



# Birds of the Spanish Moss Trail



○ White Ibis  
*Eudocimus albus*  
a harsh, nasally honk

Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe on the Spanish Moss Trail. 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:

### tail bars

Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

### wing bars

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

### 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?

### crown

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

### beak or bill

What shape and color is the beak?

### breast

Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?

### belly

What color is the bird's belly?

### tail markings

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

### Blue Jay

*Cyanocitta cristata*  
a loud "jeer" or a stew of clicks, whistles, gurgles, calls, and other noises





# 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 fishing in the water?

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

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you spot while exploring the Spanish Moss Trail.

✔ Check off the birds you find on your adventure!



○ Osprey  
*Pandion haliaetus*  
a high-pitched screech, strung together in a series sometimes



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



○ Painted Bunting  
*Passerina ciris*  
a series of short, musical notes strung together



○ Northern Cardinal  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*  
lazer-like "cheer, cheer, cheer" or "purty-purty-purty"



○ Red-winged Blackbird  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
trills "conk-la-ree"



○ Carolina Chickadee  
*Poecile carolinensis*  
whistles "hi, sweetie" or a string of "chicka-dee-dee-dee"



○ Northern Mockingbird  
*Mimus polyglottos*  
primarily mimics sounds, whistling them together in various phrases



○ Red-bellied Woodpecker  
*Melanerpes carolinus*  
a shrill, rolling "churr"



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



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



○ Snowy Egret  
*Egretta thula*  
raspy, nasally calls



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