

## Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries

Dauphin Island Birding Sanctuaries, Inc. is an all-volunteer, 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.

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### 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 monetary donations, gifts of securities, bequests and gifts of land.

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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.



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### Dauphin Island, an Alabama Bird Sanctuary

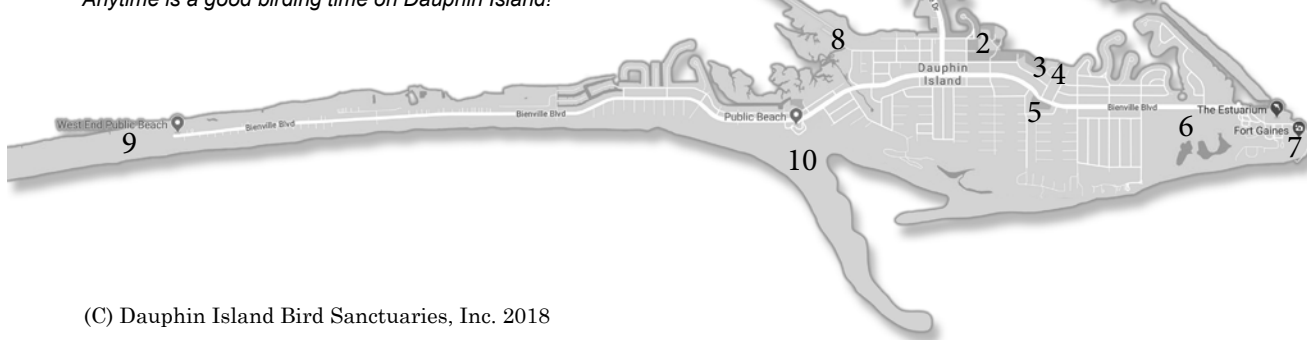
Dauphin Island is one of the top birding spots in the Southeast, with 367 species having been reported. During spring migration it is the first landfall for many neotropical migrants making the six hundred mile flight across the Gulf of Mexico from the Yucatan Peninsula. Under adverse weather conditions, 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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## 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       |

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**  
 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**  
 Sooty Tern  
 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  
 Tufted Titmouse  
 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  
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 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 Thrush  
 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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