

Wings over Surfside

A Birder's Location Guide

1 The Jetty – Far End

A premier spot for observing pelagic and coastal species, and a great place to spend the day with a telescope. Variable by season, but Northern Gannet, Northern Fulmar and occasionally the odd Petrel species are all possible. Often a great location for Magnificent Frigatebird and shorebirds such as Turnstones and Oystercatchers

2 The Jetty – the Walk Out and Back

While walking to the far end, scanning the jetty on either side can yield great results. A great spot for Sandpipers, and the Turnstones and Oystercatchers mentioned above. In Winter this can be a great location for Grebes and Common Loons



3 The Jetty Park and Ship Channel

The ship channel is a great place to sit and watch Gulls, Terns and Pelicans. In Spring can yield migrants such as Buntings and Warblers and in Winter Sparrows.

4 The Bird and Butterfly Trail

The premier migrant trap in Surfside, a walk in Spring and Fall often yields multiple Warbler and Bunting species, as well as such rarities as Western Tanager and Yellow-headed Blackbird. It provides great habitat for Ruby Throated Hummingbirds throughout Spring, Summer and into Fall. It is also a good location for Swallows and in Winter waders at the small pool and raptors searching for prey, (notably Kestrel, Merlin and Northern Harrier). Finally, a walk to the boat ramp at the end often yields a few waders.

5 Militia Road Corner

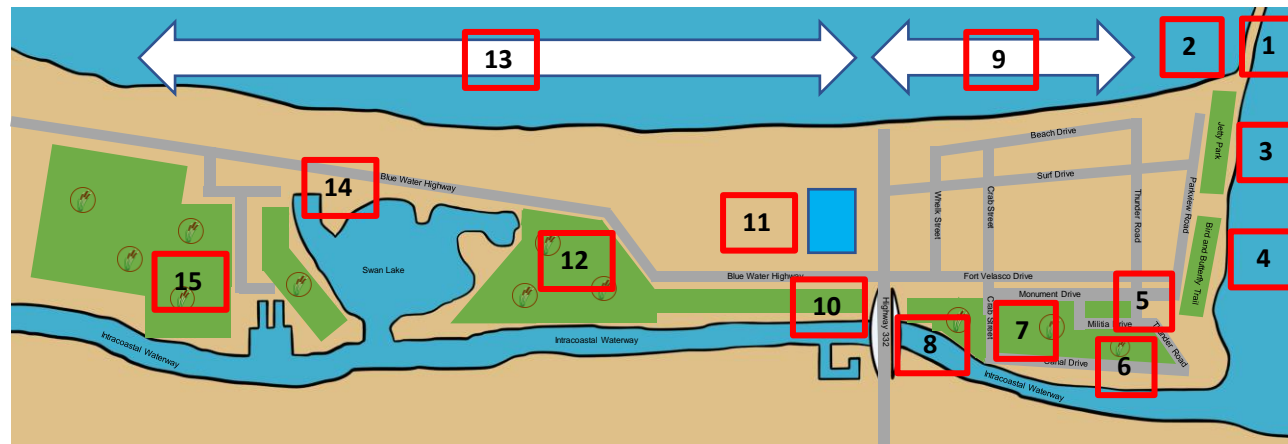
A great stop off to look for raptors in the Winter especially on the wires, notably Kestrel and Merlin. Look in the often-flooded yards here for plovers and smaller sandpipers.

6 Canal Drive Marsh

The premier location for Long-billed Curlew and Whimbrel as well as many marsh species – Ibis, Stilts and Spoonbills. Look in the scrub and hedgerows for sparrows and in migration Warblers and Buntings

7 Crab Street Marsh

The best location in Surfside for Marshland species, notable for Clapper Rail, Nelson's and Seaside Sparrows, as well as larger Sandpiper species – Yellowlegs, Willets and more. All 6 species of herons in the region can be found and Ibis, Egrets, Spoonbills and Cormorants are common, as are Northern Harriers and other raptors. Gulls and Terns are usually present including the much sought-after Black Skimmer. During migration, the roadside hedgerows often yield warblers and buntings.



8 Intracoastal Waterway

Birdlife is not common but Osprey and occasionally Bald Eagle are seen. Looking landward for Whimbrel and Long Billed Curlew often yields success. Gulls, Terns and occasionally Skimmers fish here.

9 Pedestrian Beach and 332 end

In Winter and early mornings when human activity is at its lowest, look for Gulls, Terns and smaller Sandpipers at the waters edge and possible Scoters and other marine ducks further out.

10 Bridge Corner Marsh

Like the Crab Street Marsh location, it provides a second chance for Heron, Ibis and Egret species, (especially Reddish Egret).

11 Seahorse Pond

An under-birded spot that regularly has Coots, Gallinules and Grebes, (including Least Grebe). It can be a great place for wildfowl including Blue Winged and Green Winged Teal, Mottled Duck and Scaup.

12 Blue Water Highway Marsh

Another great location for marsh birds. Of note are raptors, especially Northern Harrier, often seen hunting in Winter in this location. Again, all the typical marsh species can be observed here.

13 North Beach and Dune System

Similar beach birds to 12 but with the added habitat of the dune system. The latter provides habitat for Horned Lark, numerous Sparrows (mainly Savannah and Seaside), and the occasional vagrant such as Varied Thrush! The beach is more extensive here so large groups of Gulls and Terns are common as are many shoreline waders. Occasionally Jaegers and Scoters are found.



14 Crabbing Pier

The crabbing pier provides a unique elevated view over marshland. This is a prime location to see hunting raptors especially Northern Harrier. Also look here for Clapper Rail and fishing Terns. A telescope will provide the ability to see Swan Lake from here.

15 Bay Avenue and Swan Lake

When the tide or rainfall has been high and the saltwater flats here are flooded this is the best location in Surfside for waders of all kinds. Long-billed Curlews and Whimbrels are common here in Spring and Fall together with many waders. Dowitchers abound with Yellowlegs, Willets and many other sandpiper species. A prime location for plovers, gulls and terns. Including Franklins and Bonaparte's Gulls and Black Skimmer.

Common Birds of Surfside

Black bellied Whistling Duck	ALL
Blue Winged Teal	6 7 10 11 12
Northern Shoveler	6 7 10 11 12
Gadwall	6 7 10 11 12
American Widgeon	6 7 10 11 12
Mallard	6 7 10 11 12
Mottled Duck	6 7 10 11 12
Green Winged Teal	6 7 10 11 12
Ringed Necked Duck	11
Greater Scaup	11
Lesser Scaup	11
Black Scoter	9 13
Red Breasted Merganser	1 2 3
Common Loon	1 2 3
Pied Billed Grebe	6 7 10 11 12
Eared Grebe	1 2 3
Northern Fulmar	1 2
Northern Gannet	1 2
Anhinga	6 7 10 12
Brown Pelican	ALL
Magnificent Frigatebird	ALL
Neotropic Cormorant	ALL
Double Crested Cormorant	ALL
Great Blue Heron	ALL but 1 & 2
Great Egret	ALL but 1 & 2
Little Egret	ALL but 1 & 2
Snowy Egret	ALL but 1 & 2
Little Blue Heron	ALL but 1 & 2
Tri Colored Heron	ALL but 1 & 2
Reddish Egret	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Cattle Egret	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Green Heron	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Black Crowned Night Heron	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Yellow Crowned Night Heron	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
White Ibis	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
White Faced Ibis	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Roseate Spoonbill	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Black Vulture	ALL
Turkey Vulture	ALL
Osprey	ALL
Red Tailed Hawk	4 5 6 7 10 12 14
Northern Harrier	4 5 6 7 10 12 14
Clapper Rail	6 7 8 10 11 12 15
Common Gallinule	6 7 8 10 11 12 15
American Coot	6 7 8 10 11 12 15
Black necked Stilt	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
American Avocet	ALL but 1 & 2
American Oystercatcher	ALL but 1 & 2
Black Billed Plover	ALL but 1 & 2
American Golden Plover	ALL but 1 & 2
Semi-palmated Plover	ALL but 1 & 2
Wilson's Plover	ALL but 1 & 2
Snowy Plover	ALL but 1 & 2
Piping Plover	ALL but 1 & 2
Killdeer	ALL but 1 & 2
Whimbrel	ALL but 1 & 2
Long Billed Curlew	6 7 8 10 12 15
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Common Birds of Surfside contd.

Marbled Godwit	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Ruddy Turnstone	All except 3 to 5
Red Knot	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Stilt Sandpiper	All except 3 to 5
Sanderling	All except 3 to 5
Dunlin	All except 3 to 5
Least Sandpiper	All except 3 to 5
Pectoral Sandpiper	All except 3 to 5
Western Sandpiper	All except 3 to 5
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	All except 3 to 5
Short Billed Dowitcher	All except 3 to 5
Long Billed Dowitcher	All except 3 to 5
Wilson's Snipe	All except 3 to 5
Wilson's Phalarope	All except 3 to 5
Solitary Sandpiper	All except 3 to 5
Greater Yellowlegs	All except 3 to 5
Lesser Yellowlegs	All except 3 to 5
Willet	All except 3 to 5
Bonaparte's Gull	All
Franklin's Gull	All
Laughing Gull	All
Ring Billed Gull	All
Herring Gull	All
Lesser Black Backed Gull	All
Black Tern	All
Least Tern	All
Forster's Tern	All
Sandwich Tern	All
Royal Tern	All
Black Skimmer	All
Rock Pigeon	All
Mourning Dove	All
Yellow Billed Cuckoo	4 6 7 10
Barred Owl	4
Common Nighthawk	All
Lesser Nighthawk	All
Ruby Throated Hummingbird	4
Rufous Hummingbird	4
Belted Kingfisher	ALL but 1 & 2
Red Bellied Woodpecker	4
Yellow Bellied Sapsucker	4
Northern Flicker	4
American Kestrel	ALL but 1, 2 & 3
Merlin	ALL but 1, 2 & 3
Crested Caracara	ALL but 1, 2 & 3
Bald Eagle	3 4 5 6 7 8 10 12
Eastern Wood Pewee	4 6 7 14 15
Least Flycatcher	4 6 7 14 15
Acadian Flycatcher	4 6 7 14 15
Eastern Phoebe	4 6 7 14 15
Vermillion Flycatcher	4 6 7 14 15
Great Crested Flycatcher	4 6 7 14 15
Eastern Kingbird	4 6 7 14 15
Western Kingbird	ALL but 1, 2, 9 & 13
Scissor Tailed Flycatcher	ALL but 1, 2, 9 & 13
Loggerhead Shrike	ALL but 1, 2, 9 & 13
White Eyed Vireo	ALL but 1, 2, 9 & 13

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Yellow throated Vireo	4 5 6 7
Blue Headed Vireo	4 5 6 7
American Crow	4 5 6 7
Horned Lark	4 5 6 7
Purple Martin	4 5 6 7
Barn Swallow	4 5 6 7
Carolina Chickadee	4 5 6 7
Carolina Wren	4 5 6 7
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	4 5 6 7
Ruby Crowned Kinglet	4 5 6 7
Northern Mockingbird	4 5 6 7
Ovenbird	4 5 6 7
Cape May Warbler	4 5 6 7
Worm Eating Warbler	4 5 6 7
Louisiana Waterthrush	4 5 6 7
Northern Waterthrush	4 5 6 7
Loggerhead Shrike	4 5 6 7
Golden Winged Warbler	4 5 6 7
Blue Winged Warbler	4 5 6 7
Black and White Warbler	4 5 6 7
Prothonotary Warbler	4 5 6 7
Tennessee Warbler	4 5 6 7
Orange Crowned Warbler	4 5 6 7
Nashville Warbler	4 5 6 7
Common Yellowthroat	4 5 6 7
Hooded Warbler	4 5 6 7
American Redstart	4 5 6 7
Northern Parula	4 5 6 7
Magnolia Warbler	4 5 6 7
Bay Breasted Warbler	4 5 6 7
Blackburnian Warbler	4 5 6 7
Yellow Warbler	4 5 6 7
Chestnut Sided Warbler	4 5 6 7
Black Throated Green Warbler	4 5 6 7
Wilson's Warbler	4 5 6 7
Nelson's Sparrow	6 7 9 10 11 12 14 15
Seaside Sparrow	6 7 9 10 11 12 14 15
Rufous Crowned Sparrow	4
White Throated Sparrow	4
Song Sparrow	4
Swamp Sparrow	6 7 9 10 11 12 14 15
Savannah Sparrow	4 6 7 9 10 11 12 14 15
Summer Tanager	4 5 6 7
Scarlet Tanager	4 5 6 7
Northern Cardinal	4 5 6 7
Rose Breasted Grosbeak	4 5 6 7
Blue Grosbeak	4 5 6 7
Indigo Bunting	4 5 6 7
Painted Bunting	4 5 6 7
Dickcissel	4 5 6 7
Eastern Meadowlark	4 5 6 7
Orchard Oriole	4 5 6 7
Baltimore Oriole	4 5 6 7
Red Winged Blackbird	ALL but 1 & 2
Great Tailed Grackle	ALL but 1 & 2
Pine Siskin	4 5 6 7
American Goldfinch	4 5 6 7

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