Red-headed Woodpecker
Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Status:	Permanent resident, nests at Grand Bay
Abundance:	Fairly common in spring & summer; rare in fall & winter
When found:	Year round
Habitat:	Pine savanna
Best locations:	East Pecan Road (near the train tracks)

Notes: Red-headed Woodpeckers seem to disappear in the winter. They likely move out of our area and into hardwood forests during the colder months.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher
Contopus cooperi

Status:	Transient
Abundance:	Rare
When found:	September–November
Habitat:	Pine savanna
Best locations:	Goat Farm, Bayou Heron Road

Notes: To find this species, drive on Bayou Heron Road and scan the tops of pine trees looking for a flycatcher silhouette.

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Great-crested Flycatcher
Myiarchus crinitus

Status: Summer resident, nests at Grand Bay

Abundance: Fairly common

When found: April–October

Habitat: Oak hammock, maritime forest

Best locations: Oak Grove Birding Trail, Kenny's Island

Notes: This species is fairly noisy and is often first detected by hearing its distinctive "wheep" call.

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Eastern Kingbird
Tyrannus tyrannus

Status: Summer resident, nests at Grand Bay

Abundance: Fairly common

When found: April–October

Habitat: Oak hammock, maritime forest, pine savanna

Best locations: Bayou Heron Boat Launch, Point O' Pines Boat Launch

Notes: Eastern Kingbirds can often be observed mobbing and harassing larger birds, especially hawks.

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Tyrannus forficatus

Status:	Transient
Abundance:	Rare
When found:	August–October
Habitat:	Maritime forest
Best locations:	Kenny's Island, Bayou Heron Boat Launch

Notes: This species is typically a rare migrant to the area; birds seen at Grand Bay may be part of the small population that winters in Florida.

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