

### BIRDS OF GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE

PHOTOS OF ISLAND AND BEACH BIRDS OF THE GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE TAKEN BY DR. OLIVIA GRAVES. PHOTOS WERE TAKEN ON WEST SHIP ISLAND, HORN ISLAND, DEER ISLAND AND THE BEACHES AND MARSHES ALONG THE MAINLAND. THE ACCEPTED COMMON NAME IS GIVEN FOLLOWED BY SEASONAL OCCURRENCE AND RELATIVE ABUNDANCE. EXAMPLE WITH ABBREVIATIONS BELOW:



ROYAL TERN
Sp. c S. c F. c W. c

#### **Seasonal Occurrence**

SP – Spring, March-May

**S – Summer, June-August** 

F – Fall, September-November

W – Winter, December-February

#### **Abundance**

**C – common, 5-25/day** 

U – uncommon, few/day

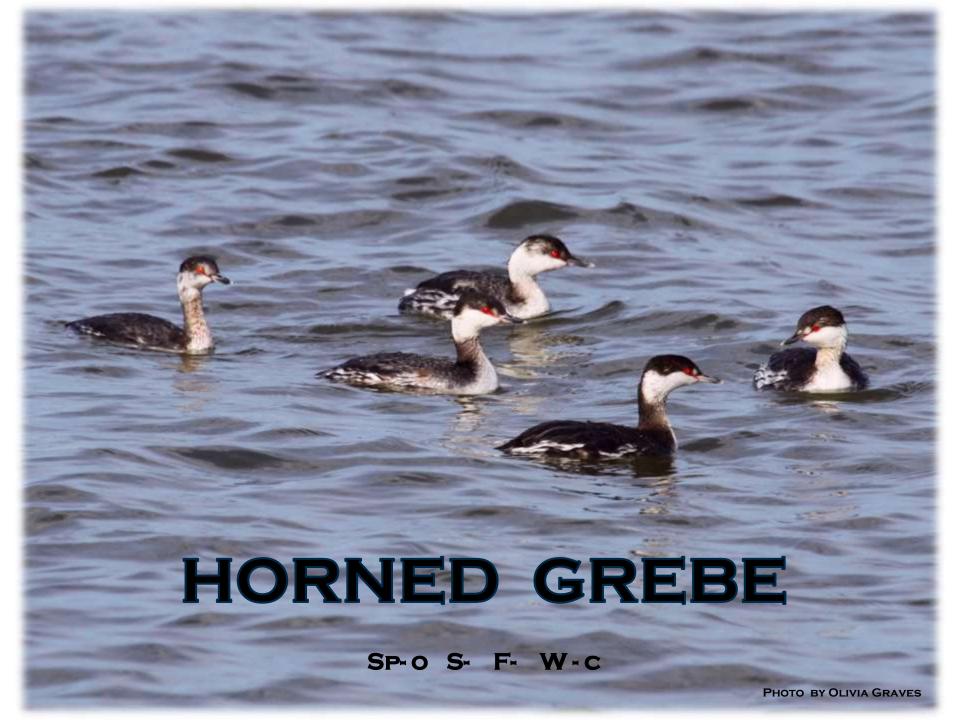
O – occasional, 1/year or less

R – rare, reported at least once













# WHITE PELICANS





# DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

SP-C S-R F-C W-C





#### MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD

SP-O S-U F-U W-R

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# GREAT BLUE HERON

SP-C S-C F-C W-C







# GREAT EGRET

SP-C S-C F-C W-C







# SNOWY EGRET

SP-C S-C F-C W-C

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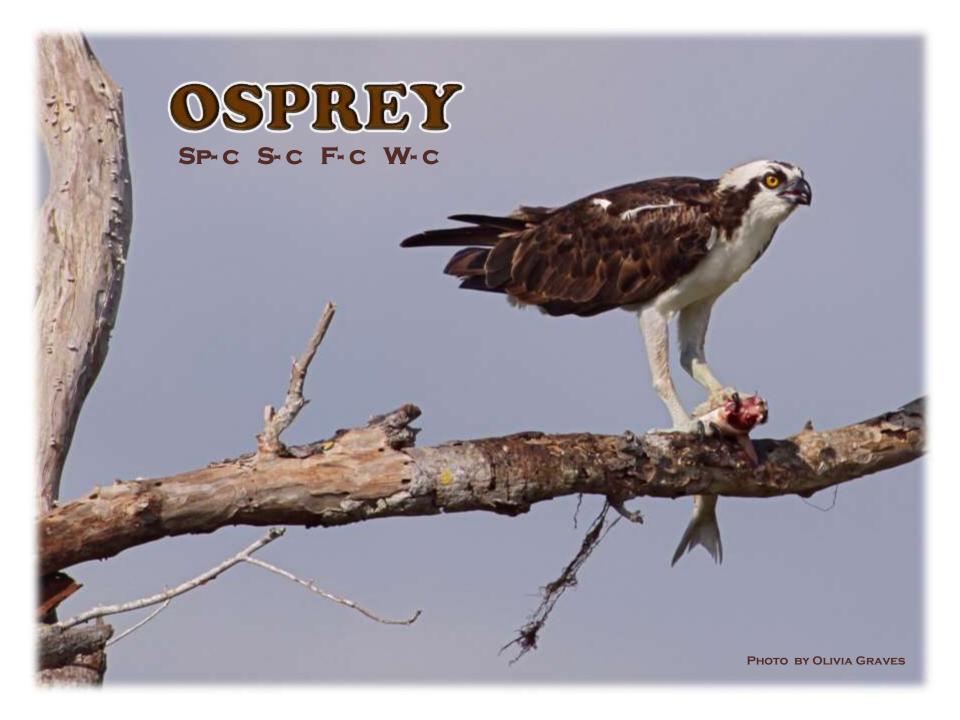


















#### NORTHERN HARRIER HAWK

SP-U S- F-U W-C







### AMERICAN COOT

SP-C S-O F-C W-C



### BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

SP-C S - F-C W-C

PARTIAL BREEDING PLUMAGE



**WINTER PLUMAGE** 







## **SNOWY PLOVER**

SP-U S-U F-U W-U







### **WILSON'S PLOVER**

SP-C S-C F-O W-



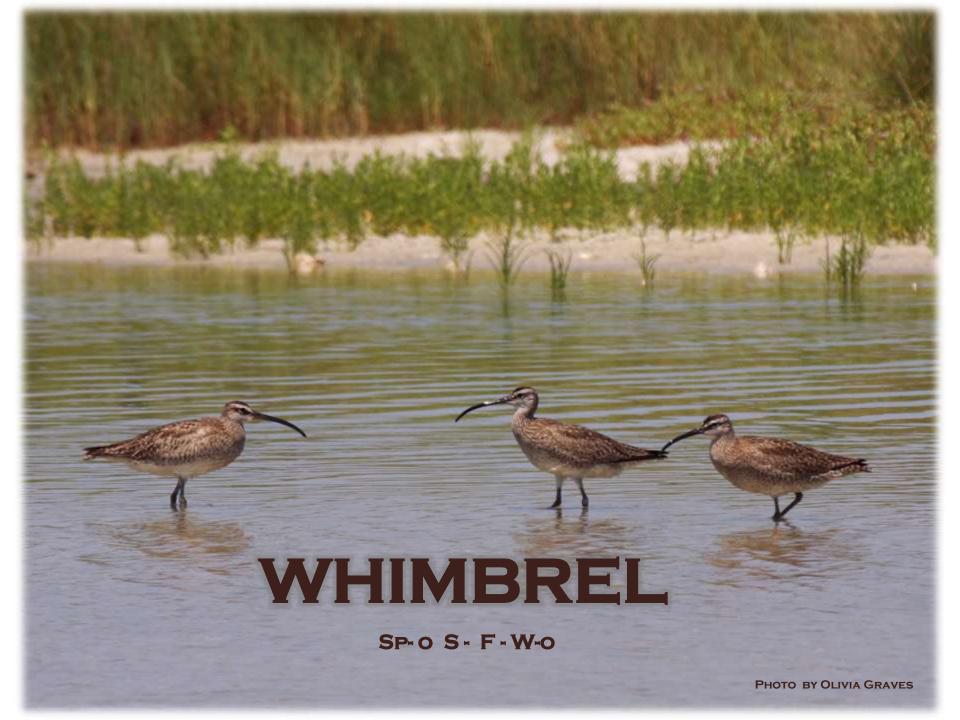




SP-C S-C F-C W-C

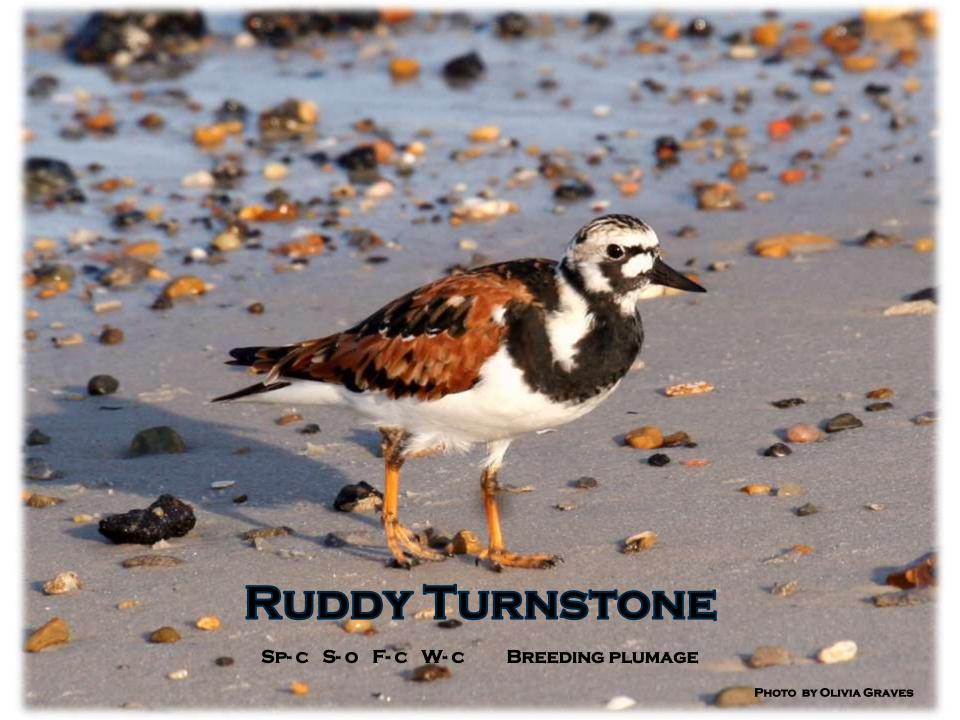
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#### SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER

SP-C S - F-C W-C











### GULL-BILLED TERN

SP-U S-U F- W-



**ROYAL TERNS** 

**BREEDING PLUMAGE** 

SP-C S-C F-C W-C

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### SANDWICH TERNS

**BREEDING PLUMAGE** 

SP+C S+C F+C W+C

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## **BLACK TERNS**

SP-U S-U F-C W-R

# BLACK SKIMMER









SP-C S-C F-C W-C

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