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[the-village-birders] The Village Birders' trip to Chinsegut

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The Village Birders had a fabulous day at Chinsegut Conservation Center yesterday.

Hana of Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission who manages the facility gave us a short history of the property and the educational venues that they offer.

There are so many large trees on the property, trails, and a deck overlooking the area with several bird feeders. We could not find the often-reported Scott's Oriole but he hasn't been seen since 3/13.

2 Pine Siskins were fun to watch as well as the 2 Northern Bobwhites and at least a dozen Red-headed Woodpeckers. Many birds were flitting in the trees and on the ground near the feeders.

A Great-crested Flycatcher was heard and eventually spotted high above us.

After leaving Chinsegut some of us stopped at Withlacoochie State Forest (it is on the way home) to see Red-cockaded Woodpeckers that are known to nest there. We were not disappointed!

We waited patiently and finally saw a couple of birds pecking on tree trunks and branches.

Bachman's Sparrows were singing and then perched up on snags for photos.

Wonderful day! Thank you, Susan, for leading and everyone for showing up. Every bird was not seen by all birders.

I hope everyone saw Paul's photos that he sent to VBs yesterday,

Link to our eBird checklist is below:

<https://ebird.org/tripreport/342869>



2 Pine Siskins at top of feeder American Goldfinches on bottom



Red-headed Woodpecker at feeder