



# Application Instructions and Official Rules for **WINGS OVER FLORIDA**

The “Wings Over Florida” program awards full color certificates at five achievement levels to bird watchers who report their life lists to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. This program is a free service to residents and non-residents.

## Application Instructions

1. Clearly mark off each species you have identified by sight or sound in Florida (your life list of Florida’s birds). If using the “Checklist of Florida’s Birds” booklet, mark your sightings using column “A”. Count the total number of birds marked on your checklist ***excluding exotic (nonnative) birds***. These introduced species can pose a threat to the survival of native Florida bird populations. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission strongly discourages the introduction of exotics into the state. Examples of exotics include:

Muscovy Duck	Budgerigar	Red-whiskered Bulbul	House Finch
Rock Pigeon	Monk Parakeet	Nanday Parakeet	House Sparrow
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Spot-breasted Oriole	White-winged Parakeet	European Starling

2. Fill out the application sheet on the back of this page. **Only one applicant per application sheet.** Be sure to list the total number of birds you have witnessed in Florida excluding exotic species and circle the certification level for which you are applying.

### **Five Certificates Of Achievement:**

I.	Cardinal Level (Beginner):	50-149 birds recorded on your Florida Checklist
II.	Scrub-Jay Level (Intermediate):	150-249 birds recorded on your Florida Checklist
III.	Skimmer Level (Advanced):	250-299 birds recorded on your Florida Checklist
IV.	Egret Level (Veteran):	300-349 birds recorded on your Florida Checklist
V.	Kite Level (Elite):	350+ birds recorded on your Florida Checklist

3. Return one completed checklist booklet and this application sheet to:

**Wings Over Florida Certificate Program**  
**Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission**  
**Office of Recreation Services/Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail**  
**Post Office Box 6181**  
**Tallahassee, Florida 32301-6181**

4. Allow 4 - 6 weeks for delivery of your certificates. Checklists will not be returned; additional copies are sent with all approved certificates. If you have questions concerning “Wings Over Florida” please send an email to [gfbt@MyFWC.com](mailto:gfbt@MyFWC.com), call (850) 488-9478, or visit [floridabirdingtrail.com](http://floridabirdingtrail.com).

## Official Rules

**No exotic (nonnative) species can be counted; no captive, escaped birds can be counted.**

**All birds listed must be alive, wild, and unrestrained when observed.**

**All birds listed must be identified by sight or sound by the person submitting the application.**

**Only one individual may be listed on each certificate awarded.**

# Wings Over Florida Application

See instructions and official rules before completing. Please clearly print or type all information.

**NAME:** Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name as you would like it to appear on certificate) (Month) (Day) (Year)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a friend who would be interested in receiving information about "Wings Over Florida"? If so, list name and address:

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⇒ I am enclosing a donation to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida/Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail for:  
\$5 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Check or money order, U.S. funds only. Please do not send cash.)

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NUMBER OF BIRD SPECIES MARKED ON YOUR CHECKLIST (Double check your count total): \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE LEVEL YOU ARE APPLYING FOR (Circle one):

CARDINAL	SCRUB-JAY	SKIMMER	EGRET	KITE
(50-149)	(150-249)	(250-299)	(300-349)	(350 OR More)

WOULD YOU ALSO LIKE TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE(S) **BELOW** THE LEVEL FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED? (For instance: Skimmer applicants may also request a Scrub-Jay and Cardinal certificate.)  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

NAME THE TWO PLACES IN FLORIDA YOU GO BIRDING MOST FREQUENTLY:

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NAME YOUR TWO FAVORITE BIRDING SPOTS IN FLORIDA, REGARDLESS OF HOW OFTEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO VISIT THEM:

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HOW MANY BIRD FEEDERS DO YOU MAINTAIN IN YOUR YARD? (Circle one) 0 1 2 3 >3 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter #)

I KEEP MY FEEDERS FILLED AT LEAST \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING A CHECKLIST OF FLORIDA BIRDS?: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

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I state that all of the birds I have marked in my "Checklist of Florida's Birds" booklet were observed by myself and all information included on this application is true and correct. In making this application for recognition of the number of bird species I have observed and identified, I authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use this information for research, informational and other public purposes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants age 12 or younger)

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE JUNIOR BIRDER PROGRAM? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_