



## OWLS

### Barn Owl

*Tyto alba*

Status:	Permanent resident
Abundance:	Rare, but probably under-reported
When found:	Year round
Habitat:	Pine savanna, salt & brackish marsh, freshwater marsh
Best locations:	Point aux Chenes, Bayou Heron Road

*Notes: This species is not known to nest in the area but does roost in the shrubs and trees along the Point aux Chenes salt pannes. Listen for its bone-chilling screech along Bayou Heron Road at night.*

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### Short-eared Owl

*Asio flammeus*

Status:	Winter resident
Abundance:	Rare, though probably overlooked
When found:	December –March
Habitat:	Salt marsh
Best locations:	Grand Battures, Point aux Chenes, Bayou Heron Boat Launch

*Notes: Try walking through dense cover at marsh edges, or scan from the boat launch at dusk to locate this bird.*



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