



SPECIES SEEN DRY TORTUGAS April 27-29, 2014

These species were seen only [on the pelagic](#) on our way to the Dry Tortugas from Key West.

[Audubon's Shearwater](#) - good looks at 5 flying near the boat in water about 250 feet deep

Magnificent Frigatebird - nest on Long Key

[Masked Booby](#) - 110+ on Hospital Key where they nest, several flying by the boat

[Brown Booby](#) - 5, in two groups

[Northern Gannet](#) - 1 1st year bird near the Marquesas

Double-crested Cormorant

Brown Pelican

Great Blue Heron - 1 seen on Hospital Key

Cattle Egret

Green Heron

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1 adult

Osprey - 2 on the last full day

Northern Harrier - a young male, flying past the fort as we got off the boat on the first day

Black-bellied Plover - a single adult on the south coaling dock pilings on the last morning

Spotted Sandpiper

Ruddy Turnstone - a dozen foraging around the moat and dock shoreline

Sanderling

Short-billed Dowitcher

[Red-necked Phalarope](#) - a single bird and a flock of 8 flying close to the boat

Laughing Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Brown Noddy - 10,000 nesting on Bush Key

Sooty Tern - 80,000 nesting on Bush Key

[Bridled Tern](#) - 4 seen pretty well working a feed line

[Least Tern](#) - couple near Key West, 2 at the fort harbour

[Roseate Tern](#) - 2 on the Tail's End marker

Royal Tern

[Sandwich Tern](#) - 2 on a marker near Key West

[Pomarine Jaeger](#) - great looks at one sub-adult on the water

Eurasian Collared Dove

White-winged Dove

Mourning Dove

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 bird, seen on 3 days

Antillean Nighthawk - 2 in flight at dusk calling, 1 at 11.30am calling over east side of fort (must have been flushed)

Nighthawk sp - 3 in flight at dusk, never called

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1 female
Belted Kingfisher - 1
American Kestrel - one catching a Palm Warbler at the fountain
Merlin - 1 immature female seen daily
Peregrine - 3 on Bush and Long Key
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1 bird calling often for 3 days
Eastern Kingbird - one daily
Gray Kingbird - 4 on the first day, one each day after
(Northern Rough-winged Swallow - seen by another group)
Barn Swallow - 6 seen daily
Cliff Swallow - 1 seen daily
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1
Veery - 1 seen every day
Gray-cheeked Thrush - 2 seen every day
Swainson's Thrush - 1 seen each day
Gray Catbird - 2
Red-eyed Vireo - 1
Ovenbird - 1
Worm-eating Warbler - 1
(Northern Waterthrush - 1 seen by another group)
Black-and-white Warbler - as many as 5
(Tennessee Warbler - seen by another group)
(Nashville Warbler - seen by another group)
Common Yellowthroat - several birds
Hooded Warbler - 1 male and 1 female, each working their own little patch
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler - 1 female
Northern Parula - 1 female
Magnolia Warbler
(Blackburnian Warbler - female seen by another group)
Blackpoll Warbler - 1 female
Black-throated Blue Warbler - 1 male
Palm Warbler - a dozen or more
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1 of the subspecies albilora
Prairie Warbler - a couple
Black-throated Green Warbler
Wilson's Warbler - excellent record, a male. Supposedly another group saw 2 males and a female
Scarlet Tanager - a male and female
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 2 males and a female
Blue Grosbeak - 1 male
Indigo Bunting - as many as 10 of both sexes
Painted Bunting - 1 female
Bobolink - 3 males
Orchard Oriole - 1 female
Baltimore Oriole - 1 male