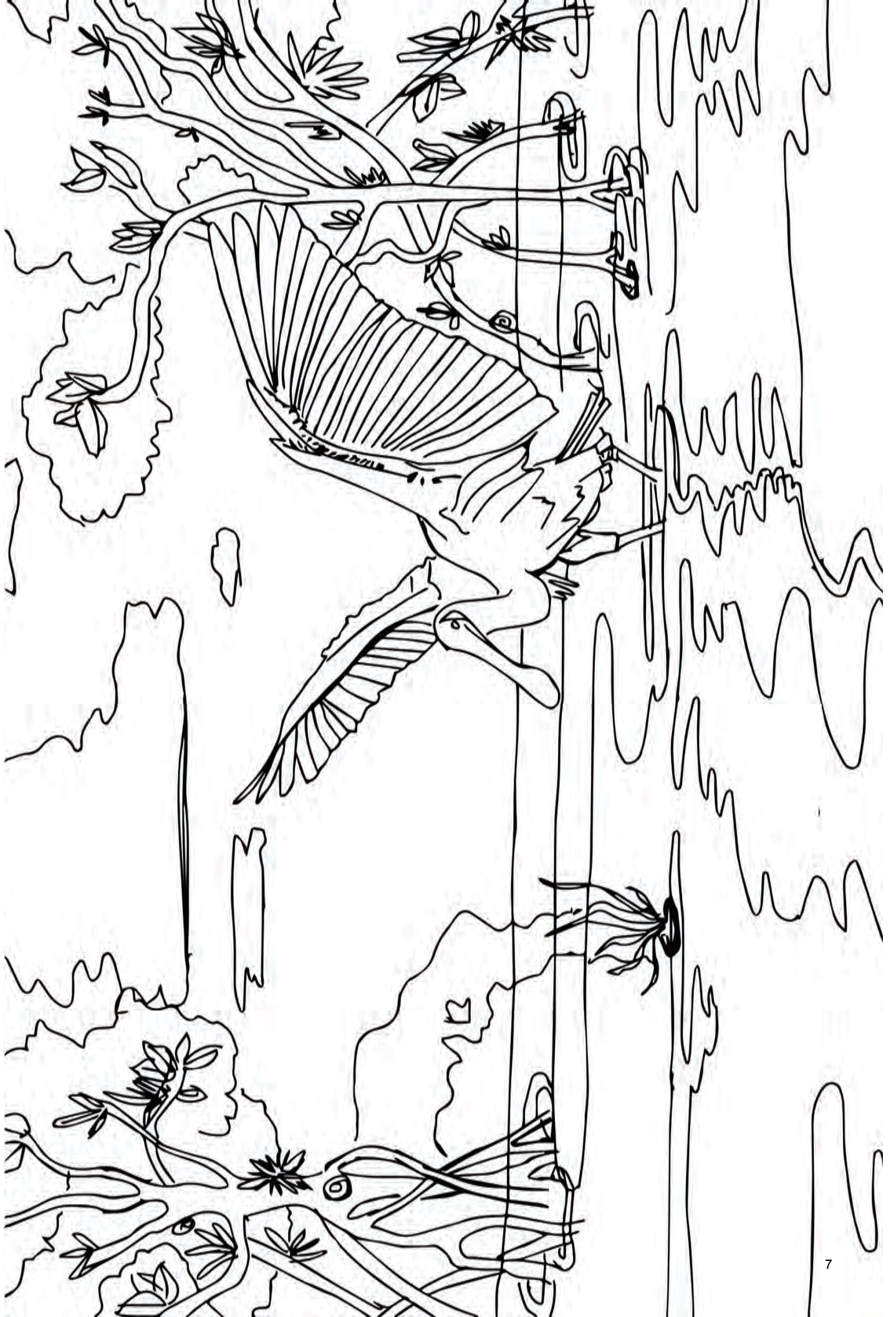
Where did you see the bird? Was it near water? What type of water? Does it like to live in trees, or open grassy areas? This can help determine if the bird likes to visit your backyard.

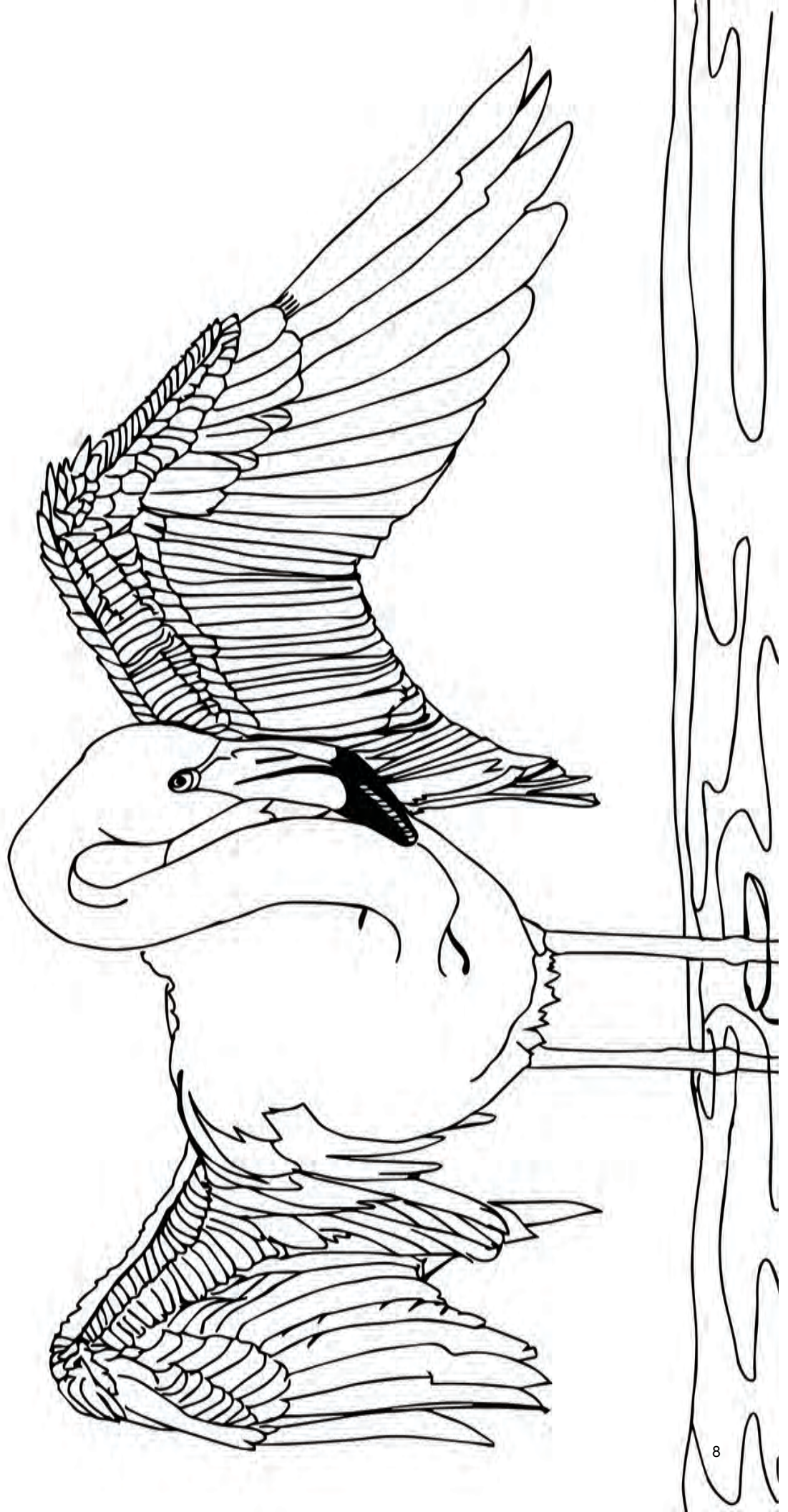
Florida Bird BINGO



Common Gallinule: Mark Eden. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Beth Waldron. Northern Cardinal: Douglas Cherning. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Randy Streufert. Northern Mockingbird: Kimberly Thompson. Eastern Bluebird: Charles Rose IV. Sandhill Crane: Harinder Singh. Loggerhead Shrike: Rober Baker. Carolina Wren: Beth Schultz. Pileated Woodpecker: Megumi Aita. Red-shouldered Hawk: Eric Mitch. Great Blue Heron: Jeff Kempe. Pied-billed Grebe: Ira Rappapor. Northern Parula: Arni Stinnissen. White Ibis: Barbara Zimmerman. Mourning Dove: Mark Eden. Black Vulture: uncredited. Blue Jay: Brian Kushner. Great-crested Flycatcher: Russ/Flickr. Red-bellied Woodpecker: Susan Ellison. Osprey: Andy Morffew. Tufted Titmouse: iStock RC Keller. Bald Eagle: Brian Kushner. American Crow: uncredited.



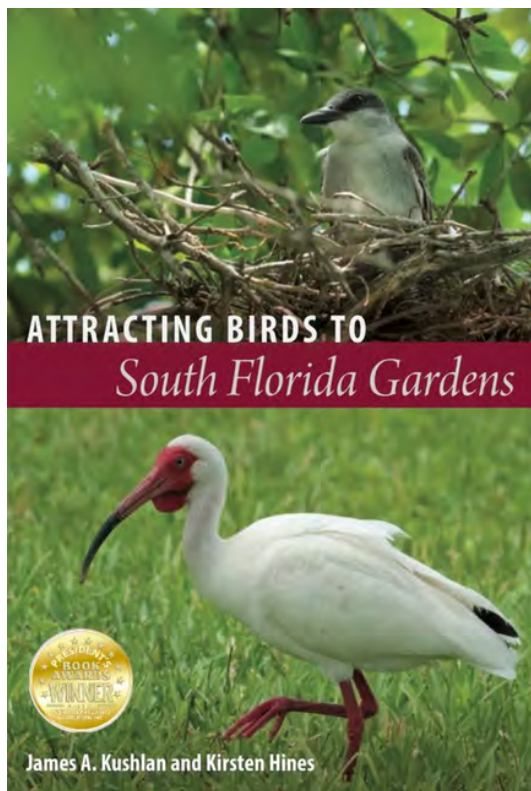






BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

From one of The Everglades Foundation's Board Members, James A. Kushlan



Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens

James A. Kushlan and Kirsten Hines

Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens is a completely illustrated practical guide to planting South Florida gardens, yards and landscaping to benefit birds and other native wildlife. It provides advice on nearly 400 plants to plant, over 200 birds to attract, garden design and management, all specifically for South Florida. This is the first such gardening book aimed at South Florida's unique environmental conditions and its mix of tropical, temperate and introduced plants and birds.

Discover more at JamesAKuslan.com

Waterbird Conservation for the Americas

James A. Kushlan, et al. 2002

Synthesizing the insights of hundreds of biologists and conservationists, James Kushlan and his co-authors have assembled the definitive guide to conservation action on behalf of the waterbirds and seabirds of North America, Central America and the Caribbean creating an overarching North American Waterbird Conservation Plan that weaves together multiple national cultures, research, opinions, and resources so as to achieve sustainable waterbird populations and appropriately manage waterbird habitats throughout the entirety of the continent.



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BIRD RESOURCE LINKS

- **[Bird's Eye View of the Everglades](#)**
 - Read an article from The Everglades Foundation about 7 of our favorite wading bird species.
- **[Owls in the Everglades](#)**
 - Watch this video from The Everglades Foundation about the different owls that live in the Everglades.
- **[Acorn Naturalist Bird Identification Guides](#)**
 - Use these guides to help identify birds in your area.
- **[Audubon Native Plant Database](#)**
 - Plug in your zip code to see which native plants attract native birds in your backyard.
- **[NestWatch from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#)**
 - Learn how to make a safe and successful home for native birds in your region and habitat.
- **[Make your Yard Bird-Friendly](#)**
 - Use these tips to make your backyard a safe haven for birds.
- **[Certified Wildlife Habitat](#)**
 - Use this website to make your backyard a Certified Wildlife Habitat.
- **[Balcony or Patio Garden](#)**
 - No space? No problem! Brighten your space with this DIY native plant garden.
- **[Birdbaths](#)**
 - Use these tips to keep your birdbath clean.

CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS



Snowy Plover,
All About Birds

1. [Florida Shorebird Database](#)

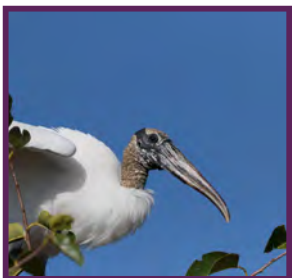
The Florida Shorebird Database (FSD) is the central repository for data collected on shorebirds and seabirds in Florida. It allows you to submit and manage your observations. Once the data is entered, it is available to anyone allowing researchers, managers, conservationists, and permit reviewers to use your information to help conserve shorebirds and seabirds.



Painted Bunting,
Wonzy

2. [Painted Bunting Assessment and Monitoring](#)

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission participated in a cooperative range-wide effort to monitor the eastern population of the Painted Bunting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey developed the sampling design, which provided a basis for allocating survey points across the range of the Eastern Painted Bunting in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.



Wood Stork,
Adobe Stock

3. [Reporting Woodstork Colonies](#)

The Wood Stork is the only species of stork that breeds in the U.S. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Wood Stork as threatened because of declines in its range and numbers. It is important to determine the location of Wood Stork nesting colonies so scientists can accurately gauge the current nesting population and its distribution. This will help them evaluate the status of the species in Florida.

EDUCATOR RESOURCES



Wading Birds of the Everglades

Students will use the reading passage, vocabulary list, and graphs to answer questions about wading birds in the Everglades.



Everglades Wildlife Watch

Observing the Bald Eagle - Over the course of 3 days, students will observe a live webcam of a Bald Eagle nest and record observations.



Everglades Adaptations

Students will compare and contrast structural and behavioral adaptations of the Anhinga, Wood Stork, and Osprey.



Science Content Reading Passages

- Snow Animals of the Everglades
- The Floridian Flamingo
- Save our Species
- Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow
- The Roseate Spoonbill