



Carolina Wrens - Quick Reference Sheet¹

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Table 1.

Common Name:		Carolina wren
Other Names:		mocking wren, great Carolina wren, Louisiana wren
Scientific Name:		<i>Thyrothorus ludovicianus</i>
Appearance:	Size:	5.5 inches long
	Color:	rusty brown above, buffy white below
	Distinguishing features:	dark stripe through eye, white stripe above eye, downcurved bill, short rounded wings
Range:		statewide resident
Habitat:		almost any habitat that has brush piles, dense understory vegetation, hollow logs, bird houses, buildings
Diet:		ants, flies, millipedes, and other insects
		only 10% of diet is plant food such as poison ivy, bayberry, pine, oak, and sweetgum
Reproduction:		2-3 clutches per year from March to August
		3-6 eggs per clutch

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Behavior:	very active
	switches tail back and forth
	often sings year around
	songs are variable
Problems:	do not cause damage but may nest just about anywhere that can support a nest of twigs such as interior of sheds, eaves, shelves, tin cans, hanging plants. . .
Solutions:	keep shed doors closed
	prevent access to eaves or other areas that can support a nest
	provide suitable nest box or gourd to discourage use of other undesirable areas
Legal Aspects:	permits from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are required to destroy or move nests
Fact Sheet Available:	no