



SAM'S LAKE SANCTUARY (Fayette County, GA)

Checklist of Birds

Observer _____
Date _____
Time _____
Weather _____
Location Old Senoia Road
Fayetteville, GA
GPS N33 24.441 W84 28.266

Southern Conservation Trust, a community land trust, owns and maintains this 56.5-acre sanctuary property donated by the Ferrol Sams family of Fayetteville in 1997. This is a *Certified Wildlife Habitat* by the National Wildlife Federation and a *Wildlife Sanctuary* certified by the National Audubon Society. The sanctuary is open to the public at no charge from dawn to dusk daily.

Georgia has 414 regular bird species occurrences, of which between 80 to 90 may make Fayette County home or a migratory rest stop during the year. Your bird count observations today will help establish a record of our local bird population. Please report your sightings at **The Great Backyard Birdcount** and **eBird** websites when you have completed your observations. (*) **Indicates rare or endangered species**

Find out more about the Southern Conservation Trust and a map of this sanctuary at our website. <https://www.sctlandtrust.org/>

DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

- Canada Goose, *Branta Canadensis*
- Wood Duck, *Aix sponsa*
- Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris*
- Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis*
- Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola*
- Hooded Merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus*
- Ruddy Duck, *Oxyura jamaicensis*

NEW WORLD QUAIL

- Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus* (*)

GROUSE, TURKEYS

- Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*

LOONS

- Red-throated Loon, *Gavia stellate*
- Common Loon, *Gavia immer*

GREBES

- Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*
- Horned Grebe, *Podiceps auritus*
- Red-necked Grebe, *Podiceps grisegena*

CORMORANTS

- Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus*

BITTERN, HERONS

- Least Bittern, *Ixobrychus exilis* (*)
- Great Blue Heron, *Ardea Herodias*
- Great Egret, *Ardea alba*
- Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*
- Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*
- Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*
- Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*

OSPREY

- Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES

- Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (*)
- Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus*
- Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*
- Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus*
- Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

- Virginia Rail, *Rallus limicola*
- American Coot, *Fulica Americana*

CRANES

- Sandhill Crane, *Grus Canadensis*

PLOVERS

- Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferous*

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES

- Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius*
- Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*
- Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata*

PIGEONS, DOVES

- Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia*
- Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura*

BARN OWLS

- Barn Owl, *Tyto alba* (*)

TYPICAL OWLS

- Eastern Screech-Owl, *Megascops asio*
- Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*
- Barred Owl, *Strix varia*

NIGHTJARS

- Chuck-will's-widow, *Antrostomus carolinensis*
- Eastern Whip-poor-will, *Antrostomus vociferous*

HUMMINGBIRDS

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird, *Archilochus colubris*
- Rufous Hummingbird, *Selasphorus rufus*

KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher, *Megaceryle alcyon*

WOODPECKERS

- Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Melanerpes carolinus*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius*
- Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*
- Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus*
- Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*
- Pileated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus pileatus*

FALCONS

- American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Eastern Wood-Pewee, *Contopus virens*
- Acadian Flycatcher, *Empidonax vireescens*
- Eastern Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe*
- Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus*
- Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus*

SHRIKES

- Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus* (*)

VIREOS

- White-eyed Vireo, *Vireo griseus*
- Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons*
- Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*

CROWS, JAYS

- Blue Jay, *Cyanocitta cristata*
- American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- Fish Crow, *Corvus ossifragus*

MARTINS, SWALLOWS

- Purple Martin, *Progne subis*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
- Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*

CHICKADEES, TITMICE

- Carolina Chickadee, *Poecile carolinensis*
- Tufted Titmouse, *Baeolophus bicolor*

NUTHATCHES

- White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis*

- Brown-headed Nuthatch, *Sitta pusilla*

CREEPERS

- Brown Creeper, *Certhia Americana*

WRENS

- House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*
- Winter Wren, *Troglodytes hiemalis*
- Sedge Wren, *Cistothorus platensis*
- Carolina Wren, *Thryothorus ludovicianus*

GNATCATCHERS

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila caerulea*

KINGLETS

- Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*

THRUSHES

- Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis*
- Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*
- Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina*
- American Robin, *Turdus migratorius*

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS

- Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis*
- Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*
- Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum*

STARLINGS

- European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*

WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum*

WOOD-WARBLERS

- Louisiana Waterthrush, *Parkesia motacilla*
- Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*
- Hooded Warbler, *Setophaga citrine*
- Palm Warbler, *Setophaga palmarum*
- Pine Warbler, *Setophaga pinus*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Setophaga coronate*
- Yellow-throated Warbler, *Setophaga dominica*
- Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens*

EMBERIZIDS

- Eastern Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
- Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerine*
- Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla*
- Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis*
- Song Sparrow, *Melospiza melodia*
- Swamp Sparrow, *Melospiza Georgiana*
- White-throated Sparrow, *Zonotrichia albicollis*
- Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis*

TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, etc.

- Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga olivacea*
- Northern Cardinal, *Cardinalis cardinalis*
- Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea*
- Indigo Bunting, *Passerina cyanea*

BLACKBIRDS

- Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
- Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus*
- Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
- Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater*

FINCHES

- Purple Finch, *Haemorhous purpureus*
- House Finch, *Haemorhous mexicanus*
- Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus*
- American Goldfinch, *Spinus tristis*

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*

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