



# Backyard Birds of Central Florida

**At Bird Feeders** - Many birds will visit feeders year-round. Some species look different in the winter, with duller, more mottled plumage.



**Northern Cardinal**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*



**Tufted Titmouse**  
*Baeolophus bicolor*



**Blue Jay**  
*Cyanocitta cristata*



**Carolina Chickadee**  
*Poecile carolinensis*



**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**  
*Archilochus colubris*



**House Finch**  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*



**American Goldfinch (w)**  
*Spinus tristis*

**In Trees, on Trunks and Branches** - Look for mixed flocks moving through the trees hunting insects or feeding on berries. Listen for dove coos, owl hoots, and woodpecker drums.



**Mourning Dove**  
*Zenaida macroura*



**Great Crested Flycatcher (s)**  
*Myiarchus crinitus*



**Northern Parula**  
*Setophaga americana*



**Yellow-throated Warbler**  
*Setophaga dominica*



**Barred Owl**  
*Strix varia*



**Eastern Phoebe (w)**  
*Sayornis phoebe*



**Blue-grey Gnatcatcher**  
*Polioptila caerulea*



**Chipping Sparrow (w) \***  
*Spizella passerina*



**American Robin (w) \***  
*Turdus migratorius*



**Yellow-rumped Warbler (w) \***  
*Setophaga coronata*



**Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
*Melanerpes carolinus*



**Downy Woodpecker**  
*Dryobates pubescens*



**Pileated Woodpecker**  
*Dryocopus pileatus*

s = summer only  
w = winter only  
\* = often found on the ground

**In and Around Bushes, Shrubs, and Hedges** - Look in brushy vegetation as it provides nesting sites, food, and cover for many birds. Try saying "Pish-Pish-Pish" and some birds may peek their head out!



**Carolina Wren**  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*



**White-eyed Vireo**  
*Vireo griseus*



**Common Yellowthroat**  
*Geothlypis trichas*



**Brown Thrasher**  
*Toxostoma rufum*



**Gray Catbird (w)**  
*Dumetella carolinensis*



**Northern Mockingbird**  
*Mimus polyglottos*

**Large Walking Birds** - These species can fly but spend most of their time foraging on foot.



**Sandhill Crane**  
*Antigone canadensis*



**Juvenile White Ibis**  
*Eudocimus albus*



**White Ibis**  
*Eudocimus albus*



**Wild Turkey**  
*Meleagris gallopavo*

**Flying Overhead** - Listen for crow caws or the sharp cries of ospreys, herons, hawks, or eagles. These common flyover species have distinctive body shapes.



**American Crow**  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*



**Swallow-tailed Kite\***  
*Elanoides forficatus*



**Osprey**  
*Pandion haliaetus*



**Great Blue Heron**  
*Ardea herodias*



**Red-tailed Hawk**  
*Buteo jamaicensis*



**Bald Eagle**  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



**Red-shouldered Hawk**  
*Buteo lineatus*



**Turkey Vulture**  
*Cathartes aura*



**Black Vulture**  
*Coragyps atratus*

\*Spring, summer, and early fall only

**Weedy Fields, Edges, and Scrubby Areas** - These birds may be hidden in tall grass or thickets and pop up on a stem or branch to look around.



**Eastern Bluebird**  
*Sialia sialis*



**Painted Bunting**  
*Passerina ciris*



**Palm Warbler\* (w)**  
*Setophaga palmarum*



**Eastern Towhee**  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

\*Look for tail bobbing, a common behavior of this species.