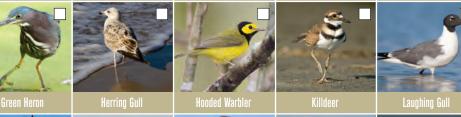
In a typical year, more than 400 different species can be spotted in this area, a true birders' paradise! Southwest Louisiana, including Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, with its prairies, marshes and coastal habitats, attracts many migratory birds from the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Birds can be seen year round; however, fall, winter and spring are the best seasons for birding in Southwest Louisiana.

Rain gear is advisable with the unpredictable Southwest Louisiana weather in the spring and winter months. Since summers can be extremely hot and humid, water, sunscreen and insect repellent are items that should be carried when traversing into Louisiana's remote areas.

See how many you can find and check off the list.

















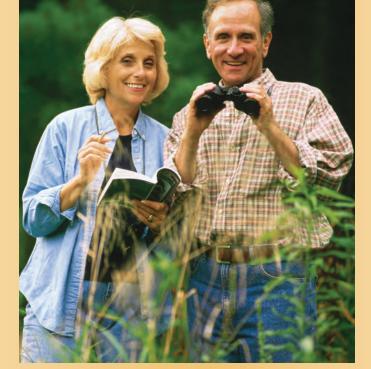






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NEOTROPICAL MIGRANTS (such as warblers, vireos and flycatchers) are most often seen in the spring and fall in coastal woodlands.

SHORELINE BIRDS like plovers, willets and terns are typically seen year round on area beaches.

WADING BIRDS, such as ibises, spoonbills, herons and egrets are seen year round in marshes.

WATERFOWL are more plentiful in the fall and winter, usually in fields and marshes.

HAWKS AND **OSPREYS**

appear mostly in the fall and winter, soaring or on overhead power lines and poles.

NATERFOWL





American White Pelica





Blue-winged Teal

American Wideon

Brown Pelican









Northern Pintail



Great Birding Spots

1 - NIBLETT'S BLUFF PARK

• Loblolly pines, riverfront

2-HACKBERRY

3-SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- live oak and mulberry groves
- Wetland Walkway (accessible)
- Blue Goose Trail

4-PEVETO WOODS MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

5-CAMERON JETTIES

- Cameron Jetties Fishing Pier and observation tower

7-CHENIER LOOP

• Tidal marshes with bayous, open water and chenier ridges

8-ROCKEFELLER WILDLIFE REFUGE

- Price Lake Road nature drive

9-CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- Pintail Wildlife Drive and Boardwalk (accessible)

10-LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive

(II)-SAM HOUSTON JONES STATE PARK

• Mixed pine-hardwood, bottomland hardwood and cypress

6-RUTHERFORD BEACH

• Beaches, open gulf, salt marsh

