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[the-village-birders] Ft. Island Gulf Beach, Trail, and Shrimp Landing for lunch

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WOW - what a beautiful day at the beach.

I watched the sunrise and set up my scope. Birders started arriving to joined me. Beach was a bit quiet because of the tide level although some birds were visible on the exposed oyster bars.

Favorites while on the beach were: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Spotted Sandpiper, Black-bellied and semipalmated Plover, Black Skimmers, Forster's and Royal Tern and a perched Belted Kingfisher.

Then we drove to Ft. Island Trail Park and were lucky enough to see a Bald Eagle's nest across the water with adult in it and another adult Eagle on the shore closer to us. An adult Yellow-crowned Night Heron was feeding and some birders found trees with a flock of Warblers: American Redstart, Northern Parula, Black/White, Yellow, Yellow-throated.

Some of us continued to Shrimp Landing for FABULOUS lunch, outdoors, and watched fishing boats dock along with a couple of adult Black-crowned Night Herons.

Quite a day! 18 birders and 54 species unless I missed something.

Elsie sent out some gorgeous pictures so I won't bother sharing any of mine.

List below.

Not every person saw every bird but I hope most of you saw most of them. Many thanks to Mark and Kathryn for your help with scopes, spotting and ID's. Thank you, Birders, for joining us today, See you next time!

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

WOODPECKERS		CORVID, SWALLOW		WOOD WARBLERS		SPARROWS	
Red-headed Wood.		Blue Jay		Ovenbird		Eastern Towhee	
Red-bel. Woodpecker	X	Florida Scrub-Jay		Worm-eating Warbler		Bachman's Sparrow	
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker		American Crow	X	Louisiana Waterthrush		Amer. Tree Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker		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	X	Vesper Sparrow	
Northern Flicker		N. R-winged Swallow		Prothonotary Warbler		Savannah Sparrow	
Pileated Woodpecker	X	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	X	Hooded Warbler		Song Sparrow	
Merlin		Tufted Titmouse	X	American Redstart	X	Lincoln's Sparrow	
Peregrine Falcon		R-breasted Nuthatch		Cape May Warbler		Swamp Sparrow	
Nanday Parakeet		Brn-headed Nuthatch		Cerulean Warbler		Wh-throated Sparrow	
				Northern Parula	X	Wh-crowned Sparrow	
FLYCATCHERS		WREN GNAT KING		Magnolia Warbler			
Eastern Wood-Pewee		House Wren	X	Blackburnian Warbler		TANS, GROS, BUNTS	
Yel-bellied Flycatcher		Sedge Wren		Yellow Warbler	X	Summer Tanager	
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		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.		THRUSH, MIMICS		Yel-rumped Warbler		Painted Bunting	
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird		Yel-throated Warbler	X		
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	X
Gray Kingbird		Hermit Thrush				Eastern Meadowlark	
Scissor-tailed Fly.		Wood Thrush				Common Grackle	X
		American Robin				Boat-tailed Grackle	X
SHRIKE, VIREOS		Gray Catbird	X			Bronzed Cowbird	
Loggerhead Shrike		Brown Thrasher				Brn-headed Cowbird	
White-eyed Vireo		Northern Mockingbird	X			Orchard Oriole	
Yellow-throated Vireo						Baltimore Oriole	
Blue-headed Vireo		STAR, PIP, WWING					
Red-eyed Vireo		European Starling				FINCHES, WEAVER	
Blk-whiskered Vireo		Common Hill Myna				House Finch	
		American Pipit				American Goldfinch	
		Cedar Waxwing				House Sparrow	
						TOTAL SPECIES	
						54	