

HOTSPOTS FOR BIRDING in St. Johns County, FLORIDA



Anastasia State Park

Description:	<p>Anastasia State Park comprises more than 1,600 acres of beaches, tidal marshes, maritime hammocks, and ancient sand dunes. There is an abundance of wildlife found in the various habitats. The park is located on The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail.</p> <p>The park is an important migratory stopover on the eastern flyway for migrating birds. It is also an important nesting habitat for Least Terns, Wilson’s Plovers, and Black Skimmers. <i>The park has been designated an Important Birding Area by the National Audubon Society.</i></p>
Address:	300 Anastasia Park Rd. St. Augustine FL 32080
Phone Number:	904-461-2033
Fee:	\$8 per vehicle
Hours of Operation:	Sun up to sun down 365 days a year
Handicap Accessibility:	The beach is off limits to vehicles but beach wheelchairs are available on request at no charge. Picnic areas and rest rooms are accessible.
Website:	https://www.floridastateparks.org/anastasia
Facilities Available:	Beach boardwalk, picnic areas and pavilions, restroom facilities, concession stand, rentals available (bicycles, paddle boards, canoes, and kayaks), camping
Types of Habitat:	Beach, sand dunes, maritime hammock, salt marsh coastal scrub
Other Information:	Guided bird walks offered monthly
Level of Difficulty:	Four miles of pristine beaches are accessible via a boardwalk and matting laid on sand. There is a loop trail that goes through the ancient sand dunes and maritime hammock that is mostly flat but contains some uneven terrain and some hills or stairs.
Species:	Shorebirds include Laughing Gulls, Least Terns, Black Skimmers, Royal Terns, Sandwich Terns, Ruddy Turnstones, and more. Wading birds can be seen in the salt marsh along Salt Run and include the Great Blue Heron, Tricolor Heron, Wood Stork and Roseate Spoonbills. Osprey, Bald Eagles and owls can be seen flying high above or resting in the tree tops. Song birds can be found in the maritime hammock and include warblers, cardinals, robins, woodpeckers and painted buntings. Nesting birds include Least Terns, Wilson’s Plovers, and Black Skimmers.
Bird Checklist Available:	Ask for it at the ranger station, 195 species identified