

## RAILS

### Yellow Rail

*Coturnicops noveboracensis*

Status:	Winter resident
Abundance:	Rare
When found:	October–April
Habitat:	Pine savanna, salt & freshwater marsh
Best locations:	Bayou Heron Boat Launch, Power Line Right-of-Way

*Notes: Yellow Rails are surely more common than the number of sightings suggest. Occasionally, these secretive rails can be enticed to call by tapping two pebbles together.*



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### Black Rail

*Laterallus jamaicensis*

Status:	Winter resident
Abundance:	(very) Rare
When found	November–March
Habitat:	Salt & brackish marsh, salt pannes
Best locations:	Bayou Heron Boat Launch, Point aux Chenes Salt Pannes

*Notes: There are only four records for this species at the reserve; three just north of the Bayou Heron Boat Launch, and one from Point aux Chenes.*

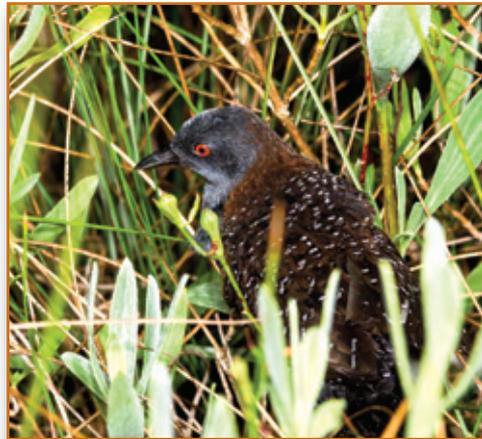


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# Clapper Rail

*Rallus longirostris*

- Status: Permanent resident, nests at Grand Bay
- Abundance: Common
- When found: Year round
- Habitat: Salt & brackish marsh
- Best locations: Bayou Heron  
Boat Launch,  
Bayou Cumbest

*Notes: This rail is the most common “secretive” marsh bird at the reserve. These birds have been the subject of several research projects here at Grand Bay.*



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# Sora

*Porzana carolina*

- Status: Winter resident
- Abundance: Common in April & May, uncommon in fall & winter
- When found: September–May. Absent June through August.
- Habitat: Freshwater marsh; salt marsh during migration



Best locations:  
Hawkes’ Marsh

*Notes: In the spring, any loud noise you can make in the marsh should elicit a raucous response of whinnies and whistles from numerous hidden Soras.*

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