

## CARDINALIDS

### Blue Grosbeak

*Passerine caerulea*

- Status: Summer resident, nests at Grand Bay  
Abundance: Fairly common  
When found: April–October  
Habitat: Pine savanna during summer; maritime forest during spring & fall  
Best locations: Bayou Heron Road, Coastal Resources Center Savannas, Oak Grove Birding Trail, Kenny's Island

*Notes: This species prefers savannas with scattered shrubs in the understory.*



*immature male*

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male

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## Indigo Bunting

*Passerina cyanea*

- Status: Summer resident  
Abundance: Fairly common  
When found: April–October  
Habitat: Oak hammock, maritime forest during spring and fall; pine savanna during summer  
Best locations: Bayou Heron Road, Coastal Resources Center Savannas, Oak Grove Birding Trail, Kenny’s Island

*Notes: Big flocks of up to 50 Indigo Buntings are not uncommon during April and October. They can often be seen at the side of the road eating seeds or grit.*