

DRY TORTUGAS - Species Recorded on 31 Trips 1996-2018



Since 1997 all trips have been for 3 days on the overnight boats with the exception of 2009 which was in the day boat only *

1996 extended stay camping on Garden Key

italic = seen in the gulf stream on the pelagic part

* = day boat, 1 day only / 4.5 hrs on Garden Key and does not include going into the gulf stream

	TOTAL											TOTAL	
	31 trips	2018	2018	2017	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2010	21 trips	NOTES
	1996-2018	4/22-25	4/17-20	4/23-26	4/16-19	4/24-27	4/26-28	4/25-27	4/26-28	4/25-27	4/30-5/2	1996-2009	
Ducks, Geese & Waterfowl													
Blue-winged Teal	5					X						4	
Red-breasted Merganser	5			X								4	
Loons & Grebes													
<i>Common Loon</i>	1											1	Rare; 2005 at Garden Key
Petrels & Shearwaters													
<i>Manx Shearwater</i>	2								X			1	Rare
<i>Audubon Shearwater</i>	25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	15	
Storm-Petrels													
<i>Band-rumped Storm-Petrel</i>	1											1	Seen in 2008, uncommon to rare this close to DT's
Tropicbirds													
<i>White-tailed Tropicbird</i>	1											1	Seen in 2004 near the Tail's End marker
Frigatebirds, Boobies & Gannets													
Magnificent Frigatebird	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21	
Masked Booby	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21	Breed on the sandy Hospital Key
Brown Booby	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20	Best seen on various markers near the DT's
Red-footed Booby	8											8	Best chance, roosting amongst the frigatebirds on Long Key
<i>Northern Gannet</i>	23	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	15	More likely to be seen nearer Key West. Mid April is getting late
Cormorants & Anhingas													
Double-crested Cormorant	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20	
Pelicans													
American White Pelican	1				X								19 seen over the fort on 4/18/17, a 2nd spring record
Brown Pelican	30	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	21	
Heons & Ibis													
Great Blue Heron	25		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		17	
- Great White morph	5						X			X		3	
- Wurdleman's	3	X							X			1	Great Blue x Great White hybrid, that is found in the Keys
Great Egret	19	X	X		X	X	X		X			13	

Snowy Egret	12		X		X								10							
Little Blue Heron	10	X		X					X		X		6							
Tri-colored Heron	11			X			X				X		8							
Reddish Egret	2												2	Very uncommon, only a handful of records						
Cattle Egret	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
Green Heron	25	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			18							
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3				X								2	Rare						
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	18					X		X	X	X	X		13							
White Ibis	7												7							
lossy Ibis	1								X					Rare						
Roseate Spoonbill	1									X				Immature in 2012, 3rd DT's record						
Vultures, Hawks & Allies																				
Turkey Vulture	7			X	X								5	2004 - 5th DT's spring record / up to 5 seen						
Osprey	27	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		19							
Northern Harrier	11				X	X		X		X			7							
Sharp-shinned Hawk	20		X	X	X	X			X	X			14							
Cooper's Hawk	8			X	X						X		5	While Sharp-shinned is a common migrant, Cooper's is rare in DT's						
Broad-winged Hawk	11												11	Uncommon, mainly immatures						
Rails & Gallinules																				
Sora	8			X	X					X			5							
Purple Gallinule	4												4							
Limpkin																				
Limpkin	1												1	Seen on the Tail's End marker in the gulf stream in 1998!						
Shorebirds																				
Black-necked Stilt	4		X							X			2	Uncommon						
American Avocet	1												1	1st spring record; 4th overall in 2003						
Black-bellied Plover	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
American Golden-Plover	1												1	Uncommon, one seen in 1997						
Semipalmated Plover	12			X					X	X			11							
Killdeer	1												1	Uncommon, seen in 1996						
Upland Sandpiper	2									X			1							
Whimbrel	10												10							
Ruddy Turnstone	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
Sanderling	14			X				X		X	X		10							
Dunlin	1												1	1996 - 4th DT's spring record, 5th overall						
Least Sandpiper	14			X		X			X	X			10							
White-rumped Sandpiper	2									X			1							
Pectoral Sandpiper	1									X				Rare						
Semipalmated Sandpiper	7			X						X			5							
Western Sandpiper	2									X			1	Rare						

Short-billed Dowitcher	6		X					X				4	Uncommon						
Red-necked Phalarope	4			X				X				2							
Spotted Sandpiper	23			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	16							
Solitary Sandpiper	2											2	Rare						
Greater Yellowlegs	7	X										6	Uncommon						
Willet	7											7	Uncommon						
Lesser Yellowlegs	11		X							X	X	8							
Alcids																			
Dovekie																			
Skuas & Jaegers																			
Pomarine Jaeger	21	X	X	X	X	X		X				14	Seen on pelagic						
Parastic Jaeger	1											1	Seen in 1998 on pelagic						
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers																			
Laughing Gull	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
Ring-billed Gull	11							X		X		9	Uncommon						
Herring Gull	21			X					X			19							
Great Black-backed Gull	1											1	2004 - 2nd spring DT's record; 4th overall						
Brown Noddy	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21	5000 breed on Bush Key						
Black Noddy	16	X	X		X	X	X					11	Rare						
Sooty Tern	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21	80,000 breed on Bush Key						
Bridled Tern	26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	Seen in the Gulf Stream						
Least Tern	19					X	X	X	X	X	X	13	Rare in DT's; usually encounter near Key West						
Gull-billed Tern	1											1	Seen near Key West; Only 6 DT's records						
Caspian Tern	1											1	Rare						
Roseate Tern	25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	15	Usually seen on markers; occasionally on DT's, where they breed in June						
Common Tern	4			X	X							2	Rare						
Royal Tern	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
Sandwich (Cabot's) Tern	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	18	Uncommon in DT's; usually seen on markers						
Black Skimmer	7										X	6	Uncommon						
Pigeons & Doves																			
Rock (Feral) Pigeon	8	X			X		X					5	Rare						
White-crowned Pigeon	1											1	Seen in 2003 - 4th spring record, and 14th overall						
Eurasian Collared-Dove	25				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	18	Once rare, now seen each spring						
White-tipped Dove	2											2	1st DT's record in 2003 - same bird seen on 2 trips that April						
White-winged Dove	21	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	13	Uncommon						
Mourning Dove	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21	Only passerine to have nested on DT's!						
Cuckoos																			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	19							
Mangrove Cuckoo	1											1	4th record in 1998 Extremely rare on DT's						
Black-billed Cuckoo	1			X									Rare, only a few records						

Owls													
Barn Owl	2											2	5th DT's spring record in 2004. 6th in 2005. Cuban race
Burrowing Owl	1											1	Rare
Short-eared Owl 'Antillean'	13	X										12	Uncommon. Caribbean race
Nightjars													
Common Nighthawk	19			X	X	X			X	X	X	13	
Antillean Nighthawk	11	X		X				X		X		7	Rare; only sure way to tell them apart from Common, is by call
Chuck-will's-widow	17					X	X			X		14	
Swifts													
Chimney Swift	10			X							X	8	
Hummingbirds													
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	20	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		13	
Kingfishers													
Belted Kingfisher	22			X		X	X	X	X	X		17	
Woodpeckers													
Red-headed Woodpecker	1											1	1st DT's record, 1998. The most southerly point it has been recorded
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	7	X	X									5	
Falcons & Caracaras													
American Kestrel	23		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		16	
Merlin	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20	
Peregrine Falcon	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20	
Tyrant Flycatchers													
Eastern Wood-Pewee	9						X	X				7	
Acadian Flycatcher	4	X									X	2	Rare; 1996 2nd spring record; 2007 4th spring record
Least Flycatcher	3											3	Rare; 2006 3rd spring record; seen 2006-08
Western Kingbird	2			X								1	Rare; 2nd DT's spring record in 2008
Eastern Kingbird	23	X		X		X		X		X	X	17	
Gray Kingbird	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	18	
Vireos													
White-eyed Vireo	12		X	X			X		X		X	7	
Yellow-throated Vireo	4											4	Uncommon
Blue-headed Vireo	3											3	Uncommon
Philadelphia Vireo	1											1	Rare; seen in 2003
Warbling Vireo	1										X		Rare; seen in 2010
Red-eyed Vireo	20	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	13	
Black-whiskered Vireo	25	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	17	
Martins & Swallows													
North. Rough-winged Swallow	21			X	X	X	X	X			X	15	
Purple Martin	14	X		X		X					X	10	
Tree Swallow	9			X	X							7	

Bank Swallow	19		X	X		X	X			X	X	13							
Barn Swallow	27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	18							
Cliff Swallow	11	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		4							
Cave Swallow 'Caribbean'	17			X		X	X		X	X	X	11	Uncommon; Caribbean race						
Wrens																			
House Wren	2											2	Uncommon						
Sedge Wren	1											1	2nd DT's record in 2007						
Gnatcatchers																			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	6			X	X				X			3							
Kinglets																			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3			X					X			1	1st Dry Tortugas record in 1997; 2nd in 2013						
Thrushes																			
Veery	17	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	11							
Gray-cheeked Thrush	20	X				X	X	X		X	X	14							
Swainson's Thrush	16	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	10							
Hermit Thrush	1									X			2nd DT's record in 2012						
Wood Thrush	13					X	X				X	10							
Catbirds, Mockingbirds & Thrashers																			
Gray Catbird	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20							
Bahama Mockingbird	1											1	3rd DT's record in 2007						
Northern Mockingbird	12	X	X					X		X		8							
Wood-Warblers																			
Ovenbird	27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	17							
Worm-eating Warbler	22	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	14							
Louisiana Waterthrush	6											6	Uncommon; early April migrant						
Northern Waterthrush	26		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	17							
Blue-winged Warbler	4									X		3	Uncommon						
Golden-winged Warbler	2											2	Uncommon						
Black-and-white Warbler	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	19							
Prothonotary Warbler	13	X		X								11							
Swainson's Warbler	3				X							2	Uncommon, early April migrant						
Tennessee Warbler	21	X	X	X				X	X		X	14							
Orange-crowned Warbler	4											4	3rd spring DT's record in 2000; 6th record in 2005						
Nashville Warbler	2							X	X				Uncommon						
Kentucky Warbler	4							X		X		2	Uncommon						
Common Yellowthroat	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
Hooded Warbler	26	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		19							
American Redstart	29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	19							
Cape May Warbler	29	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21							
Cerulean Warbler	3									X		2	Uncommon						

Northern Parula	29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	19								
Magnolia Warbler	24	X				X	X	X	X	X		18								
Bay-breasted Warbler	8			X			X					6								
Blackburnian Warbler	5							X				4	Uncommon							
Yellow Warbler	23	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	16								
Chestnut-sided Warbler	8					X					X	6	Uncommon							
Blackpoll Warbler	29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	19								
Black-throated Blue Warbler	29	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	20								
Palm Warbler	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21								
Pine Warbler	3											3	1st spring record in 1997; 3rd spring record seen on 2 trips in 2005							
Yellow-rumped Warbler 'Myrtle'	17	X	X			X			X			13								
Yellow-throated Warbler	14			X			X	X	X			10								
Prairie Warbler	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20								
Townsend's Warbler	1						X						3rd spring record in 2015; 4th overall							
Black-throated Green Warbler	18	X	X		X	X		X	X			12								
Canada Warbler	2											2	Rare							
Wilson's Warbler	2							X		X			4th spring record 2012, 5th in 2014; rare in fall							
Tanagers & Allies																				
Red-legged Honeycreeper	1											1	1st Dry Tortugas record in 2003, and 2nd North American record							
Yellow-faced Grassquit	1											1	3rd Dry Tortugas record in 2002, and 5th North American record							
New World Sparrows																				
Grasshopper Sparrow	2											2	Uncommon							
Clay-colored Sparrow	2											2	1st spring record in 1996; seen in 2005							
Lark Sparrow	1											1	1st spring record in 1999							
White-crowned Sparrow	1											1	2nd spring DT's record / 4th overall in 2004							
White-throated Sparrow	1											1	2nd DT's spring record / 3rd overall in 2007							
Savannah Sparrow	4				X					X		2	seen on 3 trips, 1996, 1996 & 2012; yet supposedly common							
Lincoln's Sparrow	2									X		1	Rare							
Yellow-breasted Chat																				
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	X																		
Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Allies																				
Summer Tanager	15	X		X		X	X		X			10								
Scarlet Tanager	14			X		X	X	X	X	X		8								
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	21	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	14								
Blue Grosbeak	19			X			X	X		X	X	14								
Indigo Bunting	31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	21								
Painted Bunting	14	X		X	X		X	X		X		8								
Dickcissel	10	X	X	X			X				X	5	Uncommon							
Blackbirds																				
Bobolink	26	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	18								

Orchard Oriole	17			X				X		X		14							
Baltimore Oriole	11			X				X	X	X	X	6							
Shiny Cowbird	18	X		X			X		X			14	Rare						
Brown-headed Cowbird	2		X								X		2002, 7th spring record. Shiny Cowbird is far more likely						
Old World Sparrows																			
House Sparrow	2											2	Uncommon, seen twice 2000 & 2001						
TOTAL SPECIES	188		74	63	93	65	71	79	79	78	93	69							