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[the-village-birders] Meet and Bird at Wiechens 2/15/21

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Jan and I met nineteen birders at the Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve this morning and saw 47 species! Although it was cloudy and the forecast was questionable, we didn't have any rain and spent several hours enjoying the views. We stopped for a while at the pond near the entrance so missed close ups of Sandy and her parents. (They usually leave the nest to cross the grass and walk across the preserve around 7:30 am, returning around 5 pm). There were 22 great egrets, at least 2 great blue herons, a wood stork, and several other wading birds putting on quite a show at 8:30 but they were nowhere to be seen when we left 2 hours later.

The papa bald eagle from the Leo Villas nest flew in before we entered the preserve and the kestrel pair was very entertaining as they flew in and out, apparently feeding their offspring in the kestrel house. We viewed the sandhill crane family at a distance but Sandy is big enough now that she could be seen above the grasses. The next treat was our beautiful little sora just minding its own business right off the right side of the boardwalk where everyone was able to get a good view. Our resident anhinga wasn't in his usual spot on the boardwalk but we saw so many other birds that it really was okay.

Attached is the list of birds seen today. Please let me know if I've forgotten any. Thank you all for wearing masks, social distancing and helping out our newer birders! What an enjoyable experience!
Wendy and Jan

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WATERFOWL		CORM, ANH, PELS		RAILS, CRANES		GULLS, TERNS	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck	X	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		King Rail		Laughing Gull	
Canada Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	
Egyptian Goose	X	WADERS		Sora	X	Herring Gull	
Muscovy Duck		American Bittern		Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Least Bittern		Purple Gallinule	X	Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Gadwall		Great Blue Heron	X	Common Gallinule	X	Least Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon		Great Egret	X	American Coot	X	Gull-billed Tern	
American Wigeon		Snowy Egret	X	Limpkin		Caspian Tern	
Mallard	X	Little Blue Heron	X	Sandhill Crane	X	Common Tern	
Mottled Duck	X	Tricolored Heron	X	Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	X
Blue-winged Teal		Reddish Egret				Royal Tern	
Northern Shoveler		Cattle Egret	X	SHOREBIRDS		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Pintail		Green Heron		Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	
Green-winged Teal		B-crown. Night-Heron		American Avocet			
Canvasback		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Amer. Oystercatcher		DOVES, CUCKOOS	
Redhead		White Ibis	X	Black-bellied Plover		Rock Pigeon	
Ring-necked Duck	X	Glossy Ibis	X	Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	
Lesser Scaup		Roseate Spoonbill		Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove	
White-winged Scoter				Wilson's Plover		Com. Ground-Dove	
Black Scoter		RAPTORS		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove	X
Long-tailed Duck		Black Vulture		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Bufflehead		Turkey Vulture		Killdeer	X		
Common Goldeneye		Osprey	X	Spotted Sandpiper		OWLS	
Hooded Merganser		Swallow-tailed Kite		Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Merganser		Snail Kite		Greater Yellowlegs		Eastern Screech-Owl	X
R-breast. Merganser		Mississippi Kite		Willet		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		Red Knot		NIGHT, APOD, KING	
		Broad-winged Hawk		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
LOONS, GREBES		Short-tailed Hawk		Sanderling		Chimney Swift	
Common Loon		Swainson's Hawk		Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
Pied-billed Grebe	X	Red-tailed Hawk		Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Horned Grebe				Least Sandpiper		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	X	Ovenbird		Eastern Towhee	
Red-bel. Woodpecker		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	X	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	
Pileated Woodpecker		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	X	Carolina Chickadee		Hooded Warbler		Song Sparrow	
Merlin		Tufted Titmouse		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		Wh-crowned Sparrow	
FLYCATCHERS		WREN GNAT KING		Magnolia Warbler			
Eastern Wood-Pewee		House Wren		Blackburnian Warbler		TANS, GROS, BUNTS	
Yel-bellied Flycatcher		Sedge Wren		Yellow Warbler		Summer Tanager	
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		Chest-sided Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	
Least Flycatcher		Carolina Wren		Blackpoll Warbler		Northern Cardinal	X
Eastern Phoebe	X	Bl-gray Gnatcatcher	X	Blk-thr. Blue Warbler		R-breasted Grosbeak	
Vermilion Flycatcher		Ruby-crowned Kinglet		Palm Warbler	X	Blue Grosbeak	
Ash-throated Fly.				Pine Warbler		Indigo Bunting	
Great Crested Fly.		THRUSH, MIMICS		Yel-rumped Warbler	X	Painted Bunting	X
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird		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	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				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	X
		American Pipit				American Goldfinch	
		Cedar Waxwing	X			House Sparrow	
						TOTAL SPECIES	
						47	