



Birds of Cypress Gardens



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

Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe at Cypress Gardens. Use this brochure to learn about the birds that call this place home and see how many you can find on your hike!

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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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

○ **Tufted Titmouse**
Baeolophus bicolor
fast, clear "peter peter peter!"

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 at this TRACK Trail.

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!



Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Archilochus colubris
series of chips or "chee-dit"



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



Northern Flicker
Colaptes auratus
loud, rattling series of notes



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



Eastern Bluebird
Sialia sialis
soft, low-pitched "tu-a-wee"



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



Belted Kingfisher
Megaceryle alcyon
harsh mechanical rattles



Pileated Woodpecker
Dryocopus pileatus
repetitive, monkey-like clucks



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



Osprey
Pandion haliaetus
high-pitched whistling



Carolina Chickadee
Poecile carolinensis
rapid "chickadee-dee-dee"



Wood Duck
Aix sponsa
Loud, squeaky "oo-eek, oo-eek" or "what, what, what"



Snowy Egret
Egretta thula
loud, nasally squawks