

Frank M. Chapman, for whom this area is named, was an early ornithologist who lived in Alachua County in the winter and spring of 1887. He began the original holiday bird counts in 1900 as an alternative to the then common practice of shooting birds on Christmas Day. A century later, birders all over North America still do Christmas bird counts.

Chapman also was the author of many books, served on the staff of the American Museum of Natural History for 42 years, and persuaded President Teddy Roosevelt to establish Pelican Island in Florida as the first Federal Bird Reservation, the forerunner of hundreds of National Wildlife Refuges throughout the country today.

The notation of birds on this present day checklist that were also seen by Chapman in 1887 comes from the work of Dr. Oliver L. Austin, Jr. One of the species seen by Chapman, the Passenger Pigeon, is now extinct. Projects like Chapman's Pond reflect GRU's long standing commitment to habitat preservation and creation, to ensure that the species listed here will continue to be part of the environmental diversity of our community for generations to come.



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Chapman's Pond Area BIRD LIST

“The place seemed to be alive with birds, ducks were flying from place to place, coots and herons were apparently common. On the shore near me birds were just as abundant; a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers with flaming crests were pounding away in a tree above my head and with them were hundreds of Flickers and one Red-bellied Woodpecker. Doves whistled through the woods at my approach, Bluejays screamed, Mockers chirped and hundreds of birds flew from tree to tree. Truly I was in an ornithologists’ paradise.”

— November 28, 1886

Frank M. Chapman in Florida
University of Florida Press, 1967

BIRD LIST LEGEND	
W	Mid-November to end of February
SP	March to mid-May, includes migrants that may be present for only short periods
SU	Mid-May to mid-August
F	Mid-August to mid-November, includes migrants
<i>Birds in italic were also seen by Frank Chapman in 1887</i>	
C	Common, likely to be present on most outings
U	Uncommon, usually present at some time during the season
R	Rare, very infrequent, not present annually
X	Accidental

SPECIES	W	SP	SU	F
GREBES				
<i>Pied-billed Grebe</i>	C	U	R	C
PELICANS				
American White Pelican	X			
CORMORANTS AND ANHINGAS				
Double-Crested Cormorant	U	U	R	U
<i>Anhinga</i>			R	
HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS				
<i>Great Blue Heron</i>	C	U	U	U
<i>Great Egret</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Snowy Egret</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Little Blue Heron</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Tricolored Heron</i>	C	U	U	U
<i>Cattle Egret</i>	U	C	C	C
<i>Green Heron</i>	R	C	C	R
IBIS AND SPOONBILLS				
<i>White Ibis</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Glossy Ibis</i>	U	U	R	U
<i>Roseate Spoonbill</i>			R	
STORKS				
Wood Stork	U	U	U	U
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
<i>Black Vulture</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Turkey Vulture</i>	C	C	C	C
DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS				
Black-bellied Whistling Duck		R	R	
Greater White-fronted Goose	X			
<i>Wood Duck</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Gadwall</i>	U			
<i>American Wigeon</i>	U			
<i>Mallard</i>	R			
<i>Mottled Duck</i>	R			
<i>Blue-winged Teal</i>	C	C	C	X
<i>Northern Shoveler</i>	U			
<i>Northern Pintail</i>	R			
<i>Green-winged Teal</i>	C	C		
<i>Redhead</i>	R			
<i>Ring-necked Duck</i>	U			
<i>Lesser Scaup</i>	U			
<i>Bufflehead</i>	R			

SPECIES	W	SP	SU	F
Common Goldeneye				
<i>Hooded Merganser</i>	C			
<i>Ruddy Duck</i>	U			
OSPREY				
<i>Osprey</i>	U	C	C	C
HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES				
<i>Swallow-Tailed Kite</i>			R	
<i>Mississippi Kite</i>		C	C	
<i>Bald Eagle</i>	C	U	U	U
<i>Northern Harrier</i>	U			
<i>Sharp-shinned Hawk</i>	U	U		U
<i>Cooper's Hawk</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Red-shouldered Hawk</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Broad-winged Hawk</i>		R	R	
<i>Red-tailed Hawk</i>	C	U	U	U
FALCONS AND CARACARAS				
<i>American Kestrel</i>	C	C		C
<i>Merlin</i>	R			
<i>Peregrine Falcon</i>	X			
TURKEYS & QUAIL				
<i>Wild Turkey</i>			R	
<i>Northern Bobwhite</i>		R		
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS				
<i>Sora</i>	R			
<i>Purple Gallinule</i>			U	
<i>Common Moorhen</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>American Coot</i>	C	C		
CRANES				
<i>Sandhill Crane</i>	R			
PLOVERS				
<i>Semipalmated Plover</i>		X		
<i>Killdeer</i>	C	U	R	U
AVOCETS AND STILTS				
<i>Black-necked Stilt</i>		U		
SANDPIPERS				
<i>Greater Yellowlegs</i>	C	U	U	U
<i>Lesser Yellowlegs</i>	C	U	U	U
<i>Solitary Sandpiper</i>		U	U	U
<i>Spotted Sandpiper</i>		U	U	U
<i>Semipalmated Sandpiper</i>				R
<i>Least Sandpiper</i>	U	U	U	R
<i>Pectoral Sandpiper</i>		R	R	R
<i>Dunlin</i>	X			
<i>Stilt Sandpiper</i>	X	R	R	R
<i>Long-billed Dowitcher</i>	U			
<i>Common Snipe</i>	C	U		
GULLS AND TERNS				
<i>Bonaparte's Gull</i>	R			
<i>Ring-billed Gull</i>	U	U		U
<i>Forster's Tern</i>	U	R		R
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
<i>Mourning Dove</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Common Ground-Dove</i>	R	R	R	R

SPECIES	W	SP	SU	F
OWLS				
<i>Eastern Screech-Owl</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Great Horned Owl</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Barred Owl</i>	U	U	U	U
SWIFTS				
<i>Chimney Swift</i>		C	C	
<i>Vaux's Swift</i>	X	X		
HUMMINGBIRDS				
<i>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</i>		C	C	
KINGFISHERS				
<i>Belted Kingfisher</i>	C			
WOODPECKERS				
<i>Red-bellied Woodpecker</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Downy Woodpecker</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Northern Flicker</i>	C			
<i>Pileated Woodpecker</i>	C	C	C	C
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
<i>Eastern Phoebe</i>	C			
<i>Great Crested Flycatcher</i>		C	C	
<i>Eastern Kingbird</i>		U	U	
<i>Gray Kingbird</i>		X		
SHRIKES				
<i>Loggerhead Shrike</i>	C	C	C	C
VIREOS AND ALLIES				
<i>White-eyed Vireo</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Blue-headed Vireo</i>	U	U		U
CROWS AND JAYS				
<i>Blue Jay</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>American Crow</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Fish Crow</i>	C	C	C	C
SWALLOWS				
<i>Purple Martin</i>		U	U	
<i>Tree Swallow</i>	C			
<i>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</i>		U		
<i>Bank Swallow</i>		X		
<i>Barn Swallow</i>		U		
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
<i>Carolina Chickadee</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Tufted Titmouse</i>	C	C	C	C
WRENS				
<i>Carolina Wren</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>House Wren</i>	U			
<i>Marsh Wren</i>	R			
<i>Sedge Wren</i>	U			
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
<i>Golden-crowned Kinglet</i>	R			
<i>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</i>	C	U		C
<i>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</i>	C	C	C	C
THRUSHES				
<i>Eastern Bluebird</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>American Robin</i>	C			

SPECIES	W	SP	SU	F
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS				
<i>Gray Catbird</i>	C	U		U
<i>Northern Mockingbird</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Brown Thrasher</i>	U	U	U	U
PIPITS				
<i>American Pipit</i>	R			
WAXWINGS				
<i>Cedar Waxwing</i>	C	C		U
WOOD WARBLERS				
<i>Orange-crowned Warbler</i>	U	U		
<i>Northern Parula</i>		C	C	C
<i>Yellow Warbler</i>			U	U
<i>Yellow-rumped Warbler</i>	C	C		
<i>Yellow-throated Warbler</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Pine Warbler</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Prairie Warbler</i>	R	U	U	U
<i>Palm Warbler</i>	C	U		U
<i>Bay-breasted Warbler</i>				X
<i>Black-and white Warbler</i>	U	U		U
<i>American Redstart</i>		U		U
<i>Ovenbird</i>	R			U
<i>Northern Waterthrush</i>		R		R
<i>Common Yellowthroat</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Canada Warbler</i>				X
TANAGERS				
<i>Summer Tanager</i>		U	U	U
SPARROWS, TOWHEES, JUNCOS				
<i>Eastern Towhee</i>	U			
<i>Chipping Sparrow</i>	U			
<i>Field Sparrow</i>	X			
<i>Savannah Sparrow</i>	C			
<i>Song Sparrow</i>	U			
<i>Swamp Sparrow</i>	U			
<i>White-crowned Sparrow</i>	R			
<i>White-throated Sparrow</i>	C			
CARDINALS AND ALLIES				
<i>Northern Cardinal</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Blue Grosbeak</i>			U	
<i>Indigo Bunting</i>		R	U	
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, AND GRACKLES				
<i>Red-winged Blackbird</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Rusty Blackbird</i>	X			
<i>Common Grackle</i>	C	U	U	U
<i>Boat-tailed Grackle</i>	C	C	C	C
<i>Orchard Oriole</i>		U		
FINCHES AND SISKINS				
<i>House Finch</i>	U			
<i>American Goldfinch</i>	U			
<p>This checklist is based on records available through May 2001. Names and sequence of species follow the July 2000 edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist. This checklist was compiled by Karen Johnson with special assistance from Rex K. Rowan and many other members of the Alachua Audubon Society. Thanks to the Alachua Audubon Society for all their assistance with Chapman's Pond.</p>				