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[the-village-birders] Emeralda Marsh Wildlife Drive

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Friday about 30 birders from the club enjoyed an absolutely beautiful morning at Emeralda Marsh Wildlife Drive. Formerly known as Wood Duck Drive, this is now a much shorter (4.3 mile) drive on a very good road, with plenty of pull over spaces. We made a valiant attempt for Painted Bunting, which we did not see, but had views of often calling Northern Parula, White-eyed Vireo, and a Barred Owl. We had coots, common Gallinule, herons, Limpkin, Purple Gallinule, Glossy Ibis, an American Bittern feeding, and a Wilson's Snipe. Altogether we had 65 species seen that morning.

The group saw a very interesting hawk, and the photos that Barb Peterson sent are being sent around to confirm it's identity. The list will be updated if the hawk is identified.

This is a great drive only 30 minutes from The Villages, open Friday, Saturday and Sunday through May. Lots of waders and beautiful scenery. If you get a chance, please go out there some weekend. Marlene Babic

**UPDATE:**

After several people viewed a photo Barb Peterson took of the hawk seen on our Friday trip at Emeralda Marsh, it is confirmed the hawk is a Short-tailed Hawk. An excellent bird to see that day!

Marsh Wren is confirmed by some as a heard bird, (I believe two people saw one) and Red-shouldered Hawk was left off list, now added.

The trip list is updated to 67 species. Thank you Jim Dinsmore, Paul Nistico and Barb Gay for putting in the time to help us get a confirmed identification. Thank you Barb Peterson for getting the photo. Marlene Babic

| <b>WATERFOWL</b>      |   | <b>STORK, FRIG, GANN</b> |   | <b>RAILS, CRANES</b>  |   | <b>GULLS, TERNS</b>      |   |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Bl-bel Whistling-Duck |   | Wood Stork               | X | Yellow Rail           |   | Pomarine Jaeger          |   |
| Fulv. Whistling-Duck  |   | Magnif. Frigatebird      | X | Black Rail            |   | Parasitic Jaeger         |   |
| Snow Goose            |   | Brown Booby              |   | Clapper Rail          |   | Bonaparte's Gull         |   |
| Ross's Goose          |   | Northern Gannet          |   | King Rail             |   | Laughing Gull            |   |
| Canada Goose          |   |                          |   | Virginia Rail         |   | Ring-billed Gull         | X |
| Egyptian Goose        |   | <b>CORM, ANH, PELS</b>   |   | Sora                  |   | Herring Gull             |   |
| Muscovy Duck          |   | D-crested Cormorant      | X | Purple Swamphe        |   | Lr. Black-backed Gull    |   |
| Wood Duck             |   | Anhinga                  | X | Purple Gallinule      | X | Gr. Black-backed Gull    |   |
| Gadwall               |   | Amer. White Pelican      | X | Common Gallinule      | X | Least Tern               |   |
| Eurasian Wigeon       |   | Brown Pelican            |   | American Coot         | X | Gull-billed Tern         |   |
| American Wigeon       |   |                          |   | Limpkin               | X | Caspian Tern             |   |
| Mallard               |   | <b>WADERS</b>            |   | Sandhill Crane        | X | Common Tern              |   |
| Mottled Duck          |   | American Bittern         | X | Whooping Crane        |   | Forster's Tern           |   |
| Blue-winged Teal      | X | Least Bittern            |   |                       |   | Royal Tern               |   |
| Northern Shoveler     |   | Great Blue Heron         | X | <b>SHOREBIRDS</b>     |   | Sandwich Tern            |   |
| Northern Pintail      |   | Great Egret              | X | Black-necked Stilt    |   | Black Skimmer            |   |
| Green-winged Teal     |   | Snowy Egret              | X | American Avocet       |   |                          |   |
| Canvasback            |   | Little Blue Heron        | X | Amer. Oystercatcher   |   | <b>DOVES, CUCKOOS</b>    |   |
| Redhead               |   | Tricolored Heron         | X | Black-bellied Plover  |   | Rock Pigeon              |   |
| Ring-necked Duck      | X | Reddish Egret            |   | Am. Golden-Plover     |   | Eur. Collared-Dove       |   |
| Lesser Scaup          |   | Cattle Egret             | X | Snowy Plover          |   | White-winged Dove        |   |
| Common Eider          |   | Green Heron              |   | Wilson's Plover       |   | Com. Ground-Dove         |   |
| White-winged Scoter   |   | B-crown. Night-Heron     | X | Semipalmated Plover   |   | Mourning Dove            | X |
| Black Scoter          |   | Y-crown. Night-Heron     |   | Piping Plover         |   | Yellow-billed Cuckoo     |   |
| Long-tailed Duck      |   | White Ibis               | X | Killdeer              |   |                          |   |
| Bufflehead            |   | Glossy Ibis              | X | Spotted Sandpiper     |   | <b>OWLS</b>              |   |
| Common Goldeneye      |   | White-faced Ibis         |   | Solitary Sandpiper    |   | Barn Owl                 |   |
| Hooded Merganser      |   | Roseate Spoonbill        |   | Greater Yellowlegs    |   | Eastern Screech-Owl      |   |
| Common Merganser      |   |                          |   | Willet                |   | Great Horned Owl         |   |
| R-breast. Merganser   |   | <b>RAPTORS</b>           |   | Lesser Yellowlegs     |   | Burrowing Owl            |   |
| Ruddy Duck            |   | Black Vulture            | X | Whimbrel              |   | Barred Owl               | X |
|                       |   | Turkey Vulture           | X | Marbled Godwit        |   | Short-eared Owl          |   |
| <b>QUAIL, TURKEY</b>  |   | Osprey                   | X | Ruddy Turnstone       |   |                          |   |
| Northern Bobwhite     |   | Swallow-tailed Kite      | X | Red Knot              |   | <b>NIGHT, APOD, KING</b> |   |
| Wild Turkey           |   | Snail Kite               |   | Stilt Sandpiper       |   | Common Nighthawk         |   |
|                       |   | Mississippi Kite         |   | Sanderling            |   | Chimney Swift            |   |
| <b>LOONS, GREBES</b>  |   | Bald Eagle               | X | Dunlin                |   | R-throated Hummer        |   |
| Common Loon           |   | Northern Harrier         |   | Purple Sandpiper      |   | B-chinned Hummer         |   |
| Pied-billed Grebe     | X | Sharp-shinned Hawk       |   | Least Sandpiper       |   | Belted Kingfisher        | X |
| Horned Grebe          |   | Cooper's Hawk            |   | Semipalm. Sandpiper   |   |                          |   |
|                       |   | Red-shouldered Hawk      | X | Western Sandpiper     |   |                          |   |
|                       |   | Broad-winged Hawk        |   | Shrt-billed Dowitcher |   |                          |   |
|                       |   | Short-tailed Hawk        | X | Long-billed Dowitcher |   |                          |   |
|                       |   | Swainson's Hawk          |   | Wilson's Snipe        | X |                          |   |
|                       |   | Red-tailed Hawk          | X | American Woodcock     |   |                          |   |
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| <b>WOODPECKERS</b>     |   | <b>CORVID, SWALLOW</b> |   | <b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>  |   | <b>SPARROWS</b>          |   |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Red-headed Wood.       |   | Blue Jay               | X | Ovenbird              |   | Eastern Towhee           |   |
| Red-bel. Woodpecker    | X | Florida Scrub-Jay      |   | Worm-eating Warbler   |   | Bachman's Sparrow        |   |
| Yellow-bel. Sapsucker  | X | American Crow          | X | Louisiana Waterthrush |   | Amer. Tree Sparrow       |   |
| Downy Woodpecker       | X | Fish Crow              | X | Northern Waterthrush  |   | Chipping Sparrow         |   |
| Hairy Woodpecker       |   | Purple Martin          |   | Blue-winged Warbler   |   | Field Sparrow            |   |
| Red-cockaded Wood.     |   | Tree Swallow           | X | Blk-and-wht Warbler   |   | Vesper Sparrow           |   |
| Northern Flicker       |   | N. R-winged Swallow    |   | Prothonotary Warbler  |   | Savannah Sparrow         | X |
| Pileated Woodpecker    | X | Cliff Swallow          |   | Tennessee Warbler     |   | Gr'hopper Sparrow        |   |
|                        |   | Barn Swallow           |   | Or-crowned Warbler    |   | Le Conte's Sparrow       |   |
| <b>FALCONS PARROTS</b> |   |                        |   | Kentucky Warbler      |   | Nelson's Sparrow         |   |
| Crested Caracara       |   | <b>PARIDS, HATCHES</b> |   | Com. Yellowthroat     | X | Seaside Sparrow          |   |
| American Kestrel       | X | Carolina Chickadee     |   | Hooded Warbler        |   | Song Sparrow             | X |
| Merlin                 |   | Tufted Titmouse        | X | American Redstart     |   | Lincoln's Sparrow        |   |
| Peregrine Falcon       |   | R-breasted Nuthatch    |   | Cape May Warbler      |   | Swamp Sparrow            | X |
| Nanday Parakeet        |   | Brn-headed Nuthatch    |   | Cerulean Warbler      |   | Wh-throated Sparrow      |   |
|                        |   |                        |   | Northern Parula       | X | Wh-crowned Sparrow       |   |
| <b>FLYCATCHERS</b>     |   | <b>WREN GNAT KING</b>  |   | Magnolia Warbler      |   |                          |   |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee     |   | House Wren             |   | Blackburnian Warbler  |   | <b>TANS, GROS, BUNTS</b> |   |
| Yel-bellied Flycatcher |   | Sedge Wren             |   | Yellow Warbler        |   | Summer Tanager           |   |
| Acadian Flycatcher     |   | Marsh Wren             | X | Chest-sided Warbler   |   | Scarlet Tanager          |   |
| Least Flycatcher       |   | Carolina Wren          | X | Blackpoll Warbler     |   | Northern Cardinal        | X |
| Eastern Phoebe         | X | Bl-gray Gnatcatcher    | X | Blk-thr. Blue Warbler |   | R-breasted Grosbeak      |   |
| Vermilion Flycatcher   |   | Ruby-crowned Kinglet   | X | Palm Warbler          | X | Blue Grosbeak            |   |
| Ash-throated Fly.      |   |                        |   | Pine Warbler          |   | Indigo Bunting           |   |
| Great Crested Fly.     |   | <b>THRUSH, MIMICS</b>  |   | Yel-rumped Warbler    | X | Painted Bunting          |   |
| Tropical Kingbird      |   | Eastern Bluebird       | X | Yel-throated Warbler  |   |                          |   |
| Cassin's Kingbird      |   | Veery                  |   | Prairie Warbler       |   | <b>ICTERIDS</b>          |   |
| Western Kingbird       |   | Gray-cheeked Thrush    |   | Bl-thr. Green Warbler |   | Bobolink                 |   |
| Eastern Kingbird       |   | Swainson's Thrush      |   | Yellow-breasted Chat  |   | Red-winged Blackbird     | X |
| Gray Kingbird          |   | Hermit Thrush          |   |                       |   | Eastern Meadowlark       |   |
| Scissor-tailed Fly.    |   | Wood Thrush            |   |                       |   | Common Grackle           | X |
|                        |   | American Robin         | X |                       |   | Boat-tailed Grackle      | X |
| <b>SHRIKE, VIREOS</b>  |   | Gray Catbird           | X |                       |   | Bronzed Cowbird          |   |
| Loggerhead Shrike      |   | Brown Thrasher         |   |                       |   | Brn-headed Cowbird       |   |
| White-eyed Vireo       | X | Northern Mockingbird   | X |                       |   | Orchard Oriole           |   |
| Yellow-throated Vireo  |   |                        |   |                       |   | Baltimore Oriole         |   |
| Blue-headed Vireo      |   | <b>STAR, PIP, WING</b> |   |                       |   |                          |   |
| Red-eyed Vireo         |   | European Starling      |   |                       |   | <b>FINCHES, WEAVER</b>   |   |
| Blk-whiskered Vireo    |   | Common Hill Myna       |   |                       |   | House Finch              |   |
|                        |   | American Pipit         |   |                       |   | American Goldfinch       | X |
|                        |   | Cedar Waxwing          |   |                       |   | House Sparrow            |   |
|                        |   |                        |   |                       |   |                          |   |
|                        |   |                        |   |                       |   | <b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>     |   |
|                        |   |                        |   |                       |   | <b>67</b>                |   |
|                        |   |                        |   |                       |   |                          |   |