

This checklist covers coastal waters and surrounding upland habitats in Baldwin and Mobile Counties, including the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail. The Alabama Gulf Coast is a birder's paradise. At any season the area hosts a wide variety of birds. Many species are permanent residents, while others may spend only the summer or winter here. Possibly a more exciting group are the transients, passing through during spring and fall migration.

Occurrence of these 377 species is based on records from experienced members of the Mobile Bay Audubon Society, the Coastal Birding Association and the Bird Records Committee of the Alabama Ornithological Society. I wish to acknowledge the critical role played by the editorial committee, Venetia Friend, Greg Jackson, John Porter, and Bill Summerour. Estimates of abundance are for an average season. Taxonomy follows the seventh edition, American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds(2003) For additional information please refer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's The Alabama Coastal Birding Trail and A Birder's Guide to Alabama, Ed. John Porter, U of Alabama Press (2001).

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Seasons

W – Winter Sp – Spring
Su – Summer F - Fall

Definitions

c Common, easily found
f Fairly common, found on many trips
u Uncommon, missed on many trips
r Rare, not expected, but possible
o Occasional, very unlikely to be found
a Accidental, out of range
B Known to have bred in the area
P Normally Pelagic

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Species	W	Sp	Su	F
Whistling Duck, Fulvous	-	r	r	r
Goose, Gr. White-fronted	r	-	-	-
Snow	u	r	-	r
Ross's	r	-	-	-
Canada B	r	r	o	r
Swan, Tundra	o	-	-	-
Duck, Wood B	c	c	c	c
Gadwall	c	c	-	f
Wigeon, American	f	f	-	f
Duck, American Black	o	o	-	o
Mallard B	c	f	u	f
Duck, Mottled B	u	f	f	f
Teal, Blue-winged B	u	c	o	c
Shoveler, Northern	c	c	-	u
Pintail, Northern	c	u	o	u
Teal, Green-winged	c	c	-	u
Canvasback	u	r	-	r
Redhead	u	r	o	r
Duck, Ring-necked	c	u	r	u
Scaup, Greater	u	r	-	r
Lesser	c	c	o	u

	W	Sp	Su	F
Scoter, Surf	r	r	-	-
White-winged	r	r	-	-
Black	r	r	-	-
Oldsquaw	r	r	-	-
Bufflehead	f	f	-	-
Goldeneye, Common	f	r	-	f
Merganser, Hooded B	u	u	o	o
Red-breasted	c	u	o	u
Merganser, Common	o	o	-	-
Duck, Ruddy	f	f	-	u
Turkey, Wild B	u	u	u	u
Bobwhite, Northern B	f	f	f	f
Loon, Red-throated	r	r	-	-
Pacific	r	r	-	-
Common	c	c	o	u
Grebe, Pied-billed B	c	c	o	c
Horned	f	u	-	r
Red-necked	o	-	-	-
Eared	u	u	-	u
Western	o	-	-	-
Shearwater, Cory's P	-	-	-	o
Greater P	o	-	o	-
Sooty P	o	o	o	o
Audubon's P	o	o	o	o
Storm-Petrel, Wilson's P	-	-	f	-
Leach's P	-	-	r	-
Band-rumped P	-	-	f	-
Booby, Masked P	r	r	r	r
Brown P	-	o	o	-
Gannet, Northern P	c	f	r	u
Pelican, American White	f	f	u	f
Brown B	c	c	c	c
Cormorant, Neotropic	-	-	-	o
Cormorant, Double-crested	c	c	f	c
Great	o	o	-	o
Anhinga B	r	u	u	u
Frigatebird, Magnificent P	o	r	u	u
Bittern, American	u	u	-	u
Least B	r	f	f	u
Heron, Great Blue B	c	c	c	c
Egret, Great B	c	c	c	c
Snowy B	c	c	c	c
Heron, Little Blue B	u	c	c	c
Tricolored B	f	c	c	c
Egret, Reddish B	r	f	f	f
Cattle B	r	c	c	c
Heron, Green B	r	c	c	c
Night-Heron, Black-cr. B	u	u	u	u
Yellow-crowned B	r	f	f	f
Ibis, White B	u	f	f	f
Glossy B	-	u	u	u
White-faced B	-	o	o	o
Spoonbill, Roseate	-	-	o	o
Stork, Wood B	-	o	o	-
Vulture, Black B	c	c	c	c
Turkey B	c	c	c	c
Osprey B	u	f	f	f
Kite, Swallow-tailed B	-	f	f	r
White-tailed	o	-	-	o
Mississippi B	-	u	f	f
Eagle, Bald B	r	r	r	r

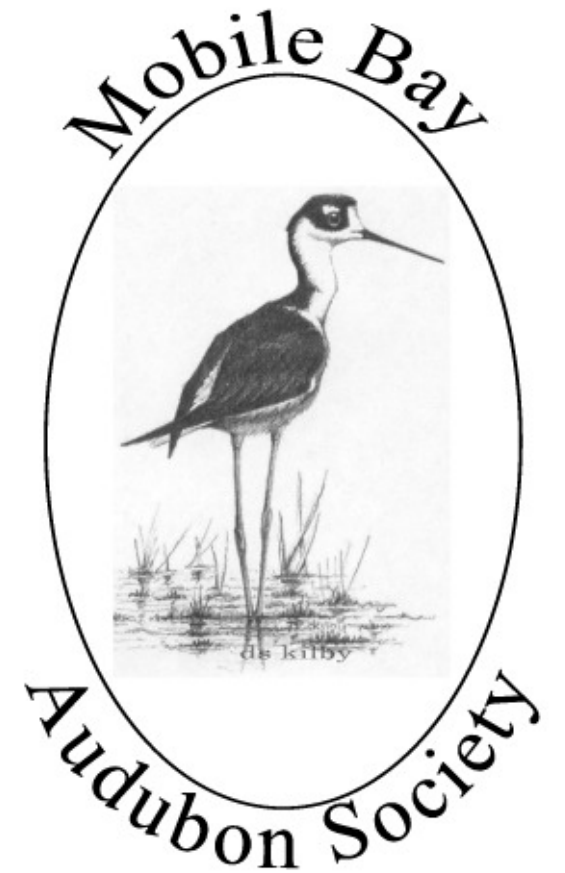
	W	Sp	Su	F
Harrier, Northern	f	f	-	f
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	u	u	-	c
Hawk, Cooper's B	u	u	r	f
Red-shouldered B	f	f	f	f
Broad-winged B	o	f	u	c
Swainson's	-	o	-	r
Red-tailed B	c	f	u	c
Eagle, Golden	o	o	-	o
Kestrel, American	c	f	-	c
Merlin	r	r	-	f
Falcon, Peregrine	r	r	-	f
Rail, Yellow	o	o	-	o
Black	-	r	o	o
Clapper B	c	c	c	c
King B	u	u	u	u
Virginia	f	f	-	f
Sora	f	f	-	f
Gallinule, Purple B	-	u	u	u
Moorhen, Common B	u	f	f	f
Coot, American B	c	c	r	f
Crane, Sandhill	r	r	-	r
Plover, Black-bellied	c	c	u	c
Golden-Plover, American	-	f	-	u
Plover, Snowy B	r	r	r	r
Wilson's B	-	r	r	r
Semipalmated	f	c	r	c
Piping	f	f	-	f
Killdeer B	c	c	c	c
Plover, Mountain	a	-	-	-
Oystercatcher, American B	f	f	f	f
Stilt, Black-necked B	u	c	c	c
Avocet, American	f	f	r	f
Yellowlegs, Greater	c	c	r	c
Lesser	u	c	r	c
Sandpiper, Solitary	-	f	-	f
Willet B	c	c	c	c
Sandpiper, Spotted	u	c	-	c
Upland	-	u	o	f
Whimbrel	o	u	-	u
Curlew, Long-billed	r	r	r	r
Godwit, Hudsonian	-	o	-	o
Marbled	r	u	-	u
Turnstone, Ruddy	c	c	u	c
Knot, Red	r	r	o	r
Sanderling	c	c	u	c
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	-	c	o	c
Western	c	u	r	c
Least	f	c	o	c
White-rumped	-	f	-	r
Baird's	-	r	-	r
Pectoral	o	f	-	c
Purple	o	-	-	-
Dunlin	c	c	-	u
Sandpiper, Curlew	-	o	o	-
Stilt	r	c	-	c
Buff-breasted	-	r	-	f
Ruff	-	-	-	o
Dowitcher, Short-billed	c	c	o	c
Long-billed	o	c	-	f
Snipe, Common	c	f	-	f
Woodcock, American B	u	u	o	u

	W	Sp	Su	F
Phalarope, Wilson's	-	r	o	f
Red-necked	-	r	-	r
Red P	o	r	-	-
Jaeger, Pomarine P	-	o	-	o
Parasitic P	r	r	-	r
Gull, Laughing B	c	c	c	c
Franklin's	r	o	-	o
Little	o	o	-	-
Bonaparte's	c	u	-	r
Ring-billed	c	f	r	u
Herring B	c	f	r	f
Iceland	-	o	-	-
Lesser Black-backed	r	r	-	-
Glaucous	r	r	-	-
Great Black-backed	r	r	-	r
Sabine's	-	o	-	o
Kittiwake, Black-legged	r	r	-	o
Tern, Gull-billed B	r	u	f	u
Caspian B	f	f	f	f
Royal B	c	c	c	c
Sandwich B	r	f	c	c
Roseate	-	o	-	o
Common B	r	u	f	f
Forster's B	c	c	f	c
Least B	o	f	c	f
Bridled P	-	u	u	u
Sooty	-	o	r	r
Black	-	u	c	c
Noddy, Brown	-	-	-	a
Skimmer, Black B	c	c	c	c
Pigeon, Rock B	c	c	c	c
Collared-Dove, Eurasian B	c	c	c	c
Dove, White-winged	r	u	o	u
Mourning B	c	c	c	c
Ground-Dove, Common B	u	u	u	u
Cuckoo, Black-billed	-	u	-	r
Yellow-billed B	-	c	c	c
Ani, Groove-billed	r	-	-	r
Owl, Barn B	u	r	r	u
Screech-Owl, Eastern B	c	c	c	c
Owl, Great Horned B	f	f	f	f
Snowy	o	-	-	-
Burrowing	r	r	o	o
Barred B	f	f	f	f
Long-eared	o	-	-	-
Short-eared	o	o	-	o
Nighthawk, Lesser	o	o	-	-
Common B	o	c	c	c
Chuck-will's-widow B	r	c	c	f
Whip-poor-will	u	u	-	u
Swift, Chimney B	-	f	c	c
Violet-ear, Green	-	-	-	o
Hummingbird, Buff-bellied	o	o	-	o
Broad-billed	o	-	-	-
Ruby-throated B	r	c	u	c
Black-chinned	r	o	-	r
Calliope	o	-	-	-
Broad-tailed	o	-	-	-
Rufous	r	r	-	r
Allen's	o	-	-	-
Kingfisher, Belted B	c	c	c	c

	W	Sp	Su	F
Woodpecker, Red-headed B	u	f	f	f
Woodpecker, Red-bellied B	c	c	c	c
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	f	u	-	u
Woodpecker, Downy B	c	c	c	c
Hairy B	u	u	u	u
Red-cockaded B	r	r	r	r
Flicker, Northern B	c	c	c	c
Woodpecker, Pileated B	f	f	f	f
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	-	r	-	r
Wood-Pewee, Eastern B	-	c	c	c
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	-	r	-	r
Acadian B	-	c	c	c
Alder	-	o	-	o
Willow	-	o	-	o
Least	-	o	-	u
Hammond's	-	-	-	o
Dusky	-	-	-	o
Phoebe, Eastern	c	u	-	u
Say's	-	-	-	o
Flycatcher, Vermilion	r	r	-	r
Ash-throated	r	o	-	r
Great Crested B	-	c	c	f
Sulphur-bellied	-	-	-	o
Kingbird, Tropical/Couch's	-	o	-	o
Western	r	r	-	u
Eastern B	-	c	c	c
Gray B	-	r	r	r
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	r	r	o	u
Fork-tailed	-	o	-	-
Shrike, Loggerhead B	c	c	u	c
Vireo, White-eyed B	u	c	c	c
Bell's	-	o	-	r
Yellow-throated B	o	c	f	c
Blue-headed	f	u	-	u
Warbling	-	r	-	r
Philadelphia	-	r	-	f
Red-eyed B	-	c	c	c
Black-whiskered	-	r	-	o
Jay, Blue B	c	c	c	c
Crow, American B	f	f	f	f
Fish B	c	c	c	c
Lark, Horned	o	-	-	-
Martin, Purple B	o	c	c	u
Swallow, Tree	c	u	-	f
N. Rough-winged B	r	c	c	c
Bank	-	c	-	c
Cliff B	-	f	f	f
Cave	-	r	-	-
Barn B	o	c	c	c
Chickadee, Carolina B	c	c	c	c
Titmouse, Tufted B	c	c	c	c
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	u	u	-	u
Brown-headed B	c	c	c	c
Creepers, Brown	r	r	-	u
Wren, Rock	a	-	-	a
Carolina B	c	c	c	c
Bewick's	o	-	-	-
House	c	c	-	c
Winter	u	r	-	u
Sedge	c	c	-	c
Wren, Marsh B	c	c	c	c

	W	Sp	Su	F
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	u	r	-	f
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	c	c	-	f
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray B	f	c	c	c
Wheatear, Northern	-	-	-	o
Bluebird, Eastern B	c	c	c	c
Veery	-	f	-	r
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	-	f	-	r
Swainson's	-	c	-	c
Hermit	f	u	-	u
Wood B	o	c	c	c
Robin, American B	c	u	r	u
Catbird, Gray	f	f	-	c
Mockingbird, Northern B	c	c	c	c
Thrasher, Sage	o	-	-	o
Brown B	c	c	c	c
Starling, European B	c	c	c	c
Pipit, American	c	u	-	u
Sprague's	o	o	-	o
Waxwing, Cedar	c	c	o	r
Warbler, Blue-winged	-	f	-	u
Golden-winged	-	r	-	u
Tennessee	-	c	-	c
Orange-crowned	f	u	-	u
Nashville	-	r	-	r
Parula, Northern B	o	c	c	c
Warbler, Yellow	-	c	-	c
Chestnut-sided	-	f	-	c
Magnolia	-	f	-	c
Cape May	-	u	-	r
Black-throated Blue	-	r	-	r
Yellow-rumped	c	c	-	c
Black-throated Gray	o	o	-	o
Black-throated Green	o	c	-	c
Blackburnian	-	u	-	f
Yellow-throated B	r	c	c	c
Pine B	c	c	c	c
Prairie B	o	c	u	c
Palm	f	c	-	c
Bay-breasted	-	f	-	u
Blackpoll	-	c	-	r
Cerulean	-	u	-	r
Black-and-white	r	c	-	c
Redstart, American B	-	c	c	c
Warbler, Prothonotary B	-	c	c	u
Worm-eating	-	f	-	u
Swainson's B	-	u	u	r
Ovenbird	o	c	-	f
Waterthrush, Northern	o	c	-	c
Louisiana	-	c	-	r
Warbler, Kentucky B	-	c	c	u
Connecticut	-	o	-	o
Mourning	-	-	-	r
Yellowthroat, Common B	f	c	c	c
Warbler, Hooded B	-	c	c	f
Wilson's	o	r	-	u
Canada	-	r	-	u
Chat, Yellow-breasted B	o	c	c	f
Tanager, Summer B	o	c	c	c
Scarlet	-	c	-	c
Western	o	r	o	r
Towhee, Green-tailed	-	-	-	a

	W	Sp	Su	F
Eastern B	c	c	c	c
Sparrow, Bachman's B	r	u	u	r
Chipping B	c	f	r	f
Clay-colored	o	o	-	u
Field B	f	u	-	u
Vesper	f	u	-	r
Lark	o	r	-	u
Bunting, Lark	-	-	o	o
Sparrow, Savannah	c	c	-	f
Grasshopper	r	u	-	r
Henslow's	r	r	-	r
Le Conte's	u	r	-	r
N. Sharp-tailed	f	u	-	u
Seaside B	f	f	f	f
Fox	r	-	-	r
Song	c	u	-	u
Lincoln's	r	r	-	r
Swamp	c	c	-	u
White-throated	c	c	-	f
Harris's	o	o	-	o
White-crowned	u	u	-	f
Junco, Dark-eyed	u	-	-	r
Longspur, Lapland	o	-	-	o
Cardinal, Northern B	c	c	c	c
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	o	c	-	c
Black-headed	o	o	-	o
Blue B	-	c	c	c
Bunting, Indigo B	r	c	c	c
Painted B	o	f	r	u
Dickcissel	r	f	o	u
Bobolink	-	c	-	u
Blackbird, Red-winged B	c	c	c	c
Meadowlark, Eastern B	c	c	c	c
Western	o	-	-	o
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	o	o	-	r
Rusty	r	r	-	r
Brewer's	u	r	-	r
Grackle, Common B	c	c	c	c
Boat-tailed B	c	c	c	c
Cowbird, Shiny	-	r	-	-
Bronzed	-	o	o	o
Brown-headed B	c	c	c	c
Oriole, Orchard B	o	c	c	u
Bullock's	r	o	-	r
Baltimore	r	c	-	c
Finch, Purple	r	r	-	-
House B	f	f	f	f
Redpoll, Common	-	a	-	-
Siskin, Pine	u	r	-	r
Goldfinch, American	c	c	-	u
Grosbeak, Evening	r	r	-	-
Sparrow, House B	c	c	c	c



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