

## **Alice Horst**

[the-village-birders] Duck-hunting in The Villages

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WOW, 18 of us had a great morning Duck and Goose hunting!

After meeting and checking ponds at Soulliere Villas we began searching for the 2 Snow Geese that I saw last evening around the Lopez Golf Course. We found many Canada but could not locate the Snow Geese in the area where they have been seen for the last 4 days. We had a number of smaller birds at Chatham Postal and then drove to Briar Meadow Postal for a look at ponds by the Mulberry Rec Trail.

We finished our trip at Alhambra Pond which has been Duck-Central for a couple of weeks.

We had a whopping number of 66 species.

Most interesting was the flock of at least 60 Brown-headed Cowbirds landing in trees right in front of us.

Wendy compiled a total list from our 5 stops:

Thank you, Wendy!

Checklists included in this summary:

(2): **Soulliere Ponds**

Date: Dec 8, 2022 at 8:03 AM

(3): **Nancy Lopez Legacy Golf and Country Club (golf course area)**

Date: Dec 8, 2022 at 8:30 AM

(4): **Calumet Postal, Chatham Postal**

Date: Dec 8, 2022 at 8:58 AM

(5): **Nancy Lopez Legacy Golf (Mulberry rec trail area)**

Date: Dec 8, 2022 at 9:32 AM

(6): **Alhambra Way pond**

Date: Dec 8, 2022 at 10:37 AM

35 Canada Goose -- (3),(4),(5)

6 Egyptian Goose -- (3),(4),(5)

5 Blue-winged Teal -- (6)

34 Northern Shoveler -- (5),(6)  
6 Gadwall -- (6)  
4 American Wigeon -- (6)  
3 Mallard -- (6)  
15 Mallard x Mottled Duck (hybrid) -- (3),(5),(6)  
20 Ring-necked Duck -- (6)  
1 Bufflehead -- (2)  
22 Hooded Merganser -- (6)  
6 Pied-billed Grebe -- (6)  
3 Mourning Dove -- (2)  
1 Common Gallinule -- (2)  
8 Sandhill Crane -- ,(2),(5)  
19 Killdeer -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
1 Least Sandpiper -- (6)  
8 Wilson's Snipe -- (2),(6)  
3 Greater Yellowlegs -- (2),(5),(6)  
1 Lesser Yellowlegs -- (5)  
3 Wood Stork -- (5)  
2 Anhinga -- (3),(5)  
20 American White Pelican -- (3)  
6 Great Blue Heron -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
4 Great Egret -- (3),(5),(6)  
3 Snowy Egret -- (2),(5),(6)  
4 Little Blue Heron -- (2),(5),(6)  
2 Tricolored Heron -- (5),(6)  
11 White Ibis -- (2),(5),(6)  
23 Glossy Ibis -- (2),(6)  
4 Black Vulture -- (6)  
4 Turkey Vulture -- (6)  
2 Osprey -- (5),(6)  
1 Bald Eagle -- (5)  
3 Red-shouldered Hawk -- (2),(5),(6)  
4 Belted Kingfisher -- (2),(4),(5)  
4 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker -- (3),(4),(5)  
2 Red-bellied Woodpecker -- (2),(5)  
2 Downy Woodpecker -- (3),(5)  
2 Pileated Woodpecker -- (2),(5)  
2 American Kestrel -- (2),(5)  
6 Eastern Phoebe -- (2),(3),(5),(6)

11 Blue Jay -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
19 American Crow -- ,(2),(3),(5),(6)  
4 Carolina Chickadee -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
4 Tufted Titmouse -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
8 Ruby-crowned Kinglet -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
10 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
1 House Wren -- (5)  
3 Carolina Wren -- (2),(5)  
4 Northern Mockingbird -- (2),(5),(6)  
1 House Sparrow -- (5)  
3 House Finch -- ,(5)  
3 American Goldfinch -- (2),(5)  
5 Chipping Sparrow -- (2),(5)  
1 Swamp Sparrow -- (5)  
23 Red-winged Blackbird -- (2),(5)  
60 Brown-headed Cowbird -- (2)  
4 Common Grackle -- (2)  
11 Boat-tailed Grackle -- (2),(5)  
4 Black-and-white Warbler -- (5)  
1 Orange-crowned Warbler -- (5)  
11 Palm Warbler -- (2),(3),(5),(6)  
17 Yellow-rumped Warbler -- ,(2),(3),(5),(6)  
3 Yellow-throated Warbler -- (3),(5),(6)  
7 Northern Cardinal -- ,(2),(3),(5)

**The Snow Geese remain elusive. Let us know if you find them!**

Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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