



Birds of Cypress Wetlands

- **Great Egret**
Ardea alba
harsh, nasally squeaks,
croaks, and calls



Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe at Cypress Wetlands. Use this brochure to learn about several bird species and see how many you can find today!

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Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location, call, and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and make notes of any identifying field marks:

- **wing bars**
Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?

- **tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

- **Black-crowned Night Heron**
Nycticorax nycticorax
a bark-like squawk

- **tail markings**
Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?

- **side**
What color are the bird's sides?

- **nape**
Is the back of the neck another color?

- **eye features**
What colors are around the eye?

- **belly**
What color is the bird's belly?

- **breast**
Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?

- **throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?

- **beak or bill**
What shape and color is the beak?

- **crown**
Does the bird have a crest or different color on top of the head?




What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise? Is it on the ground digging in leaves? Or is it in the water swimming?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a raven or small like a chickadee? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? What color is it, and what types of markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you observe in the Cypress Wetlands.

 Check off the birds you find on your adventure!



○ **Barred Owl**
Strix varia
hoots "Who cooks for you?
Who cooks for you-all?"

○ **Carolina Wren**
Thryothorus ludovicianus
Loud, rhythmic "teakettle,
teakettle, teakettle"

○ **Wood Stork**
Mycteria americana
silent; sometimes makes
sounds by snapping their bill

○ **Green Heron**
Butorides virescens
harsh, explosive "skeow"
or raspy clucks

○ **Red-shouldered Hawk**
Buteo lineatus
loud "kee-aah," often repeated

○ **Great Blue Heron**
Ardea herodias
squawk "roh-roh-roh" or
a series of deep "frawnk"

○ **Western Cattle-Egret**
Ardea ibis
raspy 'rick-rack' calls

○ **Tricolored Heron**
Egretta tricolor
quivering, scratchy call

○ **Pied-billed Grebe**
Podilymbus podiceps
rapid whoops, coos, or
a "kuk-kuk-kuk" call

○ **Snowy Egret**
Egretta thula
raspy, nasally calls

○ **Little Blue Heron**
Egretta caerulea
hoarse squawks or croaks

○ **Common Gallinule**
Gallinula galeata
chicken-like clucks, squawks,
whinnies, and yelps