

SPECIES	SPR	SUM	FALL	WIN	B	S
DUCKS, GEESE, and WATERFOWL						
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	c	c	c	c	*	
Fulvous Whistling Duck	r		r	r		
Snow Goose			r	r		
Canada Goose	u	u	u	u	*	**
Mute Swan	u	u	u	u	*	**
Muscovy Duck	u	u	u	u	*	**
Wood Duck	u	u	u	u	*	
Blue-winged Teal	c	r	c	c		
Cinnamon Teal				r		
Northern Shoveler	u		u	u		
Gadwall			r	r		
American Wigeon			r	r		
Mallard	r	r	r	r	*	**
Mottled Duck	c	c	c	c	*	
Northern Pintail			r	r		
Green-winged Teal	r		r	u		
Canvasback				r		
Redhead	r			u		
Ring-necked Duck	u		u	u		
Greater Scaup				r		
Lesser Scaup	u		u	c		
Surf Scoter	r					
Black Scoter			r	r		
Bufflehead			r	r		
Hooded Merganser	u		u	c		
Red-breasted Merganser	u		u	c		
Ruddy Duck			r	r		
NEW WORLD QUAIL						
Northern Bobwhite	r	r	r	r	*	
PHEASANTS, GROUSE, and ALLIES						
Wild Turkey	u	u	u	u	*	
GREBES						
Pied-billed Grebe	c	r	c	c		
Horned Grebe	r		r	r		
PIGEONS and DOVES						
Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c	*	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	c	c	c	c	*	
Common Ground Dove	u	u	u	u	*	
White-winged Dove	r	r	r	r	*	
Mourning Dove	a	a	a	a	*	
CUCKOOS						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	u	r	u	r	*	
Mangrove Cuckoo	r	r			*	
Black-billed Cuckoo	r		r			
NIGHTJARS and ALLIES						
Common Nighthawk	u	u	u		*	
Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	u		*	
Eastern Whip-poor-will	r			r		

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SWIFTS						
Chimney Swift	c	c	c		*	
HUMMINGBIRDS						
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	r	u	r	*	
RAILS, GALLINULES, and COOTS						
King Rail	r	r	r	r	*	
Clapper Rail	r	r	r	r	*	
Virginia Rail	r		r	r		
Sora	u		u	u		
Common Gallinule	c	c	c	c	*	
American Coot	u	r	u	u		
Purple Gallinule	u	u	u	u	*	
LIMPKIN						
Limpkin	c	c	c	c	*	
CRANES						
Sandhill Crane	c	c	c	c	*	
STILTS and AVOCETS						
Black-necked Stilt	u	u	u	u	*	
American Avocet	r	r	r	r		
OYSTERCATCHERS						
American Oystercatcher	r	r	r	r		
PLOVERS and LAPWINGS						
Black-bellied Plover	u	u	c	c		
Killdeer	u	u	c	c	*	
Semipalmated Plover	c	c	c	u		
Piping Plover	r	r	r	r		
Wilson's Plover	r	r	r	r		
Snowy Plover	u	u	u	u	*	
SANDPIPERS and ALLIES						
Upland Sandpiper	r					
Whimbrel	r	r	r			
Marbled Godwit	r	r	r			
Ruddy Turnstone	u	r	c	c		
Red Knot	u	r	u	u		
Stilt Sandpiper	r	r	r	u		
Sanderling	c	u	c	a		
Dunlin	u		u	u		
Baird's Sandpiper			r			
Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	c		
White-rumped Sandpiper	r	r	r			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r	r			
Pectoral Sandpiper	r	r	u			
Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	r	u			
Western Sandpiper	u	r	u	r		
Short-billed Dowitcher	u	r	u	u		
Long-billed Dowitcher	u		c	c		
Wilson's Snipe	u		u	u		
Wilson's Phalarope	r		r			
Red-necked Phalarope			r			
Spotted Sandpiper	u	r	u	u		
Solitary Sandpiper	r		u	r		
Greater Yellowlegs	u	r	c	c		
Willet	c	c	c	c		
Lesser Yellowlegs	u	r	c	c		

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SKUAS and JAEGERs						
Pomarine Jaeger		r		r		
Parasitic Jaeger		r		r		
GULLS, TERNS, and SKIMMERS						
Sabine's Gull		r	r			
Bonaparte's Gull	u			u		
Laughing Gull	a	a	a	a		
Franklin's Gull	r		r	r		
Ring-billed Gull	c	r	c	c		
Herring Gull	u	r	u	c		
Iceland Gull				r		
Lesser Black-backed Gull	u	r	u	u		
Glaucous Gull	r			r		
Great Black-backed Gull	r	r		r		
Sooty Tern		r	r			
Least Tern	c	c	u		*	
Gull-billed Tern		r	r	r		
Caspian Tern	u		u	u		
Black Tern	r	r	u			
Roseate Tern		r				
Common Tern	u	r	u	r		
Forster's Tern	c	r	c	c		
Royal Tern	a	a	a	a		
Sandwich Tern	c	c	c	c		
Elegant Tern	r	r	r			
Black Skimmer	c	c	c	c	*	
LOONS						
Common Loon	u	r	r	u		
SHEARWATERS and PETRELS						
Sooty Shearwater				r		
STORKS						
Wood Stork	c	c	c	c	*	
FRIGATEBIRDS						
Magnificent Frigatebird	u	u	u	r		
BOOBIES and GANNETS						
Brown Booby	r	r				
Northern Gannet	u		u	u		
ANHINGA						
Anhinga	c	c	c	c	*	
CORMORANTS and SHAGS						
Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	c	*	
PELICANS						
American White Pelican	u		u	c		
Brown Pelican	c	c	c	c	*	
HERONS, EGRETS, and BITTERNS						
American Bittern	r		r	r		
Least Bittern	u	u	u	u	*	
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c	*	
Great Egret	c	c	c	c	*	
Snowy Egret	c	c	c	c	*	
Little Blue Heron	c	c	c	c	*	
Tricolored Heron	c	c	c	c	*	

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HERONS, EGRETS, and BITTERNS (cont.)						
Reddish Egret	u	u	u	u	*	
Cattle Egret	c	c	c	c	*	
Green Heron	u	u	u	u	*	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	u	*	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	u	u	u	*	
IBISES and SPOONBILLS						
White Ibis	a	a	a	a	*	
Glossy Ibis	c	c	c	c	*	
Roseate Spoonbill	u	u	u	u	*	
NEW WORLD VULTURES						
Black Vulture	a	a	a	a	*	
Turkey Vulture	a	c	a	a	*	
OSPREY						
Osprey	c	c	c	c	*	
HAWKS, EAGLES, and KITES						
Swallow-tailed Kite	u	u	r		*	
Snail Kite	r	r	r			
Mississippi Kite			r			
Northern Harrier	r		u	u		
Sharp-shinned Hawk			r	r		
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u	*	
Bald Eagle	u	r	u	u	*	
Red-shouldered Hawk	c	c	c	c	*	
Broad-winged Hawk	r		r	r		
Short-tailed Hawk	r	r	r	r		
Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u	*	
BARN-OWLS						
Barn Owl	r	r	r	r	*	
OWLS						
Eastern Screech-Owl	c	c	c	c	*	
Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u	*	
Burrowing Owl	r	r	r	r	*	
Barred Owl	u	u	u	u	*	
Short-eared Owl	r			r		
KINGFISHERS						
Belted Kingfisher	c	r	c	c		
WOODPECKERS						
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r		r	u		
Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	*	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	a	a	a	a	*	
Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	*	
Hairy Woodpecker	r	r	r	r	*	
Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u	*	
Northern Flicker	u	u	u	u	*	
FALCONS and CARACARA						
Crested Caracara	u	u	u	u	*	
American Kestrel	u	r	u	u	*	
Merlin	r		r	r		
Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r		

Checklist of Birds of Sarasota County

This checklist includes all species recorded more than once in Sarasota County since 1987.

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Comparative abundance in known habitats is indicated by the following terms:

- a** = Abundant (always seen)
- c** = Common (usually seen)
- u** = Uncommon (sometimes seen)
- r** = Rare (seldom seen)

- Spring** = March, April, May
- Summer** = June, July, August
- Fall** = September, October, November
- Winter** = December, January, February
- B: *** = Breeding in area
- S: **** = Status of these species is often introduced, hybridized, and/or exotic

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NEW WORLD PARROTS						
Monk Parakeet	r	r	r	r	*	
Nanday Parakeet	c	c	c	c	*	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS						
Eastern Wood-Pewee	u		u			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			r			
Acadian Flycatcher	u		u			
Least Flycatcher			r	r		
Eastern Phoebe	u		u	c		
Ash-throated Flycatcher			r	r		
Great Crested Flycatcher	c	c	u	r	*	
Tropical Kingbird	r	r	r	r	*	
Western Kingbird	r		r	r		
Eastern Kingbird	u	r	u			
Gray Kingbird	u	u	r		*	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	r		r	r		
VIREOS						
White-eyed Vireo	c	u	c	c	*	
Bell's Vireo	r			r		
Yellow-throated Vireo	u	r	u	r	*	
Blue-headed Vireo	u		u	u		
Philadelphia Vireo			r			
Red-eyed Vireo	c	r	c			
Black-whiskered Vireo	r	r	r			
SHRIKES						
Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	c	*	
CROWS, JAY and MAGPIES						
Blue Jay	c	c	c	c	*	
Florida Scrub-Jay	u	u	u	u	*	
American Crow	c	c	c	c	*	
Fish Crow	a	a	a	a	*	
TITS, CHICKADEES, and TITMICE						
Carolina Chickadee	r	r	r	r		
Tufted Titmouse	u	u	u	u	*	
SWALLOWS						
Bank Swallow	r		r			
Tree Swallow	c		c	c		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u	r	u	r	*	
Purple Martin	c	u		c	*	
Barn Swallow	u	u	c		*	
Cliff Swallow	r		r			
Cave Swallow	r		r	r		
KINGLETS						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		r	u		
NUTHATCHES						
Brown-headed Nuthatch	r	r	r	r	*	
GNATCATCHERS						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	c	u	c	c	*	
WRENS						
House Wren	u		u	u		
Sedge Wren	r		r	r		
Marsh Wren	r		r	r		
Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c	*	
STARLINGS						
European Starling	a	a	a	a	*	

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MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS						
Gray Catbird	c		c	u		
Brown Thrasher	u	u	u	u	*	
Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c	*	
THRUSHES and ALLIES						
Eastern Bluebird	u	u	u	u	*	
Veery	r		u			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		u			
Swainson's Thrush	u		u			
Hermit Thrush	u		u	u		
Wood Thrush	u		u			
American Robin	u		u	c		
WAXWINGS						
Cedar Waxwing	u			u		
WAXBILLS and ALLIES						
Scaly-breasted Munia	r	r	r	r		**
OLD WORLD SPARROWS						
House Sparrow	c	c	c	c	*	
WAGTAILS and PIPITS						
American Pipit			r	r		
FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, and ALLIES						
House Finch	u	u	u	u	*	
Pine Siskin				r		
American Goldfinch	u		r	u		
NEW WORLD SPARROWS						
Bachman's Sparrow	r	r	r	r	*	
Grasshopper Sparrow	r		r	r		
Lark Sparrow	r			r		
Chipping Sparrow	u		u	u		
Clay-colored Sparrow				r		
Field Sparrow				r		
White-crowned Sparrow	r			r		
Vesper Sparrow				r		
Savannah Sparrow	u		u	u		
Song Sparrow	r			r		
Lincoln's Sparrow	r			r		
Swamp Sparrow	u		r	u		
Eastern Towhee	u	u	u	u	*	
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT						
Yellow-breasted Chat	r		r			
TROUPIALS and ALLIES						
Yellow-headed Blackbird				r		
Bobolink	u		r			
Eastern Meadowlark	u	u	u	u	*	
Orchard Oriole	u		u	r		
Baltimore Oriole	u		u	r		
Red-winged Blackbird	a	a	a	a	*	
Shiny Cowbird	r	r	r	r		
Bronzed Cowbird	r	r	r	r		

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TROUPIALS and ALLIES (cont.)						
Brown-headed Cowbird	c	u	c	c	*	
Common Grackle	c	c	c	c	*	
Boat-tailed Grackle	c	c	c	c	*	
NEW WORLD WARBLERS						
Ovenbird	u		u	r		
Worm-eating Warbler	u		u			
Louisiana Waterthrush	u		r			
Northern Waterthrush	u		u	r		
Golden-winged Warbler			r			
Blue-winged Warbler	r		r			
Black-and-white Warbler	u		u	u		
Prothonotary Warbler	u		u			
Swainson's Warbler	r					
Tennessee Warbler	u		u			
Orange-Crowned Warbler	r		r	r		
Nashville Warbler	r		r			
Connecticut Warbler	r					
Kentucky Warbler	r		r			
Common Yellowthroat	c	u	c	c	*	
Hooded Warbler	u		u			
American Redstart	u		u	r		
Cape May Warbler	u		r			
Cerulean Warbler	r		r			
Northern Parula	c	u	u	r	*	
Magnolia Warbler	u		u	r		
Bay-breasted Warbler	r		r			
Blackburnian Warbler	r		u			
Yellow Warbler	u		u			
Chestnut-sided Warbler	r		u			
Blackpoll Warbler	u		r			
Black-throated Blue Warbler	u		u			
Palm Warbler	c		c	a		
Pine Warbler	u	u	u	u	*	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a		
Yellow-throated Warbler	u	r	u	u		
Prairie Warbler	u	r	u	u	*	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u	r		
Wilson's Warbler	r		r	r		
CARDINALS and ALLIES						
Summer Tanager	u	r	u	r		
Scarlet Tanager	u		u			
Western Tanager	r		r			
Northern Cardinal	c	c	c	c	*	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u	r		
Blue Grosbeak	u		u	r		
Indigo Bunting	u	r	u	u		
Painted Bunting	r		r	r		
Dickcissel	r		r	r		