


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Southeast Intracoastal Waterway Park

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>This 114-acre modern day park has a good boardwalk for a nice view of the salt marsh along the Intracoastal Waterway and nearby Fort Matanzas National Monument.</p> <p>In winter look for Hooded Mergansers, Northern Harrier, Belted Kingfisher and Tree Swallows. Resident wading birds such as Wood Stork, Great Egret and White Ibis are often present as well as Bald Eagle and Osprey overhead. Follow the limerock walking trail loop through coastal oak scrub, which has interpretive panels, benches and an educational scavenger hunt for kids.</p> <p>You may also encounter migratory songbirds here during spring and fall. The trail and hardwoods around the parking area can also be good for songbirds in spring and fall.</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>Yes. https://floridabirdingtrail.com/trail/trail-sections/east-section/se-intracoastal-waterway-park/</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>8295 State Road A1A S., St. Augustine, FL 32080</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>(904) 209-0333</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>7:00 AM to dark daily</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>This park is ADA compliant.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.sjcf.us/parks_trails/se-intracoastal-waterway-park/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>There is a 0.7-mile walking trail loop made of crushed limestone and gravel. There are several sections of boardwalk above the marsh areas.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Coastal oak scrub and salt marsh.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>In the warmer months, you should bring bug spray.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy.</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>128 species have been found. Look for Saltmarsh Sparrows (winter), various warblers during migration, Brown Pelicans, Great Horned Owls, various heron and egrets, Willets, Ruddy Turnstones, various gulls, Royal Terns, Semipalmated Plovers, Roseate Spoonbills, and various woodpeckers.</p>
<p>Checklist:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3043951</p>