

Welcome to Goethe State Forest, located in Levy and Alachua counties. The forest contains 11 different natural communities ranging from very wet cypress dome swamp to dry sandhills. Goethe State Forest contains one of the largest contiguous tracts of longleaf pine habitat in Florida and is noted for its red-cockaded woodpecker clusters. It also attracts a variety of perch and water birds.

An excellent spot for viewing brown-headed nuthatches, red-cockaded woodpeckers, great crested flycatchers and eastern towhees is the pine flatwoods running along Gasline Road and Cow Creek Road. The Big Cypress Trail, accessible at the trailhead on Cow Creek Road (5 miles south of CR 326), is an excellent place to view hardwood-dwelling songbirds such as hooded warblers, parula warblers and red-eyed vireos. To catch a glimpse of wading birds and ducks such as herons, egrets, sandhill cranes and an occasional wood stork visit Buck Island Pond, which is located in the Apex Tract west of CR 337 and at Deer Pen Pond, located off of CR 337 at the northern boundary of the forest. Swallow-tailed kites and bald eagles are frequently seen while driving or walking along the roads in the Apex tract.

Maps of Goethe are available at the Black Prong, Apex and Tidewater trailheads, all located along CR 337 in Levy County

SEASONS

These categories indicate the general periods in which to expect the various species.

Spring (Sp)	March,	April,	May
Summer (Su)	June,	July,	August
Fall (F)	September,	October,	November
Winter (W)	December,	January,	February



Pine Warbler

CATEGORIES OF ABUNDANCE

These designations apply to the relative abundance of species seen (or heard) in the appropriate habitat.

C- Common: Usually present in large numbers -likely to be seen.

U- Uncommon: Usually present in small numbers, not certain to be seen or heard.

O- Occasional: Seen only a few times during a season.

†- Indicates breeding status confirmed in the forest.

	SP	SU	W	F
GREBES: Podicipedidae				
___Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	C	C
CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae				
___Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	C
DARTERS: Anhingidae				
___†Anhinga	C	C	C	C
BITTERN & HERONS: Ardeidae				
___†Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___Great Egret	C	C	C	C
___Snowy Egret	U	U	U	U
___Little Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___Tricolored Heron	U	U	U	U
___Cattle Egret	C	C	C	C
___Green Heron	C	C	U	U
___Black-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U	U
IBIS: Threskiornithidae				
___White Ibis	C	C	U	U



Little Blue Heron

	SP	SU	W	F
STORKS: Ciconiidae				
___Wood Stork	C	C	C	U
AMERICAN VULTURES: Cathartidae				
___†Black Vulture	C	C	C	C
___†Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
WATERFOWL: Anatidae				
___†Wood Duck	C	C	C	C
___Mallard			U	U
___Blue-winged Teal	O	O	U	U
___Ring-necked Duck	O		U	U
___Lesser Scaup	O		U	U
___Hooded Merganser			C	C
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES: Accipitridae				
___Osprey	C	C	U	C
___†Swallow-tailed Kite	C	C		
___†Mississippi Kite	U	U		
___†Bald Eagle	C	C	U	C
___Northern Harrier	U		U	U
___Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
___†Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C
___Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
FALCONS: Falconidae				
___†Southeastern American Kestrel	C	C	C	C
TURKEY & QUAIL: Phasianidae				
___†Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C
___†Northern Bobwhite	C	C	C	C
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS: Rallidae				
___King Rail	U	U	U	U
___†Purple Gallinule	U	U	O	O
___†Common Moorhen	C	C	U	U
___American Coot	U	O	C	C
LIMPKINS: Aramidae				
___†Limkin	O	O	O	O
CRANES: Gruidae				
___Sandhill Crane	U	U	C	C
PLOVERS: Charadriidae				
___Killdeer	U	U	C	C
SANDPIPERS: Scolopacidae				
___Common Snipe	U		U	U
GULLS & TERNS: Laridae				
___Ring-billed Gull	U		C	C

	SP	SU	W	F
DOVES: Columbidae				
___Rock Dove	U	U	U	U
___†Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
___†Common Ground Dove	C	C	C	C
CUCKOOS: Cuculidae				
___†Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	U	
OWLS: Strigidae				
___†Eastern Screech-Owl	C	C	C	C
___†Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C
___†Barred Owl	C	C	C	C
NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae				
†Common Nighthawk	C	C		
†Chuck-will's-widow	C	C	U	
SWIFTS: Apodidae				
___Chimney Swift	C	U	C	
HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae				
___Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C	
KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae				
___Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C
WOODPECKERS: Picidae				
___†Red-headed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___†Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	U
___†Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___†Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
___†Red-cockaded Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
___†Northern Flicker	U	U	U	U
___†Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae				
___†Eastern Wood Pewee	C	C	U	
___Acadian Flycatcher	C	C	U	
___Eastern Phoebe	U		C	C
___†Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C		
___Eastern Kingbird	U	U		
FINCHES: Fringillidae				
___American Goldfinch	O		U	U



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher