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[the-village-birders] Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont

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22 Birders went to the Florida Scrub-Jay Trail today despite the cool, cloudy weather. Cathy and Bruce Brown, who had spoken at our Bird Club meeting last Saturday, met us on site. We were greeted with coffee and some goodies before being briefed about their lovely property, nursery, and birds. Cathy identified the plants/trees/shrubs as we meandered through their gardens. Many were planted by hand to encourage Florida Scrub-jays' nesting/procreation. Cedar Waxwings, Chipping Sparrows, and Eastern Bluebirds continually entertained us.

Small flocks of Warblers were flitting in the trees when the sun peeked through the clouds around 10:00am. We ate lunch on tables under some beautiful trees still hoping for Scrub-Jays to show. We did not see any Scrub-Jays but were visited by a soaring Swallow-tailed Kite which Cathy said was the first she had seen on her property this Spring.

Some Birders purchased plants for their gardens from BB Browns Nurseries on the property.

It was a beautiful place that I will definitely revisit.

We tallied 38 species some of which were flyovers.

I will send out a list later today for everyone.

Any additions, please let me know.

Thank you Marlene and Wendy for coordinating carpools.

Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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