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It was a very foggy morning but we had about 11 birders show up to search for the Roseate Spoonbills. What was amazing were the stillroosting Black Vultures-about 120 in total, and that's what we could see in the fog. Not one Turkey Vulture. Just all Black Vultures-all these large black bodies in the fog. We walked halfway down the canal and there were three stunningly pink Roseate Spoonbills, feeding in the shallow waters with a couple of Glossy Ibis, White Ibis, Little Blue Heron and Tricolored Heron. It was a very, very nice display. There was a flying and calling Greater/Lesser Yellowleg; too hazy to make the call. There wasn't much other bird activity, and the landscaping crew with their riding mower and power hedge trimmers chased us and the birds off. So we trudged back towards the parking lot and happened upon even more Spoonbills sitting on the fence and over the fence line. Just beautiful. All in all a good morning. Some of us stayed a bit longer and did get onto a couple of chattering house wrens, a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Snowy Egeret, Great Egret, and lots of grackles, but the stars of the show were the Spoonbills. For those who have not been to the canal behind Piesanos Pizza at Lake Deaton Plaza, close to Rohan Recreation Center, the Spoonbills are there most of the day. Good luck and good birding!

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