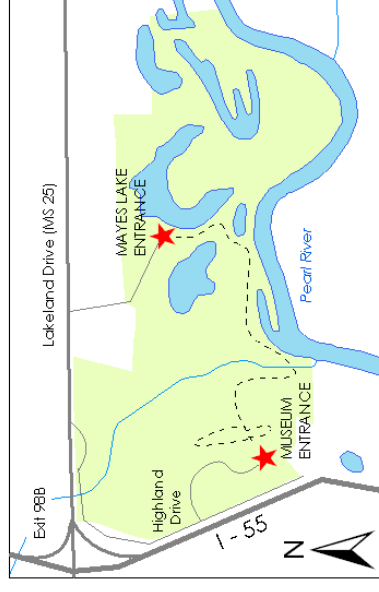


LeFleur's Bluff State Park encompasses 492 acres of Pearl River floodplain and adjacent uplands in the heart of Jackson, Mississippi. Oxbow lakes and cypress-tupelo swamps occupy depressions in the floodplain, while oak, elm, ash and other trees form a mixed bottomland hardwood forest in much of the park. Rising over 100 feet above the floodplain is a bluff which supports a rare and distinctive calcareous forest, characterized by species such as tulip tree, Shumard oak, and white ash. Less extensive communities include riverfront pioneer forest, shrub wetland, marsh, and the artificial grassland of the park's golf course.

This diversity of habitats supports an exceptional array of bird life for an urban park. 190 species have been recorded here, with 72 of those known to breed within the park—including such noteworthy species as Wood Duck, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Mississippi Kite, Barred Owl, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Summer Tanager, and Prothonotary, Kentucky, and Hooded Warblers. Spring and fall bring waves of warblers and other Neotropical migrants, while a long list of waterfowl species have paid visits to the park's waterbodies. Storks, ibises, and even Roseate Spoonbills occasionally wander here after the breeding season.

Birders from the novice to the expert will find much to occupy themselves here, from the Prothonotary Warbler nest-box trail, to the bird exhibits in the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (located on the park grounds), to the extensive bird-viewing area—with feeders and a large water feature—on the eastern side of the Museum.



Hours of LeFleur's Bluff State Park vary seasonally. Please call the Park Manager at 601-987-3923 for current information.

COMMON NAME	Sp	Su	F	W
<i>Waterfowl</i>				
___ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c
___ Wood Duck*	c	c	c	c
___ Mallard*	c	c	c	c
___ Northern Pintail				
___ Blue-winged Teal	o			
___ Green-winged Teal	o			
___ Northern Shoveler	o			
___ Gadwall	o			
___ American Wigeon	ca	ca	ca	ca
___ Canvasback	ca			
___ Redhead	ca			
___ Ring-necked Duck	o			
___ Greater Scaup				
___ Lesser Scaup				
___ Buffhead	o			
___ Hooded Merganser	o			
___ Red-breasted Merganser				
___ Ruddy Duck	o			
<i>New World Quail</i>				
___ Northern Bobwhite	ac	ac	ac	ac
<i>Grebes</i>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	u	o	u	u
<i>Pelicans</i>				
___ American White Pelican	u			
<i>Cormorants</i>				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	c	o	c	c
<i>Anhingas</i>				
___ Anhinga	o	o	o	o
<i>Hérons and Egrets</i>				
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret*	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Egret*	o	o	o	o
___ Little Blue Heron	o	o	o	o
___ Tricolored Heron	o	o	o	o
___ Cattle Egret	u	u	u	u
___ Green Heron*	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	c	u	u	u
<i>Ibises and Spoonbills</i>				
___ White Ibis	ca	ca	o	
___ Glossy Ibis	ca	ca	o	
___ Roseate Spoonbill	ca	ca	ca	ca
<i>Storks</i>				
___ Wood Stork				
<i>New World Vultures</i>				
___ Black Vulture	c	c	c	c
___ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c

COMMON NAME	Sp	Su	F	W
<i>Hawks, Eagles, and Allies</i>				
___ Osprey	o	o	o	o
___ Mississippi Kite*	u	u	u	u
___ Bald Eagle	o	o	o	o
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk	u	o	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c
___ Broad-winged Hawk	o	o	o	o
___ Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u
<i>Falcons</i>				
___ American Kestrel	o	o	o	o
<i>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</i>				
___ Sora	o			
___ Common Moorhen	u	u	u	u
___ American Coot	o	o	o	o
<i>Plovers</i>				
___ Killdeer*	u	u	u	u
<i>Sandpipers and Allies</i>				
___ Greater Yellowlegs	o			
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o			
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	o			
___ American Woodcock				
<i>Gulls and Terns</i>				
___ Bonaparte's Gull	u	u	u	u
___ Ring-billed Gull	u	u	u	u
___ Herring Gull	u	u	u	u
___ Forster's Tern	u	u	u	u
<i>Pigeons and Doves</i>				
___ Rock Pigeon*	u	u	u	u
___ Mourning Dove*	a	a	a	a
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	u	u	u	u
<i>Cuckoos</i>				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	u	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	o			
<i>Owls</i>				
___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Barred Owl*	c	c	c	c
<i>Nightjars</i>				
___ Common Nighthawk*	c	c	u	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	u			
___ Whip-poor-will	o			
<i>Swifts</i>				
___ Chimney Swift*	a	a	a	a
<i>Hummingbirds</i>				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	c	u	
<i>Kingfishers</i>				
___ Belted Kingfisher*	c	c	c	c

COMMON NAME	Sp	Su	F	W
<i>Woodpeckers</i>				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	a	c	c	a
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	a	a	a	a
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c			
___ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker*	c	u	c	c
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c
<i>Flycatchers</i>				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c	c
___ Empidonax species	u			
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	u	u
___ Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	u
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	u	u
___ Eastern Kingbird*	c	u	u	u
<i>Shrikes</i>				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	ca	ca	ca	ca
<i>Vireos</i>				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	a	c	c	ca
___ Blue-headed Vireo	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u	u
___ Warbling Vireo	o			
___ Philadelphia Vireo	o			
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	u	u
<i>Jays and Crows</i>				
___ Blue Jay*	a	a	a	a
___ American Crow*	a	a	a	a
___ Fish Crow*	a	a	a	a
<i>Martins and Swallows</i>				
___ Purple Martin*	c	c	u	u
___ Tree Swallow	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	u	u	u	u
___ Cliff Swallow	u	u	u	u
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	u	u
<i>Chickadees and Titmice</i>				
___ Carolina Chickadee*	a	a	a	a
___ Tufted Titmouse*	a	a	a	a
<i>Nuthatches</i>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o			
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	ca	ca	ca	ca
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
<i>Creepers</i>				
___ Brown Creeper	u			
<i>Wrens</i>				
___ Carolina Wren*	a	a	a	a
___ House Wren	o			
___ Winter Wren	u			
___ Bewick's Wren	ca			

COMMON NAME

Sp Su F W

Seasonal Codes

Sp = Spring March - May
 Su = Summer June - July
 F = Fall August - November
 W = Winter December - February

BIRD CHECKLIST

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COMMON NAME	Sp	Su	F	W	COMMON NAME	Sp	Su	F	W
<i>Kinglets</i>					___ Louisiana Waterthrush*	u	o	u	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	u	u	u	___ Kentucky Warbler*	u	o	u	
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	u	c	c	___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	u	u	u
<i>Gnatcatchers</i>					___ Hooded Warbler*	c	c	c	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c	ca	___ Wilson's Warbler	o	o	o	
<i>Thrushes and Allies</i>					___ Canada Warbler	o	o	u	
___ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c	___ Yellow-breasted Chat	u	o	u	
___ Veery	u	u	u		<i>Tanagers</i>				
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	u	u	u		___ Summer Tanager*	c	c	u	
___ Swainson's Thrush	u	u	u		___ Scarlet Tanager	u	u	u	
___ Hermit Thrush	u	u	u	c	<i>Sparrows</i>				
___ Wood Thrush*	c	u	u	c	___ Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	c
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	a	___ Chipping Sparrow*	u	u	u	u
<i>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</i>					___ Field Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Gray Catbird	u	o	u	o	___ Vesper Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Mockingbird*	a	a	a	a	___ Savannah Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Brown Thrasher*	c	c	c	c	___ Fox Sparrow	u	u	u	u
<i>Starlings</i>					___ Song Sparrow	u	u	u	c
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c	___ Lincoln's Sparrow	o	o	o	
<i>Waxwings</i>					___ Swamp Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ Cedar Waxwing	c	c	c	c	___ White-throated Sparrow	c	a	a	a
<i>New World Warblers</i>					___ White-crowned Sparrow	u	u	u	u
___ Blue-winged Warbler	u	o	o	o	___ Dark-eyed Junco	c	c	c	c
___ Golden-winged Warbler	o	o	u	u	<i>New World Finches</i>				
___ Tennessee Warbler	u	u	u	u	___ Northern Cardinal*	a	a	a	a
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	o	u	u	u	___ Evening Grosbeak	u	u	u	ca
___ Northern Parula*	c	c	u	u	___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u	u	u	
___ Yellow Warbler	u	u	u	u	___ Blue Grosbeak*	u	u	u	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	o	o	o	o	___ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c	
___ Magnolia Warbler	o	u	u	u	___ Painted Bunting	o	o	o	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c	c	a	<i>Blackbirds, Orioles, and Allies</i>				
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	u	u	u	u	___ Red-winged Blackbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Blackburnian Warbler	o	o	u	u	___ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	u	u	u	u	___ Rusty Blackbird	u	u	u	u
___ Nashville Warbler	o	o	o	o	___ Common Grackle*	a	a	a	a
___ Pine Warbler*	c	c	c	c	___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	c
___ Palm Warbler	o	o	o	o	___ Orchard Oriole	u	o	u	
___ Prairie Warbler	o	o	o	o	___ Baltimore Oriole	u	u	u	u
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	o	o	o	o	<i>Old World Finches</i>				
___ Blackpoll Warbler	o	o	u	u	___ Purple Finch	u	u	u	o
___ Cerulean Warbler	o	o	u	u	___ House Finch*	u	u	u	u
___ Black-and-white Warbler*	u	o	u	u	___ Pine Siskin	o	o	o	o
___ American Redstart*	u	u	u	u	___ American Goldfinch	c	u	u	c
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	u	u	<i>Weaver Finches</i>				
___ Worm-eating Warbler	u	u	u	u	___ House Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ Swainson's Warbler	u	u	u	u	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
___ Ovenbird	u	u	u	u	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
___ Northern Waterthrush	o	o	u	u	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Abundance Codes

a = abundant (numerous and widespread)
 c = common (certain to be seen/heard in suitable habitat)
 u = uncommon (present but not certain to be observed)
 o = occasional (observed only a few times during a season)
 ca = casual (observed only once every few years)
 ac = accidental (observed only once or twice total)
 * = species known to breed within the park

Date _____ Time _____

Weather _____

Observer(s) _____

Total Species _____

Notes _____

This checklist was compiled by the Jackson Audubon Society, based on over 50 years of documented observations by JAS members. It is up to date as of May 2007.

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