Birdwatching at Bok Tower Gardens

GREBES
- Pied-billed Grebe

DARTERS
- Anhinga

HERONS
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Tricolored Heron
- Little Blue Heron
- Green-Backed Heron
- Black-crowned Night Heron

WOOD IBISES
- Wood Stork

IBISES
- White Ibis

DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS
- Blue-winged Teal
- Wood Duck
- Hooded Merganser
- Mute Swan

AMERICAN VULTURES
- Turkey Vulture
- Black Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, & KITES
- American Swallow-tailed Kite
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper’s Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Bald Eagle

CRANES
- Sandhill Crane

GALLINULES
- Common Moorhen

PLOVERS
- Killdeer

SNIPES
- American Woodcock

GULLS
- Ring-billed Gull

DOVES
- Mourning Dove
- Common Ground Dove

CUCKOOS
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo

BARN OWLS
- Barn Owl

OWLS
- Eastern Screech Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl

GOATSUCKERS
- Chuck-will’s widow
- Whip-poor-will
- Common Nighthawk

SWIFTS
- Chimney Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS
- Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS
- Eastern Kingbird
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Eastern Wood Pewee

SWALLOWS
- Tree Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Purple Martin

JAYS & CROWS
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Fish Crow

TITMICE
- Tufted Titmouse

WRENS
- House Wren
- Carolina Wren
THRASHERS & MOCKINBIRDS
____ Northern Mockingbird
____ Gray Catbird
____ Brown Thrasher

THRUSHES & BLUEBIRDS
____ American Robin
____ Wood Thrush
____ Hermit Thrush
____ Veery

KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS
____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
____ Golden-crowned Kinglet
____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

WAXWINGS
____ Cedar Waxwing

SHRIKES
____ Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS
____ European Starling

VIREOS
____ White-eyed Vireo
____ Yellow-throated Vireo
____ Solitary Vireo
____ Red-eyed Vireo

WOOD WARBLERS
____ Black-and-white Warbler
____ Worm-eating Warbler
____ Tennessee Warbler
____ Orange-crowned Warbler
____ Northern Parula Warbler
____ Yellow Warbler
____ Magnolia Warbler
____ Cape May Warbler
____ Black-throated Blue Warbler
____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
____ Black-throated Green Warbler
____ Blackburnian Warbler
____ Yellow-throated Warbler
____ Bay-breasted Warbler
____ Black-poll Warbler
____ Pine Warbler
____ Prairie Warbler
____ Palm Warbler
____ Ovenbird
____ Louisiana Waterthrush
____ Kentucky Warbler
____ Common Yellowthroat

WOOD WARBLERS
____ Hooded Warbler
____ Wilson’s Warbler
____ American Redstart

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES
____ Eastern Meadowlark
____ Redwinged Blackbird
____ Northern Oriole
____ Boat-tailed Grackle
____ Common Grackle

TANAGERS
____ Summer Tanager

GROSBEAKS, SPARROWS & BUNTINGS
____ Northern Cardinal
____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
____ Indigo Bunting
____ American Goldfinch
____ Rufous-sided Towhee
____ Savannah Sparrow
____ Leconte’s Sparrow
____ Vesper Sparrow
____ Bachman’s Sparrow
____ Chipping Sparrow
____ Field Sparrow
____ White-throated Sparrow
____ Song Sparrow

Beginner Bird Watching Advice
In Florida, birds tend to be most active in the earliest parts of the morning.

• To learn the different species of birds quickly, study families of birds first.
• Settle into a comfortable spot and stay still to allow birds to relax when they come near you.
• Bird watch with a friend.
• When you see a bird, describe its features to allow them to search through the bird guide.
• Take notes of when you saw and identified a bird.

Bird Photography Advice

• Patience is a must with bird photography. That’s part of the fun of it all!
• Early mornings and late afternoons are the best time to photograph wildlife.
• When shooting with an SLR camera, a lens with a 300mm zoom range is recommended.
• Keep an eye out both above and below for different types of birds and other wildlife.

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