From: Marlene Babic Subject: [the-village-birders] Blue Spring State Park and St. Johns River Cruise Date: March 12, 2020 To: Village Birders Reply-To: Marlene Babic

We had a crisp morning walking the boardwalk and looking for manatees. We did see a small manatee up the spring, and we also had a chance to watch a recently released manatee swim around pulling a tracker buoy that was attached to his tail. Northern Parulas were calling left and right but were high up and difficult to see until we finally found a few a little closer. The boat trip was great. We travelled farther than normal and everyone got to see an American Bittern, lots of beautiful Purple Gallinules and Limpkins. The alligators were a great sight to see posing on logs and banks; then we saw the great grand daddy of them all. Amazing.

We got a great view of a Barred Owl that mysteriously kept flying and posing near the river bank. I never saw anyone on that other boat feeding the owl because that would be illegal. Didn't see a thing. Honest

At the picnic tables a worker told us about a Summer Tanager which turned out to be a Scarlet Tanager. [ed. note: revised to Summer Tanager]

This is a great trip and will be repeated next year, starting a little later in the morning.

Marlene Armstrong

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

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WOODPECKERS		CORVID, SWALLOW		WOOD WARBLERS		SPARROWS	
Red-headed Wood.		Blue Jay	Х	Ovenbird		Eastern Towhee	
Red-bel. Woodpecker	Х	Florida Scrub-Jay		Worm-eating Warbler		Bachman's Sparrow	
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker		American Crow	Х	LouisianaWaterthrush		Amer. Tree Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker		Fish Crow	Х	Northern Waterthrush		Chipping Sparrow	
Hairy Woodpecker		Purple Martin		Blue-winged Warbler		Field Sparrow	
Red-cockaded Wood.		Tree Swallow	Х	Blk-and-wht Warbler	Х	Vesper Sparrow	
Northern Flicker		N. R-winged Swallow		Prothonotary Warbler		Savannah Sparrow	
Pileated Woodpecker	Х	Cliff Swallow		Tennessee Warbler		Gr'hopper Sparrow	
		Barn Swallow		Or-crowned Warbler		Le Conte's Sparrow	
FALCONS PARROTS				Kentucky Warbler		Nelson's Sparrow	
Crested Caracara		PARIDS, HATCHES		Com. Yellowthroat		Seaside Sparrow	
American Kestrel		Carolina Chickadee	Х	Hooded Warbler		Song Sparrow	
Merlin		Tufted Titmouse	Х	American Redstart		Lincoln's Sparrow	
Peregrine Falcon		R-breasted Nuthatch		Cape May Warbler	1	Swamp Sparrow	1
Nanday Parakeet		Brn-headed Nuthatch		Cerulean Warbler		Wh-throated Sparrow	1
				Northern Parula	Х	Wh-crowned Sparrow	
FLYCATCHERS		WREN GNAT KING		Magnolia Warbler	Х		
Eastern Wood-Pewee		House Wren		Blackburnian Warbler		TANS, GROS, BUNTS	
Yel-bellied Flycatcher		Sedge Wren		Yellow Warbler		Summer Tanager	Х
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		Chest-sided Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	
Least Flycatcher		Carolina Wren	Х	Blackpoll Warbler		Northern Cardinal	Х
Eastern Phoebe	Х	BI-gray Gnatcatcher	Х	Blk-thr. Blue Warbler		R-breasted Grosbeak	
Vermilion Flycatcher		Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Х	Palm Warbler	Х	Blue Grosbeak	
Ash-throated Fly.				Pine Warbler		Indigo Bunting	
Great Crested Fly.		THRUSH, MIMICS		Yel-rumped Warbler	Х	Painted Bunting	
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird	Х	Yel-throated Warbler			
Cassin's Kingbird		Veery		Prairie Warbler		ICTERIDS	
Western Kingbird		Gray-cheeked Thrush		Bl-thr. Green Warbler		Bobolink	
Eastern Kingbird		Swainson's Thrush		Yellow-breasted Chat		Red-winged Blackbird	
Gray Kingbird		Hermit Thrush				Eastern Meadowlark	
Scissor-tailed Fly.		Wood Thrush				Common Grackle	
		American Robin				Boat-tailed Grackle	
SHRIKE, VIREOS		Gray Catbird	Х			Bronzed Cowbird	
Loggerhead Shrike		Brown Thrasher				Brn-headed Cowbird	
White-eyed Vireo		Northern Mockingbird	Х			Orchard Oriole	
Yellow-throated Vireo						Baltimore Oriole	
Blue-headed Vireo		STAR, PIP, WWING					
Red-eyed Vireo	Х	European Starling				FINCHES, WEAVER	
Blk-whiskered Vireo		Common Hill Myna				House Finch	
		American Pipit				American Goldfinch	
		Cedar Waxwing				House Sparrow	
						TOTAL SPECIES	
						51	
						51	