


# Birding Hotspots

## St. Johns County, Florida



### Bird Island Park – Ponte Vedra Beach

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>Adjacent to the Ponte Vedra Beach Library, Bird Island Park opened in 2010 as a result of volunteer efforts to provide local residents with a nature walk and park. A stroll through the park begins at the main gazebo and then through a turtle-shaped hedge maze of native plantings. As you pass the maze, to the right is a water feature with a bird rookery and second gazebo surrounded by a boardwalk. Continuing beyond the maze is a section of native hammock with an inviting bird bath. Many birds pass through this area every day. The peaceful environment and the high likelihood of seeing birds and other wildlife makes it a very popular place for birders.</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>101 Library Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>(904) 209-0346 (library)</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>No fee</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>Dawn to dusk</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>The Boardwalk is ADA compliant.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p><a href="http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/Parks/BirdIslandPark.aspx">http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Recreation/Parks/BirdIslandPark.aspx</a></p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>There is a good boardwalk for individuals using walkers and wheel chairs, gazebos, and bathroom facilities in the library.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>The park is built to demonstrate a variety of habitats. Habitats represented are Freshwater Marsh, Upland Hammock, Coastal Dune and Bird Rookery. There is good signage that provides information about the park's habitats.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>This is a small park good for beginning birders.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>132 species have been found.</p> <p>Rookery &amp; Coastal Dune: Herons, Egrets, Anhinga, Cormorants, Gulls, Ibis, Ducks, Turtles</p> <p>Hammock: Woodpeckers, Chickadees, and Titmice, Nuthatches, Wrens, Warblers, Cardinals, Sparrows, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Waxwings, Finches and Blackbirds</p>
<p>Bird Checklist Available:</p>	<p>eBird: <a href="https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1053333">https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1053333</a></p>