

Seeking the Tropics: A South Florida Wildlife Photography Workshop
Nov. 29 – Dec. 5, 2023 | Species List | with Naturalist Journeys



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The following is a list of species observed during the November 29 – December 5, 2023 South Florida Wildlife Photography Workshop. Our focus was on quality photographic encounters with species rather than exhaustive species list, but we nonetheless recorded 99 bird species, 18 invertebrate species, four mammal species and 10 reptile species. To assist participants in labelling their images, each location where a species was observed is listed following the species' name. Non-native species are marked by an asterisk (*).

Location names (listed in order of visit) have been abbreviated as follows:

Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, Key Biscayne = Bill Baggs

Everglades and Francis Taylor Water Management Area = Everglades WMA

Shark Valley Visitor Center, Everglades National Park = Shark Valley

Water Conservation Area 3 (Tigertail Airboat Tour) = WCA3
Everglades City = Everglades City
Big Cypress National Preserve = Big Cypress
Homestead Bayfront Park = Homestead Bayfront
Biscayne National Park = Biscayne NP
John Pennecamp Coral Reef State Park = Pennecamp
Harry Harris Park = Harry Harris
Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park = Dagny Johnson
Black Point Marina = Black Point
Matheson Hammock County Park = Matheson
Pine Woods Park = Pine Woods
Crandon Park, Key Biscayne = Crandon
Wakodahatchee Wetlands = Wakodahatchee
Green Cay Nature Center = Green Cay
Jonathan Dickinson State Park = Jonathan Dickinson
Brian Piccolo Sports Park = Brian Piccolo
Anhinga Trail, Everglades National Park = Anhinga Trail
Long Pine Key, Everglades National Park = Long Pine Key
Frog Pond Wildlife Management Area = Frog Pond
Flamingo, Everglades National Park = Flamingo

Birds (99 Species Recorded):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (3)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*. Wakodahatchee.

Egyptian Goose* *Alopochen aegyptiaca*. Crandon.

Muscovy Duck* *Cairina moschata*. Crandon.

PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae (1)

Indian Peafowl* *Pavo cristatus*. Crandon.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*. Crandon, Wakodahatchee.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (5)

Rock Pigeon* *Columba livia*. Wakodahatchee, Green Cay.

White-crowned Pigeon *Patagioenas leucocephala*. Biscayne NP, Crandon.

Eurasian Collared-Dove* *Streptopelia decaocto*. Harry Harris.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*. Wakodahatchee.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*. Homestead Bayfront, Harry Harris, Matheson, Pine Woods, Brian Piccolo.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)

Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*. Big Cypress.

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*. Bill Baggs.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (1)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*. Green Cay.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*. Crandon, Wakodahatchee.

American Coot *Fulica americana*. Crandon.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio poliocephalus*.

WCA3, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail.

CRANES: Gruidae (1)

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*. Crandon Park.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (4)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*.

Harry Harris, Flamingo.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius*

semipalmatus. Crandon.

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*. Crandon.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*. Everglades

WMA, Harry Harris, Flamingo.



SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (4)

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*. Harry Harris.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*. Crandon, Flamingo.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*. Wakodahatchee.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*. Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Pennecamp, Harry Harris, Flamingo.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (6)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*. Everglades City, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Harry Harris, Black Point, Crandon, Flamingo.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*. Crandon.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*. Crandon.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*. Crandon.

Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*. Crandon.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*. Crandon, Flamingo.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (1)

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*. Big Cypress, Wakodahatchee.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*. North Key Largo (while driving), Pennecamp, Crandon.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*. Shark Valley, WCA3, Big Cypress, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Anhinga Trail.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Double-crested Cormorant *Nannopterum auritum*. Everglades WMA, Homestead Bayfront, Crandon, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*. Bill Baggs, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Harry Harris, Crandon, Flamingo.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (9)

Great Blue Heron *Ardea Herodias*. Bill Baggs, Everglades WMA, WCA3, Big Cypress, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Crandon, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail, Flamingo, Frog Pond.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*. Everglades WMA, WCA3, Big Cypress, Biscayne NP, Crandon, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Anhinga Trail, Flamingo, Frog Pond.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*. Everglades WMA, Anhinga Trail.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*. Everglades WMA, Shark Valley, WCA3, Harry Harris, Wakodahatchee, Flamingo.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*. Big Cypress, Homestead Bayfront, Crandon, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Flamingo, Frog Pond.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*. WCA3, Big Cypress, Wakodahatchee.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*. Big Cypress, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*. Big Cypress, Wakodahatchee.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*. Black Point, Flamingo.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (2)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*. Everglades WMA, Big Cypress, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Pennecamp, Harry Harris, Black Point, Matheson, Crandon Park, Wakodahatchee, Brian Piccolo, Flamingo, Frog Pond.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*. Wakodahatchee.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*. Black Point, Crandon, Flamingo.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*. Everglades WMA, WCA3, Big Cypress, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Pennecamp, Black Point, Matheson Hammock, Pine Woods, Crandon, Long Pine Key, Frog Pond.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*. Everglades WMA, WCA3, Big Cypress, Pennecamp, Flamingo.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (6)

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*. Frog Pond.

Northern Harrier *Circus hudsonius*. Frog Pond.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*. Wakodahatchee, Jonathan Dickinson.

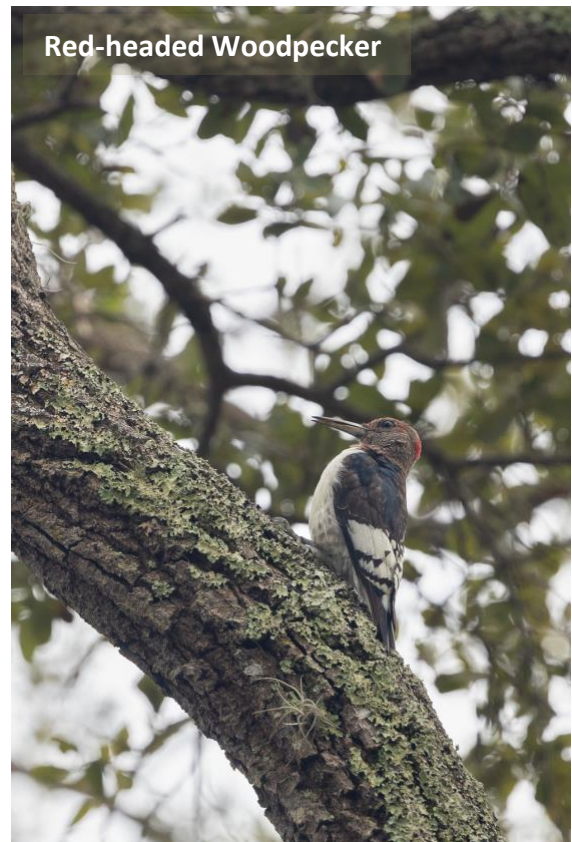
Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*. WCA3, Homestead Bayfront.

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*. Everglades WMA, WCA3, Big Cypress, Anhinga Trail, Flamingo, Frog Pond.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*. WCA3, Key Largo (while driving).

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*. Brian Piccolo.



Red-headed Woodpecker

Barred Owl *Strix varia*. Big Cypress (heard).

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (1)

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*. WCA3, Big Cypress, Homestead Bayfront, Flamingo, Frog Pond.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (4)

Red-headed Woodpecker *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*. Matheson.

Red-bellied Woodpecker *Melanerpes carolinus*. Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Harry Harris, Dagny Johnson, Matheson, Pine Woods, Crandon, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Jonathan Dickinson, Long Pine Key.

Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus*. Matheson, Anhinga Trail (heard).

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*. Long Pine Key (heard).

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*. Everglades WMA, Harry Harris, Matheson, Pine Woods, Frog Pond.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*. WCA3, Homestead Bayfront, Pine Woods.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (3)

Monk Parakeet* *Myiopsitta monachus*. Brian Piccolo.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet* *Brotogeris chiriri*. Matheson, Wakodahatchee.

Orange-winged Parrot* *Amazona amazonica*. Matheson.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (6)

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*. Everglades WMA, Dagny Johnson, Matheson, Pine Woods, Crandon, Anhinga Trail, Frog Pond.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*. Frog Pond.

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*. Dagny Johnson, Crandon Park, Anhinga Trail, Frog Pond.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*. Frog Pond.

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*. Frog Pond.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*. Frog Pond.

SHRIKES: Laniidae (1)

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*. WCA3, Biscayne NP, Brian Piccolo, Frog Pond.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (1)

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*. Big Cypress, Pine Woods, Anhinga Trail.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (4)

Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata*. Matheson, Pine Woods, Crandon, Wakodahatchee.

Florida Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma coerulescens*. Jonathan Dickinson.

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*. Everglades WMA, Shark Valley, WCA3, Big Cypress, Anhinga Trail, Long Pine Key, Flamingo.

Fish Crow *Corvus ossifragus*. Biscayne NP, Crandon, Wakodahatchee.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (1)

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*. Big Cypress, Jonathan Dickinson, Anhinga Trail, Long Pine Key.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*. Shark Valley, Biscayne NP, Harry Harris, Dagny Johnson, Crandon Park, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*. Everglades WMA, Matheson, Crandon, Anhinga Trail, Long Pine Key, Frog Pond.

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*. Everglades WMA, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Harry Harris, Matheson, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Jonathan Dickinson, Anhinga Trail, Long Pine Key, Frog Pond.

STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (1)

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*. Everglades WMA, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Black Point, Jonathan Dickinson, Brian Piccolo.

WAXBILLS: Estrildidae (1)

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*. Pine Woods.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (2)

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*. Everglades WMA, Flamingo.

Eastern Towhee *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*. Long Pine Key.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (3)

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*. Everglades WMA, Wakodahatchee.

Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula*. Everglades WMA, WCA3, Everglades City, Homestead Bayfront, Black Point.

Boat-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus major*. Everglades WMA, Shark Valley, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Jonathan Dickinson, Brian Piccolo, Anhinga Trail.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (6)

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*. Biscayne NP, Wakodahatchee.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*. Biscayne NP, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail, Frog Pond.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*. Pine Woods.

Palm Warbler *Setophaga palmarum*. Everglades WMA, Shark Valley, WCA3, Big Cypress, Homestead Bayfront, Biscayne NP, Pennecamp, Harry Harris, Matheson, Crandon, Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail, Frog Pond.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*. Homestead Bayfront, Wakodahatchee.

Prairie Warbler *Setophaga discolor*. Frog Pond.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND

ALLIES: Cardinalidae (2)



Yellow-crowned Night Heron
& Mangrove Root Crab

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*. Dagny Johnson, Pine Woods, Green Cay, Long Pine Key, Frog Pond.
Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris*. Green Cay.

Invertebrates (18 species recorded)

Atala Butterfly *Eumaeus atala*. Green Cay.
Band-winged Dragonlet *Erythrodiplax umbrata*. Jonathan Dickinson.
Black Witch Moth *Ascalapha odorata*. Anhinga Trail.
Ceraunus Blue Butterfly *Hemiargus ceraunus*. Harry Harris.
Eastern Forktail Damselfly *Ischnura verticalis*. Anhinga Trail.
Eastern Lubber Grasshopper *Romalea guttata*. Anhinga Trail.
Fall Webworm Moth *Hyphantria cunea*. Big Cypress.
Gulf Fritillary Butterfly *Agraulis vanillae*. Pine Woods, Long Pine Key.
Halloween Pennant Dragonfly *Celithemis eponina*. Anhinga Trail.
Liguus Tree Snail *Liguus fasciatus*. Dagny Johnson.
Mangrove Root Crab *Goniopsis cruentata*. Black Point.
Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*. Harry Harris, Pine Woods, Long Pine Key.
Mosquitoes. Brian Piccolo, Flamingo.
Orchard Orbweaver Spider *Leucauge argyra*. WCA3, Wakodahatchee.
Queen Butterfly *Danaus gilippus*. Anhinga Trail.
Rainbow Scarab Beetle *Phanaeus vindex*. Long Pine Key.
White Peacock Butterfly *Anartia jatrophae*. Matheson, Pine Woods, Wakodahatchee.
Zebra Longwing Butterfly *Heliconius charithonia*. Biscayne NP, Dagny Johnson.

Mammals (4 species recorded)

Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*. Biscayne NP, Flamingo.
Eastern Gray Squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis*. Matheson, Pine Woods, Wakodahatchee.
Northern Raccoon *Procyon lotor*. Bill Baggs, Black Point, Matheson.
West Indian Manatee *Trichechus manatus*. Flamingo.

Reptiles (10 species recorded)

American Alligator *Alligator mississippiensis*. WCA3, Big Cypress, Wakodahatchee.
American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus*. Crandon, Flamingo.
Brown Anole* *Anolis sagrei*. Big Cypress, Pennecamp, Harry Harris, Dagny Johnson, Matheson, Pine Woods, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay, Jonathan Dickinson, Anhinga Trail.
Brown Basilisk* *Basiliscus vittatus*. Wakodahatchee.
Florida Red-bellied Cooter *Pseudemys nelsoni*. Wakodahatchee, Anhinga Trail.
Green Anole *Anolis carolinensis*. Dagny Johnson, Matheson.
Green Iguana* *Iguana iguana*. Biscayne NP, Harry Harris, Wakodahatchee, Green Cay.
Large-headed Anole* *Anolis cybotes*. Matheson.
Northern Curly-tailed Lizard* *Leiocephalus carinatus*. Dagny Johnson.
Peter's Rock Agama* *Agama picticauda*. Biscayne NP, Pennecamp, Matheson, Jonathan Dickinson.