

Colonial Coast Birding

Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation State Historic Site

Description: From 1800 to 1915 this site was a thriving rice plantation. Today the 1,268 acre historic site is a mix of saltmarsh, pasture and flatwoods.

Types of Birds: Birds of prey, songbirds, wading birds, waterfowl

Best Birding Seasons: Birds of prey (winter), songbirds (all), wading birds (all) waterfowl (winter)

Specialties: Wood stork, bald eagle, osprey, glossy ibis, painted bunting, yellow-throated warbler, sharp-tailed sparrow, northern parula.

Tips: Ospreys are most common spring to summer. Look for warblers during spring and fall migrations. Northern parulas and yellow-throated warblers can be found in spring and summer. Clapper rails and marsh wrens can be seen and/or heard in the marshes throughout the year.

Fee: Museum and picnic areas free. For tour of grounds and plantation house; \$5.00 per adult, \$4.50 per senior (62 and older), and \$2.50 for children ages 6-18.

Saint Simons Island - Gould's Inlet & East Beach

Description: East Beach, which includes Gould's inlet, is a residential area of St. Simons Island. The area includes some county-owned lands.

Types of Birds: Birds of prey, shorebirds, songbirds, wading birds, waterfowl

Best Birding Seasons: Birds of prey (all), shorebirds (all), wading birds (all), waterfowl (winter)

Specialties: American oystercatcher, black skimmer, painted bunting, bald eagle, least tern, northern gannet

Jekyll Island - Causeway

Description: The Jekyll Island Causeway cuts across the marshes of Glynn County made famous by the poet Sydney Lanier. These rich salt marshes are home to an amazing array of birds and other wildlife. Two different sites along the causeway are identified as being great places to watch birds.

Types of Birds: Shorebirds, wading birds, birds of prey, waterfowl

Best Birding Seasons: Shorebirds (all), wading birds (all) waterfowl (winter)

Specialties: Osprey, bald eagle, clapper rail, northern harrier, roseate spoonbill, red knot, black-necked stilt, white ibis, wood stork

Tips: Shorebirds are best seen at low tide from mid-summer through spring. Look for nesting ospreys in spring and summer. Listen for clapper rails and marsh wrens in the

salt marshes. Watch for northern harriers flying low over the marsh in winter. Look for roseate spoonbills in summer.

Jekyll Island - North End Beach

Description: This site is situated at the northern end of Jekyll Island at the mouth of the St. Simons Sound. Although the beach is more limited than at the south end, the mix of beach, forest and saltwater habitats provides excellent birding opportunities.

Types of Birds: Songbirds, shorebirds, wading birds, waterfowl, gull-like birds

Jekyll Island - South End Beach

Description: This birding site is located on the beach at the southern tip of Jekyll Island.

Types of Birds: Shorebirds, wading birds, waterfowl, gull-like birds

Best Birding Seasons: Shorebirds (all), wading birds (all) waterfowl (winter), gull-like birds (all)

Specialties: Black Skimmer, American oystercatcher, marbled godwit, jaegers, south polar skua, northern gannet, piping plover, glaucous gull.

