

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
BITTERNS & 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	
____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: Circoniidae				
____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				
____† Limpkin	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