

The Big Yard

Wilcox's take on the Big Year

What is the Big Year?

The Big Year is a challenge to identify as many bird species as possible in a specific location in a single year. It can be as large as a continent or as small as a single state. Birds can be identified by sight or sound.



Wilcox's Big Yard

The Big Yard is a challenge for local residents to identify birds in their own backyard! You can include birds from your yard or neighborhood. You can compare how many bird species visit your yard this year compared to next year. Or you can use the Big Yard to work on your ID skills for the entire Tampa Bay area.

How do I participate?

Just start keeping track of what birds you see! The official Big Year starts at 12:00 am on January 1st. At Wilcox, we are starting our Big Yard on the date of our birding Flock Talk, April 11th. The challenge works on the honor system, so no proof required!

We have a checklist available but you can also use eBird.

Sign up on our website to make sure you are included in our exclusive Big Yard event at the end of the year! We will be awarding prizes to participants in the Big Year and for photo submissions!

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*Note: the frequency key was based on Ft. DeSoto and may be different based on your location in the Tampa Bay area.



Frequency Key*	
C	Common
U	Uncommon
M	common Migratory
m	uncommon migratory
O	Occasional
X	Accidental

Season Key		
Spr	Spring	Mar-May
Sum	Summer	Jun-Jul
Fall	Fall	Aug - Nov
Win	Winter	Dec-Feb

Birds of Prey

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Eastern Screech Owl	C	C	C	C
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl		X		
Osprey	C	C	C	C
Swallow-tailed Kite	m		m	
Bald Eagle	U	O	U	U
Northern Harrier	O		O	U
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	O	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	U
Red-tailed Hawk			O	O
American Kestrel	U	X	U	U
Merlin	U		U	U
Black Vulture	O	O	O	U
Turkey Vulture	O		U	U

Gulls and Terns

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Laughing Gull	C	C	C	C
Ring-billed Gull	C	O	C	C
Herring Gull	U	O	C	C
Least Tern	C	C	C	
Caspian Tern	U	U	U	U
Black Tern	m	m	M	
Forster's Tern	C	U	C	C
Royal Tern	C	C	C	C
Sandwich Tern	C	C	C	C
Black Skimmer	C	C	C	C

Waterfowl

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Canada Goose	O			
Gadwall			O	O
American Wigeon	O		U	U
Mallard	O		O	O
Blue-winged Teal	U		U	U
Redhead	U	O	C	C
Ruddy Duck	O		O	O
Common Loon	U	O	U	U
Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	C	C

Doves

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Collared-Dove	C	C	C	C
Common Ground-Dove	U	U	U	U

Wading birds and Shore birds

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
American White Pelican	U	O	U	U
Brown Pelican	C	C	C	C
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	C
Anhinga	C	C	C	C
Magnificent Frigatebird	U	C	U	O
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
Reddish Egret	U	U	U	U
Cattle Egret	C	C	C	C
Green Heron	C	C	C	C
Black-crowned Night-Heron	C	C	C	C
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	C	C	C	C
White Ibis	C	C	C	C
Glossy Ibis	O	O	O	O
Roseate Spoonbill	U	U	U	U
Wood Stork	U	O	U	U
American Flamingo	U	U	U	U
Dunlin	C	X	C	C
Stilt Sandpiper	O	X	O	
Short-billed Dowitcher	C	U	C	C
Wilson's Snipe	O		O	O
Purple Gallinule	O			
Common Moorhen	C	C	C	C
American Coot	U	O	C	C
Limpkin	C	C	C	C
Sandhill Crane				
Black-bellied Plover	C	U	C	C
Snowy Plover	U	U	U	U
Wilson's Plover	U	U	U	U
Semipalmated Plover	C	U	C	C
Piping Plover	U	U	U	U
Killdeer	U	U	U	U
American Oystercatcher	U	U	U	U
Black-necked Stilt	O	O	O	X
American Avocet	O	O	O	
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	U
Solitary Sandpiper	m		m	O
Greater Yellowlegs	U	O	U	O
Willet	C	C	C	C
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	U	O
Whimbrel	U	O	U	U
Long-billed Curlew	O	O	O	O
Marbled Godwit	U	U	U	U
Ruddy Turnstone	C	U	C	C
Red Knot	C	U	C	C
Sanderling	C	C	C	C
Semipalmated Sandpiper	M	m	M	
Western Sandpiper	C	C	C	C
Least Sandpiper	C	C	C	C

Warblers

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Blackburnian Warbler	m		m	
Yellow-throated Warbler	m	O	m	U
Pine Warbler	m		m	U
Prairie Warbler	C	O	C	U
Palm Warbler	M		M	C
Bay-breasted Warbler	m		m	
Blackpoll Warbler	M		m	
Cerulean Warbler	m		m	
Black-and-white Warbler	M	O	M	U
American Redstart	m		m	
Prothonotary Warbler	m		m	
Worm-eating Warbler	m		m	
Swainson's Warbler	m		m	
Ovenbird	M		m	O
Northern Waterthrush	m		m	
Louisiana Waterthrush	m		m	
Kentucky Warbler	m		m	
Connecticut Warbler	m			
Mourning Warbler	X		O	
Common Yellowthroat	M		M	U
Hooded Warbler	M		M	
Wilson's Warbler	m		m	
Canada Warbler	m		m	
Blue-winged Warbler	m		m	
Golden-winged Warbler	m		m	
Tennessee Warbler	m		m	X
Orange-crowned Warbler	m		m	U
Nashville Warbler	m		m	X
Northern Parula	M		M	O
Yellow Warbler	m	O	m	X
Chestnut-sided Warbler	m		m	
Magnolia Warbler	m		m	
Cape May Warbler	m		m	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	m		m	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	M		M	C
Black-throated Green Warbler	m		m	X

Hummingbirds

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	m		m	

New-world Sparrows

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Eastern Towhee	O	O	O	O
Chipping Sparrow			O	O
Lark Sparrow	O		O	X
Savannah Sparrow	U		U	U

Grosbeaks and Buntings

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	m		m	
Blue Grosbeak	m		m	
Indigo Bunting	M		m	X
Painted Bunting	m		m	

Wrens

Species	Spr	Sum	Win	Fall
Carolina Wren	O	O	O	O
House Wren	U		U	U
Sedge Wren	O		O	O

Other Songbirds

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Carolina Chickadee	X	X	X	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			X	
Brown Creeper	X		O	
Yellow-breasted Chat	m		O	
Summer Tanager	M	X	m	
Scarlet Tanager	m		m	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	m		m	U
Eastern Bluebird			X	O
Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
Gray Catbird	M		M	U
Brown Thrasher	O	O	O	O
European Starling	C	C	C	C
Cedar Waxwing	U	O	O	U
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	U	U	U
Orchard Oriole	M		m	
Baltimore Oriole	m		m	
House Finch			O	
American Goldfinch	m		m	U
House Sparrow				

Thrushes

Species	Spr	Sum	Fall	Win
Veery	m		m	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	m		m	
Swainson's Thrush	m		m	
Hermit Thrush	m		m	U
Wood Thrush	m		m	
American Robin	m		m	U

