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[the-village-birders] Today's Bird Walk at Venetian Gardens, Leesburg, FL

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Today, two dozen birders (including several new to The Village Birders) started at the boat docks by the Ski Beach Bar and Grill off the Venetian Gardens park and walked about 1 ½ miles on the paths and over a few bridges. During the walk, we saw and identified twenty-six species of birds. Highlights of the day included:

- Muscovy Ducklings (*much* cuter than the many adult Muscovy Ducks to be seen)
- Nest and hunting Osprey
- Cedar Waxings (multiple flocks, some of which finally settled down in trees for proper viewing)
- Purple Gallinule (which never disappoint at this location)

Attached is the list of birds seen today in Word DOC and PDF formats.

Sorry for no pictures - I didn't bring my camera today!

I (Jerry Bell) lead the group today as a substitute for the far more talented Marlene Armstrong. As a first-time leader, I thank everyone who came and who put up with my stream of trivia and nonsense! You all made it fun for me and soon you will want to start leading walks yourselves! The Village Birders can always use more bird walk leaders! If I can do it, so can you!

Every day is a GREAT day to go birding! (to quote Alice Horst)

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