

HOT SPOTS FOR BIRDING in St. Johns County, FLORIDA



Bird Island Park

Description:	Bird Island Park opened in 2010. It is the result of hard-working volunteers who made a concerted effort to provide a beautiful nature walk and park for residents. It is a beautiful replica of bird habitats as well. A stroll through the park begins at the Gazebo and then through a turtle-shaped hedge maze of native plantings. As you pass the maze, to the right is a water feature with a bird rookery and second gazebo surrounded by a boardwalk. Continuing beyond the maze is a section of native hammock with an inviting bird bath. Many birds pass through this area every day. Bird Island is a relatively small park. However, the peaceful environment and the high likelihood of seeing birds and other wildlife makes it a very popular place for birders.	
Address:	101 Library Blvd. Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida	
	Parking: Enter at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Public Library and follow the sign directing you to the Bird Island parking area beyond the Library parking.	
Phone Number:	(904) 209-0346	
Fee:	No Fee	
Hours of Operation:	Open Daily, Dawn until Dusk	
Handicap Accessibility:	The boardwalk provides a good opportunity for individuals using walkers or wheel chairs. There is also handicap parking available.	
Website:	http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/Parks/BirdIslandPark.aspx	
Facilities Available:	Bathroom facilities are in the library during open hours. There are stores and restaurants very nearby.	
Types of Habitat:	The park is built to demonstrate a variety of habitats. Habitats represented are Freshwater Marsh, Upland Hammock, Coastal Dune and Bird Rookery. There is good signage that provides information about the park's habitats.	
Other Information:	Migratory birds are observed at appropriate times of the year especially in the hammocks.	
Level of Difficulty:	Easy access for everyone	
Species:	Rookery & Coastal Dune: Herons, Egrets, Anhinga, Cormorants, Gulls, Ibis, Ducks, Turtles Hammock: Woodpeckers, Chickadees, and Titmice, Nuthatches, Wrens, Warblers, Cardinals, Sparrows, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Waxwings, Finches and Blackbirds	
Bird Checklist Available:	No specific bird checklist. See St. Johns County Audubon checklist.	