

HOT SPOTS FOR BIRDING

in St. Johns County, FLORIDA

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Nocatee Preserve

Description:	The Nocatee Preserve encompasses 2,400 acres of land with a 4-mile stretch for up to an 8 mile out and back trail walk. Donated to St. Johns County for use as a multi-use public park, the Nocatee Preserve is a conservation area of undisturbed old Florida flora and fauna. There are some boardwalk areas, but the main trail is wide and unpaved. The trail goes through to the Intracoastal Waterway at its end and construction is underway o develop the end of the trail with added facilities. However, if you park your car at the trailhead, you will still need to walk or bike back. The Nocatee Preserve is suited to hiking, birding, photography, jogging, biking and horseback riding.
Address:	501 Davis Park Road, St. Augustine, FL 32081 behind and to the left of the Ponte Vedra High School and Fields (with a parking lot just for the Preserve at the end).
Phone Number:	In case of emergency, call 911.
Fee:	No fee
Hours of Operation:	Open Daily from Dawn until Dusk.
Handicap Accessibility:	No motorized vehicles allowed, and the walkway is not paved.
Website:	http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/Parks/NocateePreserve.aspx
Facilities Available:	The trail head offers parking for vehicles and horse trailers, as well as restroom facilities and a horse washing station.
Types of Habitat:	3+ miles of unpaved trails through natural Florida landscape for walking, jogging, biking, bird watching, photographing nature, or horseback riding.
Other Information:	Since this is a natural Florida setting, you should be prepared with insect repellent. Insects are worse in hot weather especially when it has been rainy. Bring binoculars as many of the birds will be high in the trees. Also bring your own water. Trail may have wet areas.
Level of Difficulty:	Easy walking on a wide trail with some boardwalk areas.
Species:	Vultures, Hawks, Owls, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers, Hummingbirds, Flycatchers, Shrikes, Vireos, Martins and Swallows, Chickadees, and Titmice, Nuthatches, Wrens, Warblers, Cardinals, Sparrows, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Waxwings, Finches and Blackbirds have been reported. Also sometimes seen are Ibis, Cormorants, Herons, Egrets, and Wood Storks.
Bird Checklist Available:	No specific bird checklist. See St. Johns County Audubon checklist.