

Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries

Dauphin Island Birding Sanctuaries, Inc. is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Dauphin Island Audubon Sanctuary and other ecologically valuable habitat on Dauphin Island. All donations, outside of membership dues, are reserved for habitat protection and stewardship funds.

DIBS is dedicated to preserving the island's stopover habitat for all North American migratory birds and our objectives are to

- ★ Maintain a network of quality stopover habitats.
- ★ Work with government and other agencies to ensure a balance between human land uses and conservation.
- ★ Educate landowners about practices that strengthen the island's unique ecosystem.
- ★ Promote ecotourism by attracting more birders to Dauphin Island.

OUR PLAN TO CONSERVE ISLAND PROPERTIES

DIBS initiated their conservation program for neotropical migrant stopover habitat in 2000 with a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Since that time, with the continued support of NFWF, other foundations and private donors, DIBS has permanently protected more than 40 individual parcels comprising approximately 12 acres of critical habitat.

As development pressures mount, it becomes even more important to protect the undeveloped areas remaining on the island, for they are crucial for sustaining migratory bird habitat. These include the Tupelo gum Swamp (11 acres), the Gorgas Swamp (6 acres) and the Steiner property (12 acres). Additionally, there are other lots scattered mostly on the eastern end that contribute significantly to the island's quality habitat. Although many of these lots suffer from lack of maintenance or four-wheeler abuse, they are still considered valuable for providing diverse shelter and food opportunities for migratory birds.

By giving a gift to the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. you can help to conserve a globally important habitat for thousands of migratory birds as well as other wildlife.

DIBS is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, and contributions are tax-deductible. Supporting the work of DIBS can be accomplished through several avenues including cash donations gifts of securities, bequests and gifts of land.

If you have enjoyed birding on Dauphin Island, help us make that experience possible for future generations of birds and birders. Make your check payable to *Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries* and mail to DIBS Treasurer, P.O. Box 1295, Dauphin Island, AL, 36528.



Dr. Bill Summerour

Dauphin Island, an Alabama Bird Sanctuary

Dauphin Island is one of the top birding spots in the Southeast, with 367 species having been reported. During spring migration it is the first landfall for many neotropical migrants making the six hundred mile flight across the Gulf of Mexico from the Yucatan Peninsula. Under adverse weather conditions, large flocks of exhausted birds of many species may seek shelter on the island in a truly spectacular "fall-out."

Fall migration can also be a very rewarding time on the island for birders. As early as July, shorebirds start gathering to store up energy for their long, trans-gulf flight. This migration period lasts throughout the fall for many different species. There are also numerous permanent residents and the winter season brings a variety of waterfowl, seabirds and shorebirds.

The small map shows some of the areas where birds are likely to be found. One should realize that the entire island is a bird sanctuary and that rewarding observations can be made in any of its public areas including parks, beaches, dunes, wetlands and its quiet streets.

The Alabama Ornithological Society meets yearly on Dauphin Island in April and October to enjoy the birding, fine fellowship and great seafood. Visitors are always welcome to participate in field trips and other activities.

Anytime is a good birding time on Dauphin Island!



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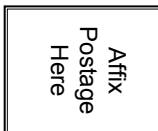
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Field Checklist Birds of Dauphin Island

Suggested Birding Areas

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Causeway | 4. Steinerville |
| 2. Shell Mound Park | 5. Cadillac Square |
| 3. Goat Tree Preserve | 6. Audubon Sanctuary |
| | 7. Pelican Point |
| | 8. Airport Marsh |
| | 9. West End |
| | 10. Pelican Peninsula |
| | 11. Cedar Point |

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Fulvous Whistling-Duck
 Greater White-fronted Goose
 Snow Goose
 Ross's Goose
 Canada Goose
 Wood Duck
 Blue-winged Teal
 Northern Shoveler
 Gadwall
 American Wigeon
 Mallard
 Mottled Duck
 Northern Pintail
 Green-winged Teal
 Canvasback
 Redhead
 Ring-necked Duck
 Greater Scaup
 Lesser Scaup
Harlequin Duck
 Surf Scoter
 White-winged Scoter
 Black Scoter
 Long-tailed Duck
 Bufflehead
 Common Goldeneye
 Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
 Red-breasted Merganser
 Ruddy Duck
 Northern Bobwhite
 Wild Turkey
 Pied-billed Grebe
 Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
 Rock Pigeon
 Eurasian Collared-Dove
 Common Ground-Dove
 White-winged Dove
 Mourning Dove
Groove-billed Ani
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Black-billed Cuckoo
Lesser Nighthawk
 Common Nighthawk
 Chuck-will's-widow
 Eastern Whip-poor-will
 Chimney Swift
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Yellow Rail
Black Rail
 King Rail
 Clapper Rail
 Virginia Rail
 Sora
 Purple Gallinule
 Common Gallinule
 American Coot
 Sandhill Crane
 Black-necked Stilt
 American Avocet
 American Oystercatcher
 Black-bellied Plover
 American Golden-Plover
 Snowy Plover

Wilson's Plover
 Semipalmated Plover
 Piping Plover
 Killdeer
 Upland Sandpiper
 Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Hudsonian Godwit
 Marbled Godwit
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Red Knot
 Stilt Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper
 Sanderling
 Dunlin
 Baird's Sandpiper
 Least Sandpiper
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
 Western Sandpiper
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 Long-billed Dowitcher
 American Woodcock
 Wilson's Snipe
 Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Willet
 Greater Yellowlegs
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Razorbill
Black-legged Kittiwake
Sabine's Gull
 Bonaparte's Gull
 Laughing Gull
 Franklin's Gull
 Ring-billed Gull
 Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Brown Noddy
 Sooty Tern
Bridled Tern
 Least Tern
 Gull-billed Tern
 Caspian Tern
 Black Tern
 Common Tern
 Forster's Tern
 Royal Tern
 Sandwich Tern
 Black Skimmer
Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
 Common Loon
Cory's Shearwater
Sooty Shearwater
Great Shearwater
Audubon's Shearwater

Wilson's Storm-Petrel
 Wood Stork
 Magnificent Frigatebird
Masked Booby
Brown Booby
 Northern Gannet
Neotropic Cormorant
 Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant
 Anhinga
 American White Pelican
 Brown Pelican
 American Bittern
 Least Bittern
 Great Blue Heron
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Little Blue Heron
 Tricolored Heron
 Reddish Egret
 Cattle Egret
 Green Heron
 Black-crowned Night-Heron
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
 White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis
 Roseate Spoonbill
 Black Vulture
 Turkey Vulture
 Osprey
 Swallow-tailed Kite
White-tailed Kite
 Mississippi Kite
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Cooper's Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
Golden Eagle
 Barn Owl
 Eastern Screech-Owl
 Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Burrowing Owl
 Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl
 Short-eared Owl
 Belted Kingfisher
 Red-headed Woodpecker
 Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Hairy Woodpecker
 Pileated Woodpecker
 Northern Flicker
 American Kestrel
 Merlin
 Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon
 Olive-sided Flycatcher
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
 Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher

Willow Flycatcher
 Least Flycatcher
 Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher
 Great Crested Flycatcher
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
 Tropical/Couch's Kingbird
 Western Kingbird
 Eastern Kingbird
 Gray Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
 Loggerhead Shrike
 White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Warbling Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo
 Black-whiskered Vireo
 Blue Jay
 American Crow
 Fish Crow
 Purple Martin
 Tree Swallow
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow
 Bank Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Cliff Swallow
 Cave Swallow
 Carolina Chickadee
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown-headed Nuthatch
 Brown Creeper
Rock Wren
 House Wren
 Winter Wren
 Sedge Wren
 Marsh Wren
 Carolina Wren
Bewick's Wren
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Golden-crowned Kinglet
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Eastern Bluebird
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Hermit Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin
Varied Thrush
 Gray Catbird
 Brown Thrasher
Sage Thrasher
 Northern Mockingbird
 European Starling
 Cedar Waxwing
 House Sparrow
 American Pipit
Evening Grosbeak
 House Finch

Purple Finch
Common Redpoll
 Pine Siskin
 American Goldfinch
 Lapland Longspur
Green-tailed Towhee
 Eastern Towhee
 Bachman's Sparrow
 Chipping Sparrow
 Clay-colored Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Vesper Sparrow
 Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting
 Savannah Sparrow
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 LeConte's Sparrow
 Nelson's Sparrow
 Seaside Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
 White-crowned Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco
 Yellow-breasted Chat
 Yellow-headed Blackbird
 Bobolink
 Eastern Meadowlark
Western Meadowlark
 Orchard Oriole
 Baltimore Oriole
 Red-winged Blackbird
Shiny Cowbird
Bronzed Cowbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Rusty Blackbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Common Grackle
 Boat-tailed Grackle
 Ovenbird
 Worm-eating Warbler
 Louisiana Waterthrush
 Northern Waterthrush
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Blue-winged Warbler
 Black-and-white Warbler
 Prothonotary Warbler
 Swainson's Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Nashville Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
 Kentucky Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 Hooded Warbler
 American Redstart
 Cape May Warbler
 Cerulean Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Magnolia Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Blackpoll Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Wilson's Warbler
Painted Redstart
 Summer Tanager
 Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager
 Northern Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
 Blue Grosbeak
 Indigo Bunting
 Painted Bunting
 Dickcissel
 Scaly-breasted Munia

Notes



This Dauphin Island Bird Check-list is drawn from the official records of the Alabama Ornithological Society and eBird reports, and contains 367 of the 446 species found in the state. The list includes species found on the island, Little Dauphin Island, Pelican Peninsula, the bridge causeway, Cedar Point and the causeway to the mainland. Sightings of species that are **boldfaced** should be reported with full written details, whereas *italicized* species only require brief written details listing diagnostic points used in the identification. Taxonomy according to the seventh edition of the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds (through the 58th Supplement, July 2017).

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