

### Top Ten Ways to Protect Birds on Kiawah

1. Admire but don't disturb shorebirds feeding or resting on the beach. Keep your dog leashed around all shorebirds. Stay out of the nesting colony on the east end of the island.
2. Consult the nature center if you find a baby bird on the ground. Many "orphan" birds are actually fledglings learning how to fly, and will still be cared for by their parents.
3. Limit your use of pre-recorded bird songs to attract birds. Overuse of these recordings can disturb feeding and nesting.
4. Dispose of trash properly. Wading and diving birds often get tangled in fishing lines and other plastic refuse.
5. Keep cats indoors. Outdoor and feral cats are not native predators and kill millions of songbirds each year. Birds that escape a cat will often die later from wound infection.
6. Limit the use of pesticides in your yard, and if you choose to use them, follow the directions on the side of the container. Pesticides reduce food supply for insect-eating birds and can also enter the food chain of water birds.
7. Plant native plants, shrubs, and trees to enhance habitat for birds and other wildlife. If you use non-natives, make sure they are not invasive species like tallow tree or Japanese honeysuckle.
8. If you provide birdseed and water, make sure that both feeders and birdbaths are cleaned regularly.
9. Get involved with the Kiawah Island Conservancy's mission to preserve and protect critical wildlife habitat.
10. Observe the incredible diversity and fascinating behavior of Kiawah's birds, and let others know what exciting birdlife can be found here!

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## ***Checklist for the Birds of Kiawah Island***

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Please report any birds not on this list to the  
Naturalists at the Heron Park Center  
843.768.6001

Taxonomy and arrangement follows:  
American Ornithologists' Union 1998  
*Checklist of North American Birds*. 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.  
American Ornithologists' Union, Washington DC

### **Seasonal Appearance**

**Sp** - Spring - March to May  
**S** - Summer - June to August  
**F** - Fall - September to November  
**W** - Winter - December to February

### **Seasonal Abundance**

**c** - common: certain to be seen in suitable habitat  
**u** - uncommon: present but not certain to be seen  
**o** - occasional: seen only a few times during a season  
**r** - rare: seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

**x** - accidental

**\*** - nests on island, or did so in recent years

<b>DUCKS, GEESE and SWANS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Snow Goose	-	-	r	r
___ Brant	-	-	-	x
___ Canada Goose	r	r	r	r
___ Wood Duck	o	o	o	o
___ Green-winged Teal	o	-	o	o
___ American Black Duck	r	-	r	r
___ Mallard	r	-	r	r
___ Northern Pintail	r	-	r	r
___ Blue-winged Teal	u	o	u	u
___ Northern Shoveler	r	-	r	r
___ Gadwall	r	-	r	o
___ American Wigeon	r	-	r	o
___ Canvasback	r	-	r	r
___ Redhead	r	-	r	o
___ Ring-necked Duck	r	-	r	o
___ Greater Scaup	o	-	o	u
___ Lesser Scaup	c	-	c	c
___ Long-tailed Duck	r	-	-	o
___ Black Scoter	u	-	u	c
___ Surf Scoter	o	-	o	u
___ White-winged Scoter	o	-	o	u
___ Common Goldeneye	r	-	r	r
___ Bufflehead	u	-	u	c
___ Hooded Merganser	c	-	c	c
___ Ruddy Duck	u	-	u	u
___ Red-breasted Merganser	c	-	c	c
<b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Wild Turkey	r	r	r	r
___ Northern Bobwhite	u	u	u	u
<b>LOONS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Common Loon	u	-	c	c
___ Red-throated Loon	o	-	o	c
<b>GREBES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Pied-billed Grebe	c	o	c	c
___ Horned Grebe	r	-	r	u
___ Red-necked Grebe	-	-	-	r

## Notes and Observations



	Sp	S	F	W
___ Seaside Sparrow*	u	u	u	u
___ Swamp Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ White-throated Sparrow	c	-	c	c
___ Dark-eyed Junco	o	-	o	u
<b>CARDINALS and ALLIES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Summer Tanager*	u	u	u	-
___ Scarlet Tanager	r	--	u	-
___ Western Tanager	r	--	-	-
___ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	-	o	-
___ Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	-
___ Indigo Bunting*	u	o	u	-
___ Painted Bunting*	u	u	u	r
<b>BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Bobolink	o	-	o	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Eastern Meadowlark	o	r	o	u
___ Rusty Blackbird	r	-	r	r
___ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Boat-tailed Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	u	c	u	u
___ Orchard Oriole*	c	c	c	-
___ Baltimore Oriole	o	-	o	-
<b>FINCHES and ALLIES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Purple Finch	-	-	-	r
___ House Finch*	c	c	u	u
___ Pine Siskin	-	-	-	r
___ American Goldfinch	u	-	u	c
<b>NON-NATIVE SPECIES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ House Sparrow*	u	u	u	u

<b>SHEARWATERS and PETRELS</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater Shearwater	r	o	-	-
<b>GANNETS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Northern Gannet	u	-	u	u
<b>PELICANS and ALLIES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	o	c	c
___ Anhinga	u	u	u	u
___ Brown Pelican	c	c	c	c
___ American White Pelican	r	-	r	r
<b>HERONS, EGRETS and ALLIES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ American Bittern	o	-	o	u
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	-
___ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Egret	c	c	c	c
___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	u
___ Tricolored Heron	c	c	c	c
___ Cattle Egret	r	r	r	-
___ Green Heron*	c	c	u	u
___ Reddish Egret	u	u	u	-
___ Black-crowned Night Heron*	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	o	o	o	o
<b>IBISES and STORKS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ White Ibis	u	u	c	c
___ Glossy Ibis	o	u	o	o
___ Roseate Spoonbill	r	r	r	-
___ Wood Stork	c	c	c	u
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	c	c	c
<b>HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES &amp; ALLIES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Osprey*	c	c	c	u
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	r	r	r	-
___ Mississippi Kite	r	u	r	-
___ Bald Eagle*	u	o	u	u
___ Northern Harrier	u	-	u	c

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	r	u	c
___ Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	u	u	u	u
___ Broad-winged Hawk	-	r	-	-
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Golden Eagle	-	-	-	x

<b>FALCONS</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Kestrel	u	r	u	u
___ Merlin	r	-	o	r
___ Peregrine Falcon	r	-	o	u

<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, and COOTS</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ King Rail*	r	r	r	r
___ Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow Rail	r	-	r	r
___ Sora	u	-	u	u
___ Purple Gallinule	r	r	r	-
___ Common Moorhen*	c	c	c	c
___ American Coot	u	-	u	u
___ Virginia Rail	u	-	u	u
___ Black Rail	r	r	r	r

<b>PLOVERS</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-bellied Plover	c	u	c	c
___ American Golden Plover	r	o	o	-
___ Wilson's Plover*	c	c	c	o
___ Semipalmated Plover	c	c	c	c
___ Piping Plover	c	u	c	c
___ Snowy Plover	r	-	r	o
___ Killdeer*	c	c	c	c

<b>OYSTERCATCHERS</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Oystercatcher*	c	c	c	u

<b>STILTS and AVOCETS</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-necked Stilt*	u	u	u	-
___ American Avocet	r	-	-	r

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	u	-	u	r
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	o	-	u	-
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	o
___ Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c
___ Prairie Warbler	o	r	u	-
___ Palm Warbler	c	-	c	c
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Black-and-White Warbler	u	-	u	o
___ American Redstart	o	-	u	-
___ Prothonotary Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Worm-eating Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Swainson's Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Ovenbird	u	-	u	r
___ Northern Waterthrush	u	-	u	-
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	o	-	o	-
___ Kentucky Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Common Yellowthroat*	u	o	u	u
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	o	o	o	-
___ Hooded Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Canada Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Connecticut Warbler	r	-	r	-

<b>SPARROWS and ALLIES</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ Eastern Towhee*	u	u	u	u
___ Chipping Sparrow	u	-	u	c
___ Field Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Vesper Sparrow	o	-	o	o
___ Savannah Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	r
___ Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	r
___ Nelson's Sparrow	r	-	r	r
___ Saltmarsh Sparrow	o	-	o	o
___ Song Sparrow	u	-	c	c
___ Fox Sparrow	-	-	o	o
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	r	-	r	r
___ White-crowned Sparrow	r	-	r	r

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Winter Wren	o	-	o	o
___ Sedge Wren	u	-	u	u
___ Marsh Wren*	u	c	u	u
<b>KINGLETS and GNATCATCHERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	-	c	c
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	u
<b>THRUSHES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c
___ Veery	o	-	o	-
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	o	-	o	-
___ Swainson's Thrush	o	-	o	-
___ Wood Thrush	o	-	o	-
___ Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	c
___ American Robin	c	-	u	c
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Gray Catbird*	c	o	c	c
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c
<b>STARLINGS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c
<b>PIPITS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ American Pipit	r	-	r	o
<b>WAXWINGS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Cedar Waxwing	c	-	u	c
<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Blue-winged Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Golden-winged Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	o	-	o	u
___ Nashville Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	c	-
___ Yellow Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Cape May Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	-	c	c

<b>SANDPIPERS and ALLIES</b>	Sp	S	F	W
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u	o	u	u
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o	o	o	r
___ Willet*	c	c	c	c
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	u	c	c
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	u
___ Whimbrel	u	-	o	r
___ Long-billed Curlew	x	-	x	-
___ Marbled Godwit	u	u	u	u
___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	u	c	c
___ Red Knot	c	-	u	c
___ Sanderling	c	c	c	c
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	o	c	-
___ Western Sandpiper	c	u	c	c
___ Least Sandpiper	u	r	u	u
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	r	-	-	-
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	-	u	-
___ Dunlin	u	-	u	c
___ Stilt Sandpiper	r	r	r	-
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	r	-	o	-
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u	c
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	r	r	r	-
___ Wilson's Snipe	o		u	u
___ American Woodcock	-	r	o	o
___ Red-necked Phalarope	x	-	x	-
<b>GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c
___ Bonaparte's Gull	u	-	o	u
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	c	c
___ Great Black-backed Gull	o	-	o	o
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	o	-	o	o
___ Herring Gull	c	u	c	c
___ Gull-billed Tern*	u	u	u	-
___ Caspian Tern	u	u	u	c
___ Sooty Tern	r	r	r	-
___ Common Tern	u	u	u	-

___ Forster's Tern	u	u	u	c
___ Least Tern*	c	c	u	-
___ Royal Tern	c	c	c	u
___ Sandwich Tern	u	u	u	-
___ Black Tern	-	u	u	-
___ Black Skimmer*	c	c	c	u
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Rock Pigeon	r	r	r	r
___ Eurasian Collared Dove	r	r	r	r
___ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c
___ Common Ground Dove*	u	u	u	u
<b>CUCKOOS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	r	-	r	-
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	u	o	-
<b>OWLS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	o	o	o	o
___ Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	o
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	u	-
___ Chuck-will's-widow*	c	c	u	-
___ Whip-poor-will	r	-	r	-
<b>SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Chimney Swift*	u	c	u	-
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	c	r
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Belted Kingfisher	c	u	c	c
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	o	o	o	o
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u	-	u	c
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	u	c	c

<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	-	u	-
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	r	-	o	-
___ Acadian Flycatcher	u	-	u	-
___ Least Flycatcher	o	-	o	-
___ Eastern Phoebe	u	-	u	c
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	-
___ Eastern Kingbird*	u	c	u	-
<b>SHRIKES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
<b>VIREOS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ White-eyed Vireo*	u	c	u	u
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	o	-	o	-
___ Red-eyed Vireo	u	-	u	-
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u	-	u	u
<b>JAYS and CROWS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c
___ Fish Crow*	c	c	c	c
___ American Crow*	c	c	c	c
<b>SWALLOWS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Purple Martin*	c	c	c	-
___ Tree Swallow	c	-	c	c
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u	-
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c	-
___ Cliff Swallow	o	-	o	-
___ Bank Swallow	o	-	o	-
<b>CHICKADEES and TITMICE</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c
___ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	o
<b>CREEPERS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Brown Creeper	o	-	o	u
<b>WRENS</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
___ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren	u	-	u	u