

Lesson Plan: *Birds and Mammals*

Guides should know how to use a good bird book such as National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America or The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds, Eastern Region.

Birds seen on Crescent J Ranch and Forever Florida

(Those in parentheses have been seen five or fewer times by Dr. Broussard or visiting birders.)

Mostly large, long-legged birds

(Whooping Crane)
Sandhill Crane
Wood Stork
Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night Heron
(Yellow-crowned Night Heron)
Little Blue Heron
Tri-colored Heron
Green Heron
Great/Common Egret
Cattle Egret
Snowy Egret
White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
Limpkin
(Greater Yellowlegs)

Waterfowl

(Snow Goose)
(White Pelican)
Anhinga
(Cormorant)
(Purple Gallinule)
Common Moorhen
Black Duck
Wood Duck
(Hooded Merganser)
American Coot
Pied-billed Grebe

Birds of Prey

Bald Eagle
Crested Caracara
Swallow-tailed Kite [March-July]
Snail Kite
(Everglades Kite)
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Marsh Hawk / Northern Harrier
Short-tailed Hawk, dark morph
(Sharp-shinned Hawk)
American Kestrel
(Peregrine Falcon)
(Great Horned Owl)
Barred Owl
Barn Owl
Eastern Screech Owl
Osprey
Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

Pileated Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
(Red-headed Woodpecker)
(Red-cockaded Woodpecker)
(Hairy Woodpecker)
Downy Woodpecker
(Northern Flicker)

Doves

Mourning Dove
Common Ground Dove
European Collared Dove [exotic]

Vultures

Turkey Vulture
Black Vulture

Corvids

American Crow
Blue Jay

Blackbirds

Red-winged Blackbird
Common/Purple Grackle
Boat-tailed Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird

Ground Birds

Wild Turkey
Northern Bob-white Quail
Whip-poor-will
Chuck-wills-widow
Common Nighthawk
Common Snipe

Swallows

Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow

Songbirds & Other Perchers

Grasshopper Sparrow
Bachman's Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Cardinal
Gray Catbird
Carolina Wren
Eastern Meadowlark
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Palm Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Common Yellow-throat
American Redstart
White-eyed Vireo
Eastern Bluebird
(American Goldfinch)
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Loggerhead Shrike
Purple Martin [Feb. – Aug.]
Cedar Waxwing
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Summer Tanager
Eastern/Rufous-sided Towhee
American Robin
Yellow-billed Cuckoo

This list can enable guides to answer questions such as, "Do you have Whooping Cranes here?" Or just as likely, "Do you have Scrub-jays here?"

To answer those two common questions, Whoopers have been seen and photographed by Jim Angy on the big marsh near the east end of Forever Florida. Scrub-jays used to live anywhere there is scrub in Florida, and there is some scrub on Forever Florida, but when the railroad and later US 441 were built on the scrub ridge that used to connect what are now isolated pieces of scrub, those pieces became "sinks" and the birds died out because they could no longer disperse along that corridor to find mates.)

Mammals Seen on Crescent J Ranch and Forever Florida

Whitetail Deer, Armadillo, Raccoon, River Otter, Bobcat, Florida Panther, Gray Fox, Red Fox, Gray Squirrel, Fox Squirrel, Little Brown Bat