

# Go Birding!

In a typical year, more than 400 different species can be spotted in this area, a true birders' paradise! Southwest Louisiana, including Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, with its prairies, marshes and coastal habitats, attracts many migratory birds from the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Birds can be seen year round; however, fall, winter and spring are the best seasons for birding in Southwest Louisiana.

Rain gear is advisable with the unpredictable Southwest Louisiana weather in the spring and winter months. Since summers can be extremely hot and humid, water, sunscreen and insect repellent are items that should be carried when traversing into Louisiana's remote areas.

See how many you can find and check off the list.

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American Avocet	Belted Kingfisher	Black-bellied Plover	Black-necked Stilt	Black Skimmer		
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Black Tern	Blue-winged Warbler	Carolina Wren	Crested Caracara	Dickcissel		
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Eastern Kingbird	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Towhee	Great Blue Heron	Greater Yellowlegs		
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Green Heron	Herring Gull	Hooded Warbler	Killdeer	Laughing Gull		
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Least Tern	Neotropic Cormorant	Osprey	Reddish Egret	Red-tailed Hawk	Roseate Spoonbill	Royal Tern
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Ruddy Turnstone	Sandhill Crane	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Semipalmated Plover	Snowy Egret	Sora Rail	Swainson's Thrush
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Tricolored Heron	Vermilion Flycatcher	White-eyed Vireo	White-faced Ibis	Willet	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Yellow-throated Vireo



For more information, please check out the websites listed below or visit the bureau:



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**CALCASIEU PARISH  
CAMERON PARISH**

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**WATERFOWL**

**NEOTROPICAL MIGRANTS** (such as warblers, vireos and flycatchers) are most often seen in the spring and fall in coastal woodlands.

**SHORELINE BIRDS** like plovers, willets and terns are typically seen year round on area beaches.

**WADING BIRDS**, such as ibises, spoonbills, herons and egrets are seen year round in marshes.

**WATERFOWL** are more plentiful in the fall and winter, usually in fields and marshes.

**HAWKS AND OSPREYS** appear mostly in the fall and winter, soaring or on overhead power lines and poles.



*Great Birding Spots*

- ①-NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK
  - Loblolly pines, riverfront
- ②-HACKBERRY
  - Some scrub, some open water
- ③-SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
  - Tidal marshes interspersed with bayous and open water, live oak and mulberry groves
  - Wetland Walkway (accessible)
  - Blue Goose Trail
- ④-PEVETO WOODS MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY
  - Coastal woodland, freshwater pool, beach, open gulf
- ⑤-CAMERON JETTIES
  - Open gulf, rock jetties, some salt marsh
  - Cameron Jetties Fishing Pier and observation tower
- ⑥-RUTHERFORD BEACH
  - Beaches, open gulf, salt marsh
- ⑦-CHENIER LOOP
  - Tidal marshes with bayous, open water and chenier ridges
- ⑧-ROCKEFELLER WILDLIFE REFUGE
  - Extensive brackish marsh, pools, coastal woodlands
  - Price Lake Road nature drive
- ⑨-CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
  - Fresh and brackish marshes with scrub/tree lined uplands
  - Pintail Wildlife Drive and Boardwalk (accessible)
- ⑩-LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
  - Fresh and brackish marshes, pools
  - Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive
- ⑪-SAM HOUSTON JONES STATE PARK
  - Mixed pine-hardwood, bottomland hardwood and cypress tupelo swamp

