



PO Box 16545 Portal, AZ 85632  
Phone 520.558.1146 Toll free 866.900.1146 Fax 650.471.7667  
Email [info@naturalistjourneys.com](mailto:info@naturalistjourneys.com)

### 2015 FLORIDA BIRD & ANIMAL LIST

Greg Smith, guide, with participants: Linda, Mary, Wynn, Ken, and on our extension Lynn and Gary

- Mottled Duck** – Scattered throughout the trip
- Mallard** – Three drakes were on a pond while crossing from Juno to Fort Myers
- Northern Shoveler** - Seen at Nine Mile Pond of the Everglades
- Muscovy Duck** – Getting more common on each trip
- Wood Stork** – Feeding 30' from us in Corkscrew
- Magnificent Frigatebird** – Common at Ft. Jefferson where they nest
- Masked Booby** – A group of twenty on their nesting grounds on Hospital Key
- Double-crested Cormorant** – The common cormorant species on fresh and salt water
- Anhinga** – On Anhinga Trail, they perched next to the trail, often drying their wings
- American White Pelican** – Solo birds soared over while driving at Ding Darling NWR
- Brown Pelican** – Quite common anytime near saltwater
- Great Blue Heron** – Everywhere!
- Great Egret** – Like the Great Blue Heron, everywhere
- Snowy Egret** – Most common at Ding Darling NWR
- Little Blue Heron** – Best looks were at Corkscrew Swamp
- Tricolored Heron** – Seen at various locations near the coast
- Reddish Egret** – Our closest look was at an adult along the Sanibel Causeway
- Cattle Egret** – Flocks seemed to be everywhere
- Green Heron** – Very close looks at the Anhinga Trail in the Everglades
- Black-crowned Night-Heron** – The Venice Heron Rookery had nesting adults
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – Great looks at Ding Darling NWR
- White Ibis** – At least half a dozen times a day these white birds would appear
- Glossy Ibis** – Not real common, but definitely in emergent freshwater wetlands
- Roseate Spoonbill** – Great looks at Ding Darling NWR
- Black Vulture** – More common than Turkey Vultures, usually in roadside groups
- Turkey Vulture** – Migration was on and they were moving
- Osprey** – Everywhere there was water there were Osprey
- Swallow-tailed Kite** – Great looks as they picked off grasshoppers
- Snail Kite** – A stunning male perched as we crossed the state
- Bald Eagle** – A couple of different individuals were seen
- Cooper's Hawk** – One on the first outing at Riverbend Park
- Red-shouldered Hawk** – The hawk we would see anywhere near water
- Red-tailed Hawk** – Uncommon & Scattered through different habitats
- Crested Caracara** – Two individuals feeding on raccoon in the Immokalee area

**American Kestrel** – Not at all common scattered around Homestead  
**Peregrine Falcon** – One adult bird was seen over Fort Jefferson  
**Merlin** – Two well-observed adults at Fort Jefferson kept other birds alert  
**Purple Gallinule** – Shark Valley was the only location  
**Purple Swamphen** – A couple of birds on the way back to Fort Lauderdale  
**Common Moorhen** – Not as common as Coots, but just about in all freshwater  
**American Coot** – Everywhere there was a freshwater lake  
**Limpkin** – One seen on the water's edge at Riverbend Park gave us great looks  
**Sandhill Crane** – The resident race were close to the road near Immokalee  
**Black-bellied Plover** – Different plumages on different individuals @ Key West  
**Wilson's Plover** – Seen on a sandbar during our Flamingo boating of Florida Bay  
**Semipalmated Plover** – Mixed in with shorebirds on Bahia Honda's sandy beach  
**Killdeer** – Not common, but seen & heard at Babcock-Webb  
**Black-necked Stilt** – Eco Pond had a group of about 15 birds  
**Spotted Sandpiper** – Good looks at Ding Darling NWR  
**Solitary Sandpiper** – One was seen at Mrazek Pond  
**Greater Yellowlegs** – Seen on the Shark Valley tram  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** – A few in Central Florida wetlands  
**Willet** – The Eastern Willet was the most common large shorebird  
**Marbled Godwit** – Two seen in the mixed flock at the Flamingo area in the Everglades  
**Ruddy Turnstone** – Scattered on beaches wherever there was sand  
**Sanderling** – Mostly mixed in with peeps on sandy beaches  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper** – A few individuals seen along the beach on Sanibel  
**Western Sandpiper** – A small group at Mrazek Pond at the Flamingo area in the Everglades  
**Least Sandpiper** – Seen at the Flamingo area and out on Fort Jefferson  
**White-rumped Sandpiper** – At least four out at Bahia Honda SP  
**Dunlin** – A couple near Casperson Park  
**Short-billed Dowitcher** – Calling in flight near Everglades City  
**Long-billed Dowitcher** – At least one bird calling overhead at Babcock-Webb  
**Laughing Gull** – Everywhere there was a beach  
**Ring-billed Gull** – One near the marina at the Flamingo area in the Everglades  
**Brown Noddy** – Common off of Fort Jefferson  
**Sooty Tern** – Common off of Fort Jefferson  
**Least Tern** – Scattered around the many beaches we visited  
**Caspian Tern** – One was perched beside the Royal Terns in Marathon  
**Roseate Tern** – A few seen perched on a dock in Marathon  
**Sandwich Tern** – As above  
**Royal Tern** – Scattered throughout the Keys  
**Black Skimmer** – About six seen flying on our Florida Bay boat trip  
**Eurasian Collared-Dove** – Most residential areas had numerous pairs  
**Mourning Dove** – Everywhere in and around central Florida  
**Rock Pigeon** – Around different farm buildings and city streets  
**White-crowned Pigeon** – We had a few along the road on No Name Key  
**Common Ground-Dove** – Seen well at Benton-Webb  
**Monk Parakeet** – A single bird at Everglades County Park  
**Mangrove Cuckoo** – Seen well at Dagny SP on Key Largo  
**Barred Owl** – Two adults and two young sat very close to the Corkscrew trail

**Common Nighthawk** – Some saw an individual flying over the bay at our hotel  
**Antillean Nighthawk** – One seen between Everglades and Florida City  
**Chuck-will's-widow** – Two seen roosting at Fort Jefferson  
**Belted Kingfisher** – One on a wire in the Fort Myers area  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** – Only two and both at Fort Jefferson  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** – The most common woodpecker for the trip  
**Downy Woodpecker** – Seen at Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management area  
**Hairy Woodpecker** – Seen at Riverbend County Park  
**Northern Flicker** – A single bird was seen along a Central Florida highway  
**Pileated Woodpecker** – Best look were a pair in Everglades City  
**Great-crested Flycatcher** – The most common flycatcher on the trip  
**Eastern Kingbird** – Seen at Fort Jefferson  
**Gray Kingbird** – Seen on most of the keys  
**Loggerhead Shrike** – A pair feeding young in the Swamphen Area  
**White-eyed Vireo** – Seen (but more often heard) throughout the trip  
**Red-eyed Vireo** – One individual at No Name Key  
**Black-whiskered Vireo** – Seen on numerous keys  
**Blue Jay** – Mostly seen in neighborhoods  
**Florida Scrub Jay** – At Casperson Park, a pair that were quite tame  
**American Crow** – At Flamingo area in the Everglades and other locales  
**Fish Crow** – Venice had numerous birds calling  
**Purple Martin** – Numbers of these big swallows at Everglades City  
**Northern Rough-Winged Swallow** – Seen at Fort Jefferson  
**Bank Swallow** – Seen at Fort Jefferson  
**Tree Swallow** – The common swallow for the trip  
**Cliff Swallow** -- A few at Fort Jefferson  
**Barn Swallow** – Foraging over beaches at Fort Jefferson  
**Tufted Titmouse** – Corkscrew Swamp was the easiest location for these  
**Brown-headed Nuthatch** – Only one at Long Pine Key  
**Carolina Wren** – Calling almost everywhere  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – Best look was an adult at Babcock-Webb  
**Eastern Bluebird** – A nice male perched near the nest cavity at Long Pine Key  
**Veery** – One at Fort Jefferson  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush** – The common thrush at Fort Jefferson  
**Swainson's Thrush** – One at Fort Jefferson  
**Wood Thrush** – A solitary individual at Fort Jefferson  
**American Robin** – Scattered, but moving north  
**Gray Catbird** – Ubiquitous  
**Northern Mockingbird** – Mostly in neighborhoods  
**European Starling** – Unfortunately they were not uncommon  
**Common (Indian) Myna** – On the road next to Starbucks in Homestead  
**Cedar Waxwing** – A small flock was at Jonathon Dickinson SP  
**Ovenbird** – Seen on a number of the Keys  
**Northern Waterthrush** – Not common, but most were seen near water  
**Worm-eating Warbler** – Nice looks at Fort Jefferson  
**Black-and-white Warbler** – Scattered but common in forests  
**Tennessee Warbler** – One at Shark Valley

**Kentucky Warbler** – A female at Fort Jefferson  
**Common Yellowthroat** – In marshy areas with emergent vegetation  
**Hooded Warbler** – A nice male at Fort Jefferson  
**American Redstart** – Always a few at most stops with warblers  
**Cape May Warbler** – Fairly common  
**Northern Parula** – Corkscrew Swamp gave us our best looks  
**Magnolia Warbler** – A gorgeous male at Fort Jefferson  
**Yellow Warbler** – Not the least bit common, but seen at the Keys & at Fort Jefferson  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler** -- Seen on No Name Key  
**Bay-breasted Warbler** – Two adult males on Fort Jefferson  
**Blackpoll Warbler** – Nice adult males on Fort Jefferson  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – Dagny SP gave us our best looks  
**Palm Warbler** – All over the place  
**Pine Warbler** – Seen at Babcock-Webb Park, gave us great looks  
**Prairie Warbler** – Everywhere in appropriate habitat  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** – Best look was out on No Name Key  
**Eastern Towhee** – Long Pine Key had lots  
**Bachmann's Sparrow** – Heard only at Babcock-Webb Park  
**Savannah Sparrow** – In brushy coastal habitat  
**Summer Tanager** – Heard at Fort Jefferson  
**Scarlet Tanager** – Numerous females in gumbo-limbo trees on Fort Jefferson  
**Northern Cardinal** – Ubiquitous  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – Mostly great looking males, but also a few females  
**Blue Grosbeak** – A pair feeding on a flowering agave  
**Indigo Bunting** – Seen around the water feature at Fort Jefferson  
**Painted Bunting** - A female at Babcock-Webb WMA was the only one  
**Red-winged Blackbird** – Common where there was wet brush  
**Eastern Meadowlark** – Strangely, most common in Everglades National Park  
**Brewer's Blackbird** – A few at Babcock-Webb and in Shark Valley  
**Common Grackle** – The name says is all - common  
**Boat-tailed Grackle** – Just about any habitat had a few individuals  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** – In a mixed flock at Flamingo area of the Everglades  
**Shiny Cowbird** – Two adult males with the Flamingo area cowbird flock  
**Baltimore Oriole** – Seen feeding on gumbo-limbo berries at Anhinga Trail  
**House Sparrow** – At most McDonald's

[TOTAL 166](#)

**Hispid Cotton Rat** – One moving across the lawn at Long Pine Key  
**Eastern Gray Squirrel** – In most treed areas north of the Keys  
**Mexican Gray Squirrel** – The “gray” squirrel in the Keys we saw  
**White-tailed Deer** – Everglades National Park had them out in the morning  
**Key Deer** – The NWR named after them had them everywhere  
**Eastern Cottontail** – Seen by the parking lot at the Swamphen marsh  
**Raccoon** – Seen a couple of times along the Corkscrew Swamp  
**Bottle-nosed Dolphin** – Saw them feeding in the shallows off of Sanibel

**Brown Anole** – Everywhere

**Green Anole** – Everywhere

**Cooter** – The most common turtle on the trip

**Red-bellied Slider** – Seen on patches of veg along the Anhinga trail

**Soft-shelled Turtle** – One big one along the Panther NWR highway

**American Alligator** – Everywhere in south Florida

**American Crocodile** – At the Flamingo Marina

TOTAL 15