

**WFS 340 Wetlands Ecology and Management**  
**Common Waterbirds in the Southeast**

<b>GEESE</b>	<b>Common vernacular (slang) names</b>
Greater white-fronted goose	Specklebelly
Snow goose: <i>white phase and blue phase</i>	Blue phase – Blue goose
*Canada goose	

<b>SWANS</b>
Tundra swan
Mute swan

<b>TREE DUCKS</b>	<b>Common vernacular (slang) names</b>
Black-bellied whistling duck	
*Wood duck	Woodie or Summer duck

<b>DABBLING DUCKS (a.k.a. puddle ducks)</b>	<b>Common vernacular (slang) names</b>
*Mallard	
American black duck	
*Gadwall	Gray duck
Green-winged teal	
*American wigeon	Baldpate
*Northern pintail	Sprig
Northern shoveler	Spoonbill
Blue-winged teal	

<b>DIVING DUCKS</b>	<b>Common vernacular (slang) names</b>
Canvasback	Can
Redhead	
Ring-necked duck	Ringbill or Blackjack
Greater and Lesser scaup	Bluebills
Bufflehead	
Hooded merganser	
Ruddy duck	

<b>LOONS</b>
*Common loon

<b>GREBES</b>
Pied-billed grebe

<b>DARTERS &amp; CORMORANTS</b>
Anhinga
Double-crested cormorant

<b>WADING BIRDS</b>
Green heron
Little blue heron
Cattle egret
Snowy egret

**WADING BIRDS CONT'D**

Great egret  
 Great blue heron  
 Wood stork  
 White ibis  
 Roseate spoonbill

**SECRETIVE MARSH BIRDS****Common vernacular (slang) names**

King rail	
*Clapper rail	Marsh hen
Virginia rail	
Sora	
Purple gallinule	
*Common moorhen	
*American coot	Mud duck

**CRANES**

\*Sandhill crane  
 Whooping crane

**SHOREBIRDS**

Black-bellied plover  
 Piping plover  
 Wilson's plover  
 Semipalmated plover  
 \*Killdeer  
 American oystercatcher  
 American avocet  
 Black-necked stilt  
 Willet  
 Lesser yellowlegs  
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 Solitary sandpiper  
 Spotted sandpiper  
 Marbled godwit  
 Ruddy turnstone  
 Sanderling  
 Dunlin  
 Peeps: semipalmated sandpiper, western sandpiper, least sandpiper  
 Pectoral sandpiper  
 Short-billed dowitcher  
 Long-billed dowitcher  
 Wilson's snipe  
 \*American woodcock

Sight identification for all species, entire common name (spelled correctly) required

\*Indicates species that also include ID via vocalization/call

For the 2 species of yellowlegs, you only need to be able to identify it as a yellowlegs

For the Peeps, "peep" will be acceptable and there may be bonus opportunity(s) if you can correctly ID it to species

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