

Birds seen on a family holiday in Florida first week in Kissimmee second week in Saint Petersburg
from 20/5/2000 to 5/6/2000.

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Pied-billed Grebe	1, seen Southport Park Lake Tohopekaliga 22/5, 2, birds J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wild Life Refuge 31/5
American White Pelican	2, Birds seen on lake at Myakka River State Park, 29/5
Brown Pelican	Common seen daily on second week around St. Pete Beach and other coastal localities.
Double-crested Cormorant	1, St Cloud 23/5, odd birds seen in the Kissimmee area first week, very common in St. Pete Beach area, with up to 20 birds seen on a small lake on a nearby golf course most days.
Anhinga	1, bird on small lakes on three occasions round our Hotel in Kissimmee on the first week, also seen frequently in the Kissimmee area first week, also Single birds seen J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 30/5 and 31/5
Magnificent Frigatebird	Common up to 10 present off St. Pete Beach daily, also regularly seen flying over our Hotel.
Least Bittern	1, seen near the tower hide Merritt Island 24/5, 1 J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Bailey Track 31/5
Great Blue Heron	Common seen in suitable habitat throughout the holiday.
Great Egret	Common seen in suitable habitat throughout the holiday.
Snowy Egret	Very common seen almost anywhere.
Little Blue Heron	Fairly common around the Kissimmee area, also seen most days on the Gulf Coast.
Tricolored Heron	Usually single birds seen almost anywhere by water fairly common.
Reddish Egret	1, Fort De Soto County Park 28/5, 2 J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 30/5 and 2 there 31/5, Fort De Soto causeway, 2/6
Cattle Egret	Common seen frequently along grassy roadside verges, and anywhere around livestock.
Green Heron	Only one seen the first week at Merritt Island, 3 to 4 seen in trees from our hotel balcony in the gardens below at St. Pete Beach most days , also seen "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.
Black-crowned Night Heron	1 J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 31/5, and 1 on the causeway to Fort De Soto County Park 2/6
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	1, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 30/5, and 4 there on 31/5
White Ibis	Very common seen almost anywhere in suitable habitat.
Glossy Ibis	Only a few seen usually with White Ibis.
Roseate Spoonbill	10+, Merritt Island 24/5, often up to 10 seen roosting golf course near St. Pete Beach when passing, also seen. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 30/5
Wood Stork	10+, Merritt Island 24/5, 3 Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5, 1 "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 30/5, 1 seen on route to Airport 3/6
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	4, seen on river Myakka River State Park, 29/5
Muscovy Duck	2, East Lake Tohopekaliga St Cloud , 21/5

Wood Duck	Pair by a river Prairie Lakes Preserve 23/5
Mottled Duck	Common seen in suitable habitat throughout the holiday.
Mallard	Common around theme parks, wild bird seen Myakka River State Park, 29/5
Red-breasted Merganser	1, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 31/5
Black Vulture	Scarcer than Turkey Vulture however still very common and easy to see in the Kissimmee area, seen less frequently on the gulf coast.
Turkey Vulture	Very common seen just about everywhere in the Kissimmee area, much less frequently on the gulf coast.
Osprey	Very common seen anywhere around water and counted 11 nests in a row along highway 75 on top of pylons
Swallow-tailed Kite	1, St Cloud 21/5, 2 near Southport Park 22/5, and 5, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5
Snail Kite	3, Southport Park, Lake Tohopekaliga 22/5,
Bald Eagle	1, at the junction to Cypress Lake, 21/5, 1, Southport Park Lake Tohopekaliga 22/5, 1, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 near Titusville 24/5, 2, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5 and 5 Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5
Red-tailed Hawk	1 perched on wires St Cloud 21/5
Crested Caracara	2, feeding with Vultures on roadside verge along Canoe Creek Road by the turn off to Cypress Lake, 21/5
Wild Turkey	2, on route to Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5 and up to 10 birds seen in the Park, 26/5
Moorhen	Common on most Lakes, up to 200 seen at Myakka River State Park, 29/5
American Coot	Scare odd bird seen in most wetland habitats throughout the holiday.
Limpkin	3, East Lake Tohopekaliga , St Cloud 21/5
Sandhill Crane	Common seen in suitable habitat throughout the holiday, also surprisingly seen in residential areas.
Black-bellied Plover	1, seen. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 31/5
Wilson's Plover	3, Fort De Soto County Park 2/6, and 1, there 2/6
Semipalmated Plover	Odd birds seen around Merritt Island 24/5, also small numbers seen Myakka River State Park, 29/5/00, 3, Fort De Soto County Park 28/5
Killdeer	10, seen Southport Park Lake Tohopekaliga 22/5, also odd birds seen around Merritt Island 24/5
American Oystercatcher	8, Fort De Soto County Park 28/5, also 3 flew over our hotel 1/6
Black-necked Stilts	10+ Southport Park Lake Tohopekaliga 22/5, 10 Merritt Island 24/5, 20+ Myakka River State Park, 29/5
Willet	3, Merritt Island 24/5, 30 Fort De Soto County Park 27/5, 10 there 28/5, 10 "Ding" Darling National Wild Life Refuge 30/5, 1 Fort De Soto County Park, 2/6
Ruddy Turnstone	4, Playalinda Beach Canaveral National Seashore 24/5
Sanderling	4, Playalinda Beach Canaveral National Seashore 24/5
Semipalmated Sandpiper	30+ Myakka River State Park, 29/5
Western Sandpiper	3+ Myakka River State Park, 29/5
Baird's Sandpiper	1, Merritt Island 24/5
Short-billed Dowitcher	2, Fort De Soto County Park 28/5
Laughing Gull	Very common at all coastal locations.
Ringed-billed Gull	1, Island of Adventure, Kissimmee, 25/5

Gull-billed Tern	1, Saint Petersburg, 27/5
Royal Tern	10+, Playalinda Beach Canaveral National Seashore 24/5, common off St. Pete Beach Saint Petersburg second week.
Sandwich Tern	Odd birds seen off St. Pete Beach Saint Petersburg second.
Forster's Tern	1, along the causeway to Fort De Soto County Park 2/6
Least Tern	Common second week off St. Pete Beach Saint Petersburg and Fort De Soto County Park .
Black Skimmer	2, Fort De Soto County Park, 28/5, 4, over our Hotel, St. Pete Beach, 1/6, 25+, Fort De Soto causeway, 2/6
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Common and Widespread.
Collared Dove	Not seen in the Kissimmee area, very common around our Hotel and St. Pete Beach, Saint Petersburg
White-winged Dove	Only one seen at Tampa on 27/5
Mourning Dove	Common seen everywhere.
Common Ground-Dove	Not very common, 8, Fort De Soto County Park, 28/5, 1, Oscar Scherer State Park, 31/5, 8,+ Fort De Soto County Park, 31/5,
Monk Parakeet	8+ , Saint Petersburg 29/5
Barred Owl	1, Prairie Lakes Preserve 23/5, 2, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5
Common Nighthawk	3, flying over the illuminated globe at Epcot 23/5, 1, seen hawking around 11 a.m. Fort De Soto County Park, 28/5.
Chimney Swift	Quite common odd birds seen usually early morning throughout the holiday.
Red-headed Woodpecker	1, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Quite common seen in suitable habitat throughout the holiday.
Downy Woodpecker	2, Prairie Lakes Preserve 23/5, 2, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5, 4 Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5, 1, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 31/5.
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	2, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 21/5 and one there on 23/5
Northern Flicker	2, by the tower hide Merritt Island 24/5
Pileated Woodpecker	3, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5, 1, "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 30/5
Great-crested Flycatcher	1, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 21/5, 6, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5
Eastern Kingbird	1, Joe Overstrand Road near Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 23/5
Gray Kingbird	2, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 31/5
Purple Martin	Odd birds seen throughout the holiday, 8+ going to roost at a nesting box at Epcot, 23/5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	2, along the causeway to Fort De Soto County Park, 2/6
Barn Swallow	Visual migration of small loose flocks north Playalinda Beach Canaveral National Seashore 24/5
Blue Jay	Quite common seen in suitable habit throughout the holiday usually in pairs.
Florida Scrub Jay	1, on the road near the park toll booth to Playalinda Beach Canaveral National Seashore 24/5, at least 5 Oscar Scherer State Park, 31/5
American Crow	Common and Widespread

Fish Crow	Common especially in coastal areas.
Carolina Chickadee	4, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5
Tufted Titmouse	Quite common at Lake Kissimmee State Park, 10 seen there 26/5
Brown-headed Nuthatch	2, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 21/5
Carolina Wren	1, Prairie Lakes Preserve, 21/5, 4, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5, 4, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5
Blue -gray Gnatcatcher	4, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5, 1, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5
Eastern Bluebird	8, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 21/5 also seen there on 23/5
Northern Mockingbird	Very common seen daily.
Brown Thrasher	1, at the junction to Cypress Lake, 21/5, 2, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 21/5
Loggerhead Shrike	Fairly common around our hotel at Kissimmee, a family of them seen on our arrival, and the odd bird seen throughout the holiday.
European Starling	Common everywhere.
White-eyed Vireo	1, Prairie Lakes Preserve, 21/5, 1, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 30/5
Northern Parula	Odd birds seen in most woodland habitats. 4, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5,
Pine Warbler	Odd birds seen or heard in most woodland habitats, 5, Prairie Lakes Preserve, 21/5
Prairie Warbler	2, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wild Life Refuge 31/5,
Common Yellowthroat	1, Prairie Lakes Preserve, 21/5
Summer Tanager	8+, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5,
Northern Cardinal	2, Prairie Lakes Preserve, 21/5, odd birds seen in most woodlands quite common.
Eastern Towhee	1, Prairie Lakes Preserve, 21/5, 1, there 23/5, 1, Lake Kissimmee State Park 26/5
Bachman's Sparrow	1, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 23/5
Red-winged Blackbird	10+, East Lake Tohopekaliga St Cloud 21/5, also seen in most wetland areas visited very common.
Eastern Meadowlark	1, Canoe Creek, Road, 21/5, 10+, Joe Overstrand Road near Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, 23/5, also odd birds seen perched on wires throughout the holiday.
Boat-tailed Grackle	Very common seen everywhere.
Common Grackle	Very common around our hotel at Kissimmee, and seen in most areas.
Shiny Cowbird	1, Fort De Soto County Park , 2/6
House Sparrow	Common seen in urban areas.

Total number of species 112