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[the-village-birders] 3/22/2021 walk at Halpata Tastanaki Preserve Pruitt Trail

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What a day!

I arrived at Halpata Tastanaki in the gloomy morning drizzle. Our intrepid group of 9 headed out in spite of the weather.

"It will clear up any minute", we kept repeating. Not deterred - rain or shine we would find birds!

We saw some wonderful birds: Paul (Mr. Sparrow, himself) charmed up Field and Swamp Sparrows for us. Mark called a Northern Harrier flying. A couple of Swallow-Tailed Kites were flying very high. As we returned to our cars at 10:08, exactly, 14 STKIs flew in from the east and dispersed in all directions, flying low.. As I was leaving I saw a Peregrine Falcon perched on a snag and stopped to get a couple of pictures. Mark continued on and probably got more birds than the rest of us did.

Thank you, birders, for showing up and making MY day!

Sometimes if you expect only a little you get so much more!

Only pix I got were the STKIs and Peregrine Falcon:







In the end we tallied 36 species.  
Bird checklist below.  
If you have any additions email me.

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<b>WATERFOWL</b>		<b>CORM, ANH, PELS</b>		<b>RAILS, CRANES</b>		<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		D-crested Cormorant		Yellow Rail		Pomarine Jaeger	
Fulv. Whistling-Duck		Anhinga		Black Rail		Parasitic Jaeger	
Snow Goose		Amer. White Pelican		Clapper Rail		Bonaparte's Gull	
Ross's Goose		Brown Pelican		King Rail		Laughing Gull	
Canada Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	
Egyptian Goose		<b>WADERS</b>		Sora		Herring Gull	
Muscovy Duck		American Bittern		Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck	X	Least Bittern		Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Gadwall		Great Blue Heron	X	Common Gallinule	X	Least Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon		Great Egret	X	American Coot	X	Gull-billed Tern	
American Wigeon		Snowy Egret		Limpkin		Caspian Tern	
Mallard		Little Blue Heron	X	Sandhill Crane		Common Tern	
Mottled Duck		Tricolored Heron		Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	
Blue-winged Teal		Reddish Egret				Royal Tern	
Northern Shoveler		Cattle Egret		<b>SHOREBIRDS</b>		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Pintail		Green Heron		Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	
Green-winged Teal		B-crown. Night-Heron		American Avocet			
Canvasback		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Amer. Oystercatcher		<b>DOVES, CUCKOOS</b>	
Redhead		White Ibis	X	Black-bellied Plover		Rock Pigeon	
Ring-necked Duck		Glossy Ibis	X	Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	
Lesser Scaup		Roseate Spoonbill		Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove	
White-winged Scoter				Wilson's Plover		Com. Ground-Dove	
Black Scoter		<b>RAPTORS</b>		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove	X
Long-tailed Duck		Black Vulture		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Bufflehead		Turkey Vulture	X	Killdeer			
Common Goldeneye		Osprey		Spotted Sandpiper		<b>OWLS</b>	
Hooded Merganser		Swallow-tailed Kite	X	Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Merganser		Snail Kite		Greater Yellowlegs		Eastern Screech-Owl	
R-breast. Merganser		Mississippi Kite		Willet		Great Horned Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Bald Eagle		Lesser Yellowlegs		Burrowing Owl	
		Northern Harrier	X	Whimbrel		Barred Owl	
<b>QUAIL, TURKEY</b>		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Marbled Godwit		Short-eared Owl	
Northern Bobwhite		Cooper's Hawk		Ruddy Turnstone			
Wild Turkey		Red-shouldered Hawk		Red Knot		<b>NIGHT, APOD, KING</b>	
		Broad-winged Hawk		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
<b>LOONS, GREBES</b>		Short-tailed Hawk		Sanderling		Chimney Swift	
Common Loon		Swainson's Hawk		Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
Pied-billed Grebe	X	Red-tailed Hawk		Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Horned Grebe				Least Sandpiper		Belted Kingfisher	
				Semipalm. Sandpiper			
<b>STORK, FRIG, GANN</b>				Western Sandpiper			
Wood Stork	X			Shrt-billed Dowitcher			
Magnif. Frigatebird				Long-billed Dowitcher			
Brown Booby				Wilson's Snipe	X		
Northern Gannet				American Woodcock			

