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Merritt Island and Canaveral National Seashore

Lagoons and marshes beside the Kennedy Space Center, with spoonbills and alligators on Black Point Wildlife Drive, manatees at Haulover Canal, Florida scrub-jays in the scrub and sea turtles nesting on the beaches.

133 animals

13 mammals, 83 birds, 17 reptiles, 7 amphibians, 4 other sea life, 6 butterflies and 3 dragonflies

Best time: Nov to Apr

Seen _____ of 133

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01 Manatees and dolphins 3

- ☐ West Indian Manatee
- ☐ Bottlenose Dolphin
- ☐ North Atlantic Right Whale Rare

02 Land mammals 10

- ☐ Raccoon
- ☐ White-tailed Deer
- ☐ Wild Boar
- ☐ Nine-banded Armadillo
- ☐ Marsh Rabbit
- ☐ Eastern Cottontail
- ☐ Virginia Opossum
- ☐ River Otter
- ☐ Coyote
- ☐ Bobcat Rare

03 Wading birds 16

- ☐ Roseate Spoonbill
- ☐ Wood Stork
- ☐ Great Blue Heron
- ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ Snowy Egret
- ☐ Little Blue Heron

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03 Wading birds continued

- ☐ Tricolored Heron
- ☐ Reddish Egret
- ☐ White Ibis
- ☐ Glossy Ibis
- ☐ Black-crowned Night Heron
- ☐ Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- ☐ Green Heron
- ☐ Western Cattle Egret
- ☐ Sandhill Crane
- ☐ Limpkin Rare

04 Ducks and water birds 17

- ☐ Blue-winged Teal
- ☐ Northern Shoveler
- ☐ Northern Pintail
- ☐ American Wigeon
- ☐ Lesser Scaup
- ☐ Mottled Duck
- ☐ Hooded Merganser
- ☐ Red-breasted Merganser
- ☐ American Coot
- ☐ Common Gallinule

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04 Ducks and water birds continued

- [ ] Purple Gallinule Rare
- [ ] Pied-billed Grebe
- [ ] American White Pelican
- [ ] Brown Pelican
- [ ] Anhinga
- [ ] Double-crested Cormorant
- [ ] Belted Kingfisher

05 Shorebirds, gulls and terns 22

- [ ] Black Skimmer
- [ ] Royal Tern
- [ ] Sandwich Tern
- [ ] Caspian Tern
- [ ] Forster's Tern
- [ ] Least Tern
- [ ] Laughing Gull
- [ ] Ring-billed Gull
- [ ] Black-necked Stilt
- [ ] American Avocet
- [ ] Willet
- [ ] Greater Yellowlegs
- [ ] Short-billed Dowitcher
- [ ] Dunlin
- [ ] Western Sandpiper
- [ ] Sanderling
- [ ] Ruddy Turnstone
- [ ] Black-bellied Plover
- [ ] Wilson's Plover Rare
- [ ] Piping Plover Rare
- [ ] Northern Gannet
- [ ] Magnificent Frigatebird Rare

06 Birds of prey 11

- [ ] Bald Eagle
- [ ] Osprey
- [ ] Red-shouldered Hawk

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06 Birds of prey continued

- [ ] Swallow-tailed Kite
- [ ] Northern Harrier
- [ ] Peregrine Falcon
- [ ] American Kestrel
- [ ] Black Vulture
- [ ] Turkey Vulture
- [ ] Great Horned Owl
- [ ] Barred Owl Rare

07 Scrub and land birds 17

- [ ] Florida Scrub Jay
- [ ] Northern Bobwhite
- [ ] Loggerhead Shrike
- [ ] Eastern Towhee
- [ ] Painted Bunting
- [ ] Northern Cardinal
- [ ] Northern Mockingbird
- [ ] Boat-tailed Grackle
- [ ] Red-winged Blackbird
- [ ] Fish Crow
- [ ] Red-bellied Woodpecker
- [ ] Pileated Woodpecker
- [ ] Palm Warbler
- [ ] Yellow-rumped Warbler
- [ ] Prairie Warbler
- [ ] Grey Catbird
- [ ] Tree Swallow

08 Alligators and reptiles 14

- [ ] American Alligator
- [ ] Gopher Tortoise
- [ ] Florida Red-bellied Cooter
- [ ] Peninsula Cooter
- [ ] Florida Softshell Turtle
- [ ] Brown Anole
- [ ] Green Anole

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08 Alligators and reptiles continued

- [ ] Six-lined Racerunner
- [ ] North American Racer
- [ ] Coachwhip
- [ ] Eastern Rat Snake
- [ ] Eastern Cottonmouth
- [ ] Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake Rare
- [ ] Eastern Indigo Snake Rare

09 Sea turtles 3

- [ ] Loggerhead Sea Turtle
- [ ] Green Sea Turtle
- [ ] Leatherback Turtle Rare

10 Frogs and toads 7

- [ ] Southern Toad
- [ ] Southern Leopard Frog
- [ ] Green Tree Frog
- [ ] Pig Frog

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10 Frogs and toads continued

- [ ] Squirrel Treefrog
- [ ] Cuban Tree Frog
- [ ] Oak Toad Rare

11 Shore and lagoon life 4

- [ ] Atlantic Ghost Crab
- [ ] Flathead Grey Mullet
- [ ] Atlantic Horseshoe Crab
- [ ] Red Drum

12 Butterflies and dragonflies 9

- [ ] Gulf Fritillary
- [ ] Zebra Longwing
- [ ] Monarch
- [ ] Great Southern White
- [ ] Cloudless Sulphur
- [ ] Palamedes Swallowtail
- [ ] Eastern Pondhawk
- [ ] Halloween Pennant
- [ ] Seaside Dragonlet

My trip

FROM TO

TRAVELLING WITH

STAYING AT SEEN OF 133

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW

BEST MOMENT

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

KEEP IT IN WILDER

Tick them off in the app

Scan to open this checklist in Wilder. Add your photos, see your whole trip, earn badges and the Merritt Island passport stamp, and watch your life list grow.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.