

## Sandy Point and Green Cay National Wildlife Refuges



*Christiansted, Virgin Islands*

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Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge measures 380 acres in size and is surrounded on three sides by the beautiful turquoise Caribbean Sea. It was established in 1984 for the protection of nesting leatherback turtles. Inland from its sandy beaches, which are critical habitat for sea turtles, littoral woodlands, scrub plant communities and wetlands, of value to assorted species of birds, dominate. At least 100 species of birds have been observed on the refuge of which 22 species have been found nesting here.

### **How to use your checklist**

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union.

This checklist is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records.

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Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

#### **Seasonal appearance/*Estaciones*:**

- Sp - Spring/*Primavera* (March - May)
- S - Summer/*Verano* (June - August)
- F - Fall/*Otoño* (September- November)
- W - Winter/*Invierno* (December- February)

#### **Seasonal abundance/*Abundancia Por Estaciones*:**

- a - abundant/*seguro de observarse*: a common species which is very numerous
- c - common/*seguro de observarse en habitat apropiado*: certain to be seen in suitable habitat
- u - uncommon/*presente, pero posiblemente no se observe*: present but not certain to be seen
- o - occasional/*observado algunas veces durante la estación*: seen only a few times during a season
- r - rare/*observado solo cada 2 a 5 anos*: seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years
- x - accidental/*observado solo una o dos veces*: seen only once or twice
- z - abundance unknown/*abundancia no conocida*

**Refuge:**

SP - Sandy Point

GC- Green Cay

**Status:**

# - Endangered

+ - Exotic

\* - Nesting

GREBES		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Least Grebe	SP	r	r	r
r	<i>Tigua</i>				
BOOBIES AND GANNETS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Brown Booby	SP	c	c	c
c	<i>Boba prieta</i>	GC	o	o	o
o					
PELICANS AND THEIR ALLIES		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Brown Pelican	SP#	o	o	o
o	<i>Pelícano pardo</i>	GC	a	a	a
a					
CORMORANTS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Double-crested Cormorant	SP	-	-	-
x	<i>Cormorán crestado</i>				
FRIGATEBIRDS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Magnificent Frigatebird	SP	o	o	o
o	<i>Tijereta</i>	GC	o	o	o
o					
HERONS, EGRETS AND ALLIES		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Great Blue Heron	SP	c	-	u
c	<i>Garzón cenizo</i>	GC*	o	o	-
-					

___	Snowy Egret	SP*	o	o	-
-	<i>Garza blanca</i>	GC*	a	c	-
___	Little Blue Heron	SP	c	c	u
o	<i>Garza azul</i>	GC*	a	a	u
___	Tricolored Heron	SP	r	r	-
-	<i>Garza pechiblanca</i>	GC	r	r	-
___	Cattle Egret	SP	c	c	u
o	<i>Garza ganadera</i>	GC*	a	a	-
___	Great Egret	SP	o	o	-
-	<i>Garza real</i>	GC*	a	c	-
___	Green Heron	SP*	c	c	c
c	<i>Martinete</i>	GC*	u	c	u
r	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	SP*	u	u	u
u	<i>Yaboa común</i>	GC*	r	r	-
___	Black-crowned Night-Heron	SP	r	r	r
r	<i>Yaboa real</i>	GC*	r	r	-
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FLAMINGOS	REFUGE	SP	S	F
W				
___	Flamingo	SP	x	-
x	<i>Flamingo</i>			

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WATERFOWL	REFUGE	SP	S	F
W				
___	White-cheeked Pintail	SP	o	o
o	<i>Pato quijada colorado</i>	GC*	u	u
___	Blue-winged Teal	SP	r	-
r	<i>Pato zarcel</i>			

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VULTURES, HAWKS AND ALLIES	REFUGE	SP	S	F
W				
___	Osprey	SP	o	-
o				

u	<i>Aguila pescadora</i>	GC	o	-	o
___	Red-tailed Hawk	SP	o	o	o
r	<i>Guaraguao</i>	GC	o	o	o
r					
FALCONS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Merlin	SP	o	-	o
o	<i>Falcón migratorio</i>	GC	o	-	o
o	American Kestrel	SP	o	o	o
o	<i>Falcón común</i>				
___	Peregrine Falcon	SP#	o	-	o
o	<i>Falcón peregrino</i>	GC	o	-	o
o					
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS AND CRANE		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Common Moorhen	SP*	r	r	r
r	<i>Gallareta común</i>				
OYSTERCATCHERS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	American Oystercatcher	GC*	c	c	o
r	<i>Ostrero</i>				
SHOREBIRDS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Black-bellied Plover	SP	o	-	o
o	<i>Playero cabezón</i>	GC	o	-	u
o	Snowy Plover	SP	-	-	-
x	<i>Playero blanco</i>				
___	Wilson's Plover	SP	c	c	u
r	<i>Playero marítimo</i>	GC	-	-	-
o	Killdeer	SP	-	-	r
-	<i>Playero sabanero</i>				
___	American Golden-Plover	SP	-	-	r
-	<i>Playero dorado</i>				

o	Black-necked Stilt	SP	c	c	c
o	<i>Viuda</i>				
o	American Avocet	SP	-	x	-
o	<i>Avoceta</i>				
o	Greater Yellowlegs	SP	a	o	a
o	<i>Playero guineilla mayor</i>				
o	Lesser Yellowlegs	SP	a	o	a
o	<i>Playero guineilla menor</i>				
o	Solitary Sandpiper	SP	-	r	u
o	<i>Playero solitario</i>				
o	Baird's Sandpiper	SP	-	-	r
o	<i>Playero de Baird</i>				
o	Willet	SP	-	r	u
o	<i>Playero aiiblanco</i>				
o	Dunlin	SP	-	-	x
o	<i>Playero espaldacolorada</i>				
o	Spotted Sandpiper	SP	u	r	c
o	<i>Playero coleador</i>	GC	u	-	c
o	Least Sandpiper	SP	o	r	a
o	<i>Playerito menudo</i>	GC	-	-	-
o	Whimbrel	SP	r	-	o
o	<i>Playero picocorvo</i>				
o	Ruddy Turnstone	SP	o	-	o
o	<i>Playero turco</i>	GC	u	r	c
o	Semipalmated Sandpiper	SP	u	r	a
o	<i>Playerito gracioso</i>	GC	o	-	o
o	Western Sandpiper	SP	o	r	a
o	<i>Playerito occidental</i>				
o	White-rumped Sandpiper	SP	-	-	o
o	<i>Playero rabadilla blanca</i>				
o	Pectoral Sandpiper	SP	-	-	o
o	<i>Playero manchado</i>				
o	Stilt Sandpiper	SP	u	o	a
o	<i>Playero zancudo</i>				
o	Short-billed Dowitcher	SP	r	-	a

___	<i>Chorlo picocorto</i>				
u	Common Snipe	SP	r	-	o
___	<i>Becasina</i>				
-	Laughing Gull	SP	c	c	u
___	<i>Gaviota gallega</i>				
-	Ringed-billed Gull	GC	o	o	o
x	<i>Gaviota piquianillada</i>				
___	Herring Gull	SP	-	-	-
x	<i>Gaviota argentea</i>				
___	Common Black-headed Gull	SP	-	-	x
___	<i>Gaviota cabecinegra</i>				
o	Royal Tern	SP	o	o	o
___	<i>Gaviota real</i>				
-	Arctic Tern	SP	-	x	-
___	<i>Gaviota del ártico</i>				
-	Common Tern	SP	-	o	r
___	<i>Gaviota Común</i>				
x	Sandwich Tern	SP	u	u	o
___	<i>Gaviota piguiaguda</i>				
-	Least Tern	SP*	a	a	u
___	<i>Gaviota pequeña</i>				
-	Gull-billed Tern	GC	o	c	-
___	<i>Gaviota piquigordo</i>				
-	Roseate Tern	SP#	x	o	-
___	<i>Palometa</i>				
u	Sanderling	SP	o	-	c
___	<i>Playero arenero</i>				
o	Bridled Tern	GC	o	-	o
___	<i>Gaviota monja</i>				
-	Black Tern	SP	-	x	-
___	<i>Gaviota ceniza</i>				
-	Sooty Tern	SP	c	c	-
___	<i>Gaviota oscura</i>				
-	Caspian Tern	SP	x	-	-
___	<i>Gaviota de Caspia</i>				
-	Brown Noddy	SP	u	u	-

	<i>Cervera</i>				
___	Lesser Black-backed Gull	SP	x	-	-
-					
	<i>Gaviota espaldinegra menor</i>				
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PIGEONS AND DOVES		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	White-crowned Pigeon	SP*	u	c	o
-					
	<i>Paloma cabeciblanca</i>	GC*	c	a	u
-					
___	Scaly-naped Pigeon	SP	o	o	o
-					
	<i>Paloma turca</i>	GC*	o	o	o
-					
___	Zenaida Dove	SP*	a	a	c
o					
	<i>Tórtola cardosanterá</i>	GC*	c	a	c
o					
___	Common Ground-Dove	SP*	a	a	c
o					
	<i>Rolita</i>	GC*	a	a	c
o					
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CUCKOOS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	SP	-	-	o
-					
	<i>Pájaro bobo picoamarillo</i>				
___	Smooth-billed Ani	SP*	u	u	u
o					
	<i>Judío</i>				
___	Mangrove Cuckoo	SP*	u	u	o
o					
	<i>Pájaro bobo menor</i>				
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GOATSUCKERS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Antillean Nighthawk	SP	r	o	-
-					
	<i>Querequequé antillano</i>				
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SWIFTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Chimney Swift	SP	-	-	-
x					
	<i>Vencejo de chimenea</i>				
___	Green-throated Carib	SP*	r	r	r
r					
	<i>Zumbador pechiazul</i>	GC*	r	r	r
r					
___	Antillean Crested Hummingbird	SP*	r	r	r
r					

r	<i>Zumbadorcito crestado</i>	GC*	r	r	r
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KINGFISHERS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Belted Kingfisher	SP	o	-	o
o					
o	<i>Martín pescador</i>	GC	o	-	o
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TYRANT FLYCATCHER		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Gray Kingbird	SP*	a	a	a
u					
o	<i>Pitirre</i>	GC	c	-	c
o					
___	Caribbean Elaenia	SP*	a	a	a
u					
o	<i>Juí blanco</i>	GC*	c	c	c
o					
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MARTINS AND SWALLOWS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Barn Swallow	SP	c	r	a
c					
o	<i>Golondrina de horquilla</i>	GC	o	r	c
o					
___	Bank Swallow	SP	-	-	o
r					
-	<i>Golondrina parda</i>	GC	-	-	x
-					
___	Cliff Swallow	SP	r	-	u
o					
o	<i>Golondrina de peñasco</i>				
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THRASHERS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Northern Mockingbird	SP*	c	c	u
o					
o	<i>Ruiseñor</i>				
___	Pearly-eyed Thrasher	SP*	u	c	c
o					
o	<i>Zorzal pardo</i>				
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VIREOS		REFUGE	SP	S	F
W					
___	Black-whiskered Vireo	SP*	c	a	u
o					
o	<i>Julián chiví</i>	GC	o	o	-
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WARBLERS	REFUGE	SP	S	F
W				
___ Northern Parula	SP	r	-	o
r <i>Reinita pechidorada</i>				
___ Yellow Warbler	SP*	a	a	c
u <i>Canario de mangle</i>	GC*	c	c	u
o Cape May Warbler	SP*	o	-	u
o <i>Reinita tigre</i>				
___ Blackpoll Warbler	SP	-	c	-
- <i>Reinita rayada</i>				
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	SP	-	-	r
r <i>Reinita coronada</i>				
___ Prairie Warbler	SP	o	-	c
o <i>Reinita galana</i>				
___ Palm Warbler	SP	-	-	r
r <i>Reinita palmera</i>				
___ Black-and-white Warbler	SP	r	-	o
r <i>Reinita trepadora</i>				
___ Northern Waterthrush	SP	r	-	o
r <i>Pizpita de mangle</i>				
___ Bananaquit	SP*	a	a	c
c <i>Reinita común</i>	GC*	c	c	c
c Scarlet Tanager	SP	-	-	x
- <i>Escarlatina</i>				
___ Blue Grosbeak	SP	x	-	x
- <i>Azulejo</i>				
___ Black-faced Grassquit	SP*	a	a	c
c <i>Gorrión negro</i>				

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WAXBILLS AND ALLIES	REFUGE	SP	S	F
W				
___ Chestnut Mannikin	SP+	r	r	r
r <i>Monja tricolor</i>				

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### Ethics for Birdwatching

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods.

Do not litter. Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

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