2/15/2024

Sorry to be late with our list from Hogeye Pathway. I was trying to get confirmation on the Hawk that we had flying over us.

I believe that it was a Short-tailed Hawk but neither Chris' pictures or mine positively confirm that.

I watched the bird through my binoculars for a bit before I tried to get a photo which sadly did not prove anything..

Chris' pictures were better and Paul Nistico enhanced one below to help with ID.



Still not conclusive.

A couple of my pictures:



Turkey Vulture on left flying with immature Bald Eagle on right



Greater Yellowlegs



Limpkin with Snail/Clam





Immature Bald Eagle

Our list from the day:

Hogeye Recreational Path, Sumter, Florida, US Feb 12, 2024 8:37 AM - 11:13 AM Protocol: Traveling 1.066 mile(s)Checklist Comments: Meet and Bird with The Village Birders 38 species Pied-billed Grebe 1 Common Ground Dove 1 on ground at beginning of walk Common Gallinule 2 Limpkin 2 Sandhill Crane 500 low estimate major flock flying over, very loose V shape Killdeer 20 Wilson's Snipe 1 across pond from us Greater Yellowlegs 1 Wood Stork 3 Anhinga 4 Double-crested Cormorant 1 Little Blue Heron 1 Tricolored Heron 1 Snowy Egret 1 Great Egret 3 Great Blue Heron 1 White Ibis 6 Turkey Vulture 15 on ground with fish, flying all over Bald Eagle 2 1 adult, 1 juvie, not flying together Red-bellied Woodpecker 1 Downy Woodpecker 1 Eastern Phoebe 2 American Crow 5 Carolina Chickadee 1 Tufted Titmouse 2 Tree Swallow 6 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2

Carolina Wren 2 Northern Mockingbird 2 Eastern Bluebird 8 on fence, ground Chipping Sparrow 10 in ground, sidewalk and trees Red-winged Blackbird 30 flock flew from trees Common Grackle 4 top of tree Boat-tailed Grackle 10 around ponds Palm Warbler 20 approx. total from walk Pine Warbler 1 in tree at beginning of pathway, 2 wing bars, yellow Yellow-rumped Warbler 15 Northern Cardinal 2

Thank you everyone for coming out to Hogeye Pathway! Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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