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[the-village-birders] Village Birders' Trip to Crystal River Oct 10, 2019

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Group of 13 birders went to 3 venues in Crystal River on a spectacular day.

Our first stop was at Hunter Springs Park (Three Sisters Springs), a beautiful city park.

Upon our arrival a male Baltimore Oriole greeted us along with Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Mocking Birds, Eastern Phoebes flitting everywhere.

A Park person told us not to pay for parking as we were only there for a short time. (Parking is \$1.00 per hour per vehicle). I was hoping we might see a Manatee as a few remain in the Springs year round but none showed up. She told us that the "Official" Manatee season begins on November 15. You can snorkel, swim, kayak with Manatees during the season.

2nd stop: Fort Island Trail Park which has a fishing pier but was very quiet except for a Belted Kingfisher. No small birds in the large trees in the parking lot.

Final destination: Fort Island Beach Park.

We parked at the beach and walked out to see dozens of Gulls, Black Skimmers, Willets, Ruddy Turnstones, Oystercatchers. There were Sandwich, Royal, and Forster's Terns, Least Sandpipers, Semi-palmated, Black-bellied and a single Wilson's Plover. Also we saw a single Spotted Sandpiper.

We lunched in the covered pavilion with tables beside the fishing pier which I had reserved.

I always love going to Crystal River - only an hour west of The Villages. Even in the middle of winter there are birds on the beach.

We tallied 51 species for the day.

I plan to do that trip again next fall.

Thanks everyone for coming.

Bob Martin previously sent out our checklist. It is also attached below:

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 Swampphen		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		Common Tern	
Mottled Duck		Tricolored Heron	X	Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	X
Blue-winged Teal		Reddish Egret				Royal Tern	X
Northern Shoveler		Cattle Egret		SHOREBIRDS		Sandwich Tern	X
Northern Pintail		Green Heron		Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	X
Green-winged Teal		B-crown. Night-Heron		American Avocet			
Canvasback		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Amer. Oystercatcher	X	DOVES, CUCKOOS	
Redhead		White Ibis	X	Black-bellied Plover	X	Rock Pigeon	
Ring-necked Duck		Glossy Ibis	X	Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	
Lesser Scaup		Roseate Spoonbill		Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove	
White-winged Scoter				Wilson's Plover	X	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	X		
Wild Turkey		Red-shouldered Hawk		Red Knot		NIGHT, APOD, KING	
		Broad-winged Hawk		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
LOONS, GREBES		Short-tailed Hawk		Sanderling	X	Chimney Swift	X
Common Loon		Swainson's Hawk		Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
Pied-billed Grebe		Red-tailed Hawk	X	Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Horned Grebe				Least Sandpiper		Belted Kingfisher	X
				Semipalm. Sandpiper			
STORK, FRIG, GANN				Western Sandpiper	X		
Wood Stork				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	X	Florida Scrub-Jay		Worm-eating Warbler		Bachman's Sparrow	
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker		American Crow	X	Louisiana Waterthrush		Amer. Tree Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker	X	Fish Crow	X	Northern Waterthrush		Chipping Sparrow	
Hairy Woodpecker		Purple Martin		Blue-winged Warbler		Field Sparrow	
Red-cockaded Wood.		Tree Swallow		Blk-and-wht Warbler	X	Vesper Sparrow	
Northern Flicker		N. R-winged Swallow		Prothonotary Warbler		Savannah Sparrow	
Pileated Woodpecker		Cliff Swallow		Tennessee Warbler		Gr'hopper Sparrow	
		Barn Swallow	X	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		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		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	X	Summer Tanager	
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		Chest-sided Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	
Least Flycatcher		Carolina Wren		Blackpoll Warbler		Northern Cardinal	X
Eastern Phoebe		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	X	Indigo Bunting	
Great Crested Fly.		THRUSH, MIMICS		Yel-rumped Warbler		Painted Bunting	
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird	X	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	
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	X
Blue-headed Vireo		STAR, PIP, WING					
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	
						51	