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[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)

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34 Northern Shoveler -- (5),(6)
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- 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)

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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)
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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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Village Birders Checklist

WATERFOWL		STORK,FRIG,GANN		RAILS, CRANES		GULLS, TERNS	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		Wood Stork	X	Yellow Rail		Pomarine Jaeger	
Fulv. Whistling-Duck		Magnif. Frigatebird		Black Rail		Parasitic Jaeger	
Snow Goose		Brown Booby		Clapper Rail		Bonaparte's Gull	
Ross's Goose		Northern Gannet		King Rail		Laughing Gull	
Gr Wh-fronted Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	
Canada Goose	X	CORM, ANH, PELS		Sora		Herring Gull	
Egyptian Goose	X	D-crested Cormorant		Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Muscovy Duck		Anhinga	X	Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Amer. White Pelican	X	Common Gallinule	X	Least Tern	
Gadwall	X	Brown Pelican		American Coot		Gull-billed Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon				Limpkin		Caspian Tern	
American Wigeon	X	WADERS		Sandhill Crane	X	Common Tern	
Mallard	X	American Bittern		Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	
Mottled/Mal. Hybrid	X	Least Bittern				Royal Tern	
Blue-winged Teal	X	Great Blue Heron	X	SHOREBIRDS		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Shoveler	X	Great Egret	X	Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	
Northern Pintail		Snowy Egret	X	American Avocet			
Green-winged Teal		Little Blue Heron	X	Amer. Oystercatcher		DOVES, CUCKOOS	
Canvasback		Tricolored Heron	X	Black-bellied Plover		Rock Pigeon	
Redhead		Reddish Egret		Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	
Ring-necked Duck	X	Cattle Egret		Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove	
Lesser Scaup		Green Heron		Wilson's Plover		Com. Ground-Dove	
Common Eider	X	B-crown. Night-Heron		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove	X
White-winged Scoter		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Black Scoter		White Ibis	X	Killdeer	X		
Long-tailed Duck		Glossy Ibis	X	Spotted Sandpiper		OWLS	
Bufflehead	X	White-faced Ibis		Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Goldeneye		Roseate Spoonbill		Greater Yellowlegs	X	Eastern Screech-Owl	
Hooded Merganser	X			Willet		Great Horned Owl	
Common Merganser		RAPTORS		Lesser Yellowlegs	X	Burrowing Owl	
R-breast. Merganser		Black Vulture	X	Whimbrel		Barred Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Turkey Vulture	X	Marbled Godwit		Short-eared Owl	
		Osprey	X	Ruddy Turnstone			
QUAIL, TURKEY		Swallow-tailed Kite		Red Knot		NIGHT, APOD, KING	
Northern Bobwhite		Snail Kite		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
Wild Turkey		Mississippi Kite		Sanderling		Chimney Swift	
		Bald Eagle	X	Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
LOONS, GREBES		Northern Harrier		Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Common Loon		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Least Sandpiper	X	Belted Kingfisher	X
Pied-billed Grebe	X	Cooper's Hawk		Semipalm. Sandpiper			
Horned Grebe		Red-shouldered Hawk	X	Western Sandpiper			
		Broad-winged Hawk		Shrt-billed Dowitcher			
		Short-tailed Hawk		Long-billed Dowitcher			
		Swainson's Hawk		Wilson's Snipe	X		
		Red-tailed Hawk		American Woodcock			
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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	X	American Crow	X	LouisianaWaterthrush		Amer. Tree Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker	X	Fish Crow		Northern Waterthrush		Chipping Sparrow	X
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	X	Cliff Swallow		Tennessee Warbler		Gr'hopper Sparrow	
		Barn Swallow		Or-crowned Warbler	X	Le Conte's Sparrow	
FALCONS PARROTS				Kentucky Warbler		Nelson's Sparrow	
Crested Caracara		PARIDS, HATCHES		Com. Yellowthroat		Seaside Sparrow	
American Kestrel	X	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	X
Nanday Parakeet		Brn-headed Nuthatch		Cerulean Warbler		Wh-throated Sparrow	
Nanday Farakeet		Diff fledded flatflateri		Northern Parula		Wh-crowned Sparrow	
FLYCATCHERS		WREN GNAT KING		Magnolia Warbler		Will crowned Spaniow	
Eastern Wood-Pewee		House Wren	X	Blackburnian Warbler		TANS,GROS,BUNTS	
Yel-bellied Flycatcher		Sedge Wren	11	Yellow Warbler		Summer Tanager	
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		Chest-sided Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	
Least Flycatcher		Carolina Wren	X	Blackpoll Warbler		Northern Cardinal	X
Eastern Phoebe	X	Bl-gray Gnatcatcher	X	Blk-thr. Blue Warbler		R-breasted Grosbeak	71
Vermilion Flycatcher	21	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X	Palm Warbler	X	Blue Grosbeak	
Ash-throated Fly.		Raby crowned Kinglet	71	Pine Warbler	71	Indigo Bunting	
Great Crested Fly.		THRUSH, MIMICS		Yel-rumped Warbler	X	Painted Bunting	
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird		Yel-throated Warbler	X	Tainted Builting	
Cassin's Kingbird		Veery		Prairie Warbler	- 21	ICTERIDS	
Western Kingbird		Gray-cheeked Thrush		Bl-thr. Green Warbler		Bobolink	
Eastern Kingbird		Swainson's Thrush		Yellow-breasted Chat		Red-winged Blackbird	X
Gray Kingbird		Hermit Thrush		Tellow breasted Chat		Eastern Meadowlark	71
Scissor-tailed Fly.		Wood Thrush			-	Common Grackle	X
Scissor-tailed Fry.		American Robin			-	Boat-tailed Grackle	X
SHRIKE, VIREOS		Gray Catbird			-	Bronzed Cowbird	Λ
Loggerhead Shrike		Brown Thrasher			-	Brn-headed Cowbird	X
White-eyed Vireo		Northern Mockingbird	X			Orchard Oriole	Λ
Yellow-throated Vireo		Northern Mockingbird	Λ				
Blue-headed Vireo		STAD DID WWING				Baltimore Oriole	
		STAR, PIP, WWING				ETNICHES WEAVER	
Red-eyed Vireo Blk-whiskered Vireo	1	European Starling			1	FINCHES, WEAVER	-
bik-wniskered vireo	+	Common Hill Myna			-	House Finch American Goldfinch	X
		American Pipit					_
	1	Cedar Waxwing			1	House Sparrow	X
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