

**The Village Birders**  
**Bird Walk Report**  
**CEDAR KEY 10-30-17**  
**Leader: Barb Gay**

A quick temperature dip gave 20 birders a delightful day for walking at Cedar Key. With the tides in reverse we birded Shell Mound with few shorebirds on the little left atolls so on we went to the cemetery. The Clapper Rail made a nice showing but was silent. There has been much tree damage here and the cemetery Great Horned Owl was nowhere to be found. Hopefully he made it through the storm. After lunch at Tony's we headed to the beach in Cedar Key where we always have many different species of Terns, alas the buoys were bare. Heading to the docks on the way to the airport for the many birds that hang out there we found most of the docks were missing. Finally in crossing the bridges the tide was out and thousands of shorebirds were feasting, Dunlins in the thousands, beautiful American Avocets and Roseate Spoonbills. We made a second stop at Shell Mound and picked up more species with the Black-bellied Plover and Semipalmated Plover among them. Last falls trip we had 70 species compared to this one coming in at 52. The weird and violent weather has played havoc with migration. Glad you could join us!

*Note to birders:*

These walks are a group function of the club. Please do not let a person eat alone.

Stop, Look and Listen

Barb Gay