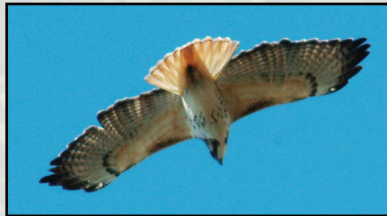




Tricolored Heron
(*Egretta tricolor*)



Red-tailed Hawk
(*Buteo jamaicensis*)



Little Blue Heron
(*Egretta caerulea*)



Black-necked Stilt
(*Himantopus mexicanus*)

In this Brochure there were 16 birds that are common to the Bonnet Carré Spillway. How many were you able to identify?

If not, what were the reasons? Were you in the right habitat? Was it the right season? What time of day did you look? These and many more factors can make for a more successful venture.

If you thought this was fun, stay tuned for our Completed Guide to Birding in the Bonnet Carré Spillway, coming soon. Come on out and enjoy the many sights and sounds of the spillway!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Baton Rouge take the second Laplace Exit off of I-10 E. Take a right at the bottom of the ramp. Follow Hwy 51 S to Airline Hwy (US 61). Take a left on Airline and go approximately 4 miles until you see signs for the Bonnet Carré Spillway.

From New Orleans Take I-10 W towards Baton Rouge. Take the I-310 Split towards Boutte. Go about 2 miles and Take the Kenner Norco Exit onto Airline Hwy (US 61). Follow the signs toward Norco go approximately 8 miles until you see signs for the Bonnet Carré Spillway.

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Snowy Egret and Glossy Ibis
(*Egretta thula* and *Plegadis falcinellus*)

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Tools of the Trade:

- Binoculars
- Field guide
- Pen and Pad
- Good walking/hiking shoes
- Plenty of fluids
- Insect repellent
- Patience!

The Bonnet Carré Spillway has been a top choice among birders for many years. Because of the wide array of habitats (swamps, ponds, sand spits, fields, forest, and marsh) many species of birds call it home!



Common Yellowthroat
(Geothlypis trichas)



Yellow-Crowned Night Heron
(Nyctanassa violacea)



Lesser yellowlegs
(Tringa flavipes)



Eastern Blue Bird
(Sialia sialis)



American White Pelican
(Pelecanus erythrorhynchos)



White Ibis
(Eudocimus albus)



Wood Duck, female & male
(Aix sponsa)



Killdeer
(Charadrius vociferus)



Pied-billed Grebe
(Podilymbus podiceps)



Bald Eagle
(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)

