

Bird Photography — Southern Florida

Prime Locations for January • Clickable Google Maps Links



Why January? Dry season concentrates wildlife at water sources. Migratory birds are wintering here, early breeding plumage is appearing, and the cool weather makes long dawn sessions comfortable.

Location Directory

<p>1 Wakodahatchee Wetlands Delray Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Species: Herons, Egrets, Anhingas, Roseate Spoonbills ■ Boardwalk puts you within feet of nesting birds. Arrive at sunrise. ■ Open in Google Maps → 	<p>2 Green Cay Wetlands Boynton Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Species: White Ibis, Roseate Spoonbills, Gallinules, Wood Storks ■ Combine with Wakodahatchee for a full-day trip. Great boardwalk access. ■ Open in Google Maps →
<p>3 Anhinga Trail – Everglades NP Homestead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Species: Anhingas, Purple Gallinules, Great Blue Herons, Snail Kites ■ Half-mile boardwalk loop. Visit at sunrise before crowds arrive. ■ Open in Google Maps → 	<p>4 Eco Pond – Everglades NP Flamingo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Species: Roseate Spoonbills, Wading Birds, Ospreys, Crocodiles ■ Rated best single wildlife photography spot in the park. Bring a ground pod. ■ Open in Google Maps →
<p>5 Big Cypress National Preserve Ochopee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Species: Swallow-tailed Kites, Wood Storks, Snail Kites, Wading Birds ■ Wilder & less crowded than Everglades. Great for scenic habitat shots. ■ Open in Google Maps → 	<p>6 J.N. 'Ding' Darling NWR Sanibel Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Species: Roseate Spoonbills, Reddish Egrets, Oystercatchers, Shorebirds ■ Drive Wildlife Drive at low tide. Use your car as a mobile blind. ■ Open in Google Maps →

7 Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Naples

● **Species:** Wood Storks, Barred Owls, Painted Buntings, Warblers

■ Ancient cypress forest. Dim lighting — bring fast glass or push ISC.

■ [Open in Google Maps →](#)

8 Cape Coral – Burrowing Owls

Cape Coral

● **Species:** Florida Burrowing Owls (year-round residents)

■ Pelican Baseball Complex & surrounding streets. Stay low for eye-level shots.

■ [Open in Google Maps →](#)

■ Shoot at sunrise · Use your vehicle as a blind on drive-through refuges · Low tide = best shorebird feeding · 400 mm+ recommended · January = peak dry season