

# Southeast Priority Species (RSGCN): Birds

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The following bird species were identified as Regional Species of Greatest Conservation Need (RSGCN) through a collaborative assessment process carried out by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Wildlife Diversity Committee. "Regional Stewardship Responsibility" refers to the portion of a species' range in the Southeast relative to North America as a whole. Species marked as "SEAFWA Endemics" are found only in this region, while species with 100% of their North American range in the Southeast may also occur elsewhere. Additional details of this assessment can be found at: <http://secassoutheast.org/2019/09/30/Priorities-for-Conservation-in-Southeastern-States.html>

## Very High Concern

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Listing Status*	Southeast State Range	Regional Stewardship Responsibility
<i>Peucaea aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	Black Rail	Proposed LT	AL AR FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TX VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Oreothlypis crissalis</i>	Colima Warbler		TX	<25% of Range
<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	Florida Scrub-Jay	LT	FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>	Golden-cheeked Warbler	LE	TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i>	Greater Prairie-Chicken (Attwater's)	LE	TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Tympanuchus pallidicinctus</i>	Lesser Prairie-Chicken	Under review	OK TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	AL AR FL GA LA MS NC OK SC TX VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Ammodramus caudacuta</i>	Saltmarsh Sparrow		FL GA NC SC VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	Swallow-tailed Kite		AL AR FL GA LA MS NC SC TN TX VA	75-100% of Range

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<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	American Oystercatcher		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Vireo bellii</i>	Bell's Vireo		AR KY LA MO MS OK TN TX	25-50% of Range

\*Federal Listing Status Categories: **LT** = Listed Threatened; **LE** = Listed Endangered; **XN** = Experimental population, non-essential; **At-risk** = proposed for listing, candidate for listing, or being evaluated for listing based on third-party petitions

<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Black Skimmer		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Vireo atricapilla</i>	Black-capped Vireo	Delisted	OK TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	Eastern Whip-poor-will		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus</i>	Everglade Snail Kite	LE	FL	75-100% of Range
<i>Athene cunicularia floridana</i>	Florida Burrowing Owl		FL	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Golden-winged Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow	LE ( <i>floridanus</i> )	AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Gull-billed Tern		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Centronyx henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Setophaga kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's Warbler	Delisted	FL GA NC SC	25-50% of Range
<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	Least Tern (Coastal & Interior)		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Ammospiza leconteii</i>	LeConte's Sparrow	LE (species and subspecies)	AL AR FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Cistothorus palustris (griseus and marianae)</i>	Marsh Wren (Worthington's and Marian's)		AL FL GA LA MS TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Anas fulvigula</i>	Mottled Duck		AL AR FL GA LA MS OK SC TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Ammospiza nelsoni</i>	Nelson's Sparrow		AL FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Passerina ciris</i>	Painted Bunting		AL AR FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Piping Plover	LT/LE	AL AR FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	75-100% of Range

<i>Calidris canutus (includes rufa)</i>	Red Knot	LT ( <i>rufa</i> )	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TN TX VA	<25% of Range
<i>Amazona viridigenalis</i>	Red-crowned Parrot		TX	<25% of Range
<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	Reddish Egret		AL FL GA LA MS SC TX	50-75% of Range
<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	Roseate Spoonbill		AL AR FL GA LA MS NC OK SC TX	25-50% of Range
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	Rusty Blackbird		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Antigone canadensis (only subspecies pratensis and pulla)</i>	Sandhill Crane (Florida and Mississippi subspecies)	LE ( <i>pulla</i> )	AL FL GA LA MS	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Sandwich Tern		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		AL AR FL LA MO NC OK SC TN TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Ammospiza maritima (includes juncicolus, macgillivraii, mirabilis, and peninsulæ)</i>	Seaside Sparrow (including Wakulla, MacGillivray's, Cape Sable, and Scott's)	LE ( <i>mirabilis</i> )	AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Calcarius pictus</i>	Smith's Longspur		AR LA MO OK TN TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>	Snowy Plover	LT/PS	AL FL LA MS OK TN TX	25-50% of Range
<i>Falco sparverius paulus</i>	Southeastern American Kestrel		AL FL GA LA MS SC TX	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	Sprague's Pipit		AL AR FL LA MO OK SC TN TX	25-50% of Range
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Setophaga virens waynei</i>	Wayne's Black-Throated Green Warbler		NC SC VA	75-100% of Range
<i>Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus</i>	Whimbrel		AL FL GA LA MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Grus americana</i>	Whooping Crane	LE/XN	AL FL GA KY LA OK TN TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	Willet		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	Wilson's Plover		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	25-50% of Range
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Wood Stork	LT	AL AR FL GA LA MS NC OK SC TN TX	<25% of Range
<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	Yellow Rail		AL AR FL GA LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX	75-100% of Range
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	LT	AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	Yellow-throated Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range

## Moderate Concern

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Listing Status*	Southeast State Range	Regional Stewardship Responsibility
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	American Woodcock		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	Brown-headed Nuthatch		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA	SEAFWA Endemic
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Chimney Swift		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's-widow		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Rallus crepitans</i>	Clapper Rail		AL FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	50-75% of Range
<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Crested Caracara		FL LA OK TX	25-50% of Range
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	Kentucky Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	Louisiana Waterthrush		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Setophaga discolor (includes paludicola)</i>	Prairie Warbler (Florida)		AL AR GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Prothonotary Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range
<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Royal Tern		AL AR FL GA LA MS NC SC TX VA	<25% of Range
<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy Egret		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	25-50% of Range
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	Worm-eating Warbler		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	75-100% of Range
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night Heron		AL AR FL GA KY LA MO MS NC OK SC TN TX VA WV	50-75% of Range

