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## MIMICS

### Gray Catbird

*Dumetella carolinensis*

Status:	Permanent resident
Abundance:	Uncommon
When found:	Year round
Habitat:	Oak hammock, maritime forest, pine savanna
Best locations:	Bayou Heron Road, Oak Grove Birding Trail, Kenny's Island

*Notes: The Gray Catbird's most common call is a cat-like "meow". This species is a mimic – it copies the songs and calls of other birds.*

*“One fall afternoon, I was kayaking along a narrow tidal creek off Bayou Heron. The Juncus marsh rose above my head. I had stopped paddling for a moment to enjoy the silence when a Northern Harrier came gliding directly overhead. Needless to say, we were both surprised. The bird banked hard and flew away. Chance encounters of animals unaware of my presence always leave lasting memories.”*

Chris May, former NERR Stewardship Coordinator



Gautier Bayou – Photo courtesy of Jennifer Buchanan ©



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## Northern Mockingbird

*Mimus polyglottos*

Status:	Permanent resident
Abundance:	Common
When found:	Year round
Habitat:	Pine Flatwoods and Savanna
Best locations:	Bayou Heron Road, Coastal Resources Center Area

*Notes: The Northern Mockingbird is the state bird of Mississippi and is our most accomplished vocalist. Often these birds will sing at night.*