

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.

OUR PLAN TO CONSERVE ISLAND PROPERTIES

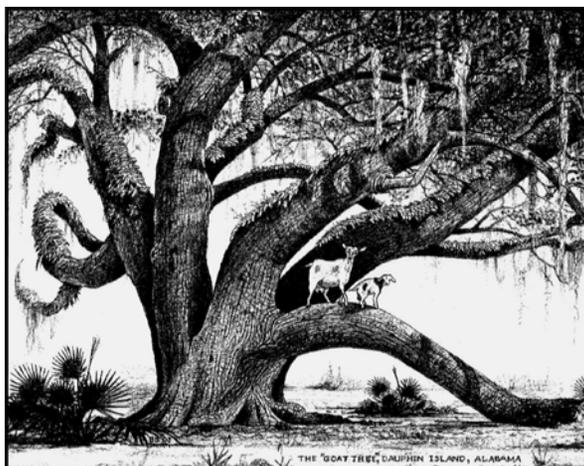
DIBS initiated their conservation program for neotropical migrant stopover habitat in 2000 with a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Since that time, with the continued support of NFWF, other foundations and private donors, DIBS has permanently protected more than 40 individual parcels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

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

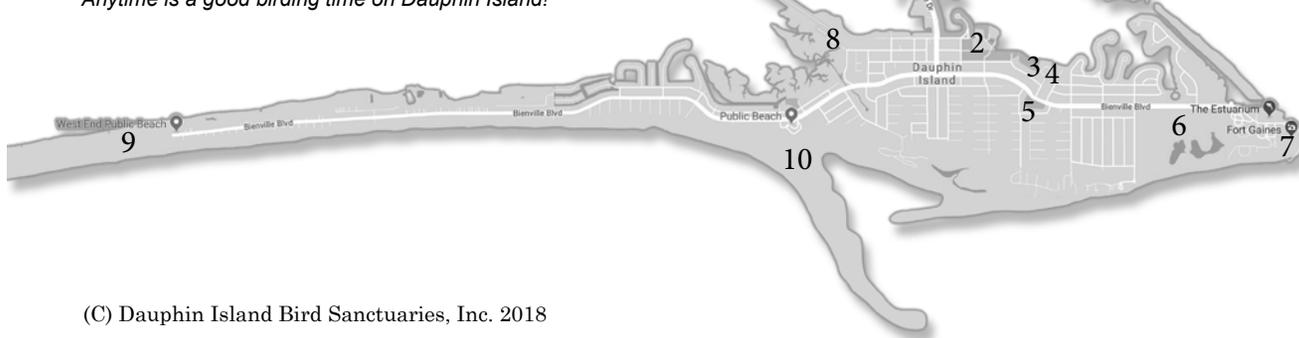
Dauphin Island is one of the top birding spots in the Southeast, with 367 species having been reported. During spring migration it is the first landfall for many neotropical migrants making the six hundred mile flight across the Gulf of Mexico from the Yucatan Peninsula. Under adverse weather conditions,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