

Louisiana Birding




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Bird watching is becoming one of the most popular wildlife-related pastimes. What starts as a casual observation of pigeons in Jackson Square, seagulls over Barataria Bay or Snowy Egrets at Avery Island, soon leads to greater awareness of the many kinds of birds.

Birding can be enjoyed by anyone, anytime and anywhere. A pair of binoculars and a pictorial field guide are helpful during birding expeditions. Time of day, season of the year, weather and habitat type will influence the kinds of birds out and about. But whether you spend the whole weekend, a Saturday morning or just happen to notice an unusual bird in your backyard, birding can be fun.

There are a number of field guides available in most local bookstores which can help you identify birds. These reference books provide color pictures and indicate distinguishing characteristics of any kind of bird you would possibly see in Louisiana. A brief text on each bird gives a further description as well as habitat, breeding and other interesting facts.

A wide variety of other resources for birders are available from the Louisiana Ornithological Society at <http://losbird.org/>