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[the-village-birders] Today's Florida Scrub Jay trip in Ocala National Forest

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I always get a bit nervous when our "target bird" doesn't show up until the last quarter of our birding trip.

Our first stop was when Staci heard a Summer Tanager singing. This stunning red bird was close enough for everyone to see.

Constantly getting in and out of our cars we heard/saw: Eastern Towhee, Carolina Wren, Great crested Flycatcher, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Yellow-throated, White-eyed, and Blue-headed Vireos, Yellow-throated, Prairie, Pine and Palm Warblers, Red-headed Woodpeckers and more.

In the end there were 13 Florida Scrub Jays that wanted to be counted. We tallied 35 bird species + 2 White-tailed Deer (leaping across the road).

Our complete bird list will be on our website: www.villagebirders.org.

Thank you all for coming out and getting your cars dirty!

Hopefully will see you all at our Club picnic at Lake Okahumpka Rec Center on Saturday.

I will send info about Ft. DeSoto trip shortly.





Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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WATERFOWL		STORK,FRIG,GANN		RAILS, CRANES		GULLS, TERNS
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		Wood Stork		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		CORM, ANH, PELS		Sora		Herring Gull
Egyptian Goose		D-crested Cormorant		Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull
Muscovy Duck		Anhinga		Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull
Wood Duck		Amer. White Pelican		Common Gallinule		Least Tern
Gadwall		Brown Pelican		American Coot		Gull-billed Tern
Eurasian Wigeon				Limpkin		Caspian Tern
American Wigeon		WADERS		Sandhill Crane	X	Common Tern
Mallard		American Bittern		Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern
Mottled Duck		Least Bittern				Royal Tern
Blue-winged Teal		Great Blue Heron		SHOREBIRDS		Sandwich Tern
Northern Shoveler		Great Egret		Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer
Northern Pintail		Snowy Egret		American Avocet		
Green-winged Teal		Little Blue Heron		Amer. Oystercatcher		DOVES, CUCKOOS
Canvasback		Tricolored Heron		Black-bellied Plover		Rock Pigeon
Redhead		Reddish Egret		Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove
Ring-necked Duck		Cattle Egret		Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove
Lesser Scaup		Green Heron		Wilson's Plover		Com. Ground-Dove
Common Eider		B-crown. Night-Heron		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove
White-winged Scoter		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black Scoter		White Ibis		Killdeer		
Long-tailed Duck		Glossy Ibis		Spotted Sandpiper		OWLS
Bufflehead		White-faced Ibis	X	Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl
Common Goldeneye		Roseate Spoonbill		Greater Yellowlegs		Eastern Screech-Owl
Hooded Merganser				Willet		Great Horned Owl
Common Merganser		RAPTORS		Lesser Yellowlegs		Burrowing Owl
R-breast. Merganser		Black Vulture	X	Whimbrel		Barred Owl
Ruddy Duck		Turkey Vulture	X	Marbled Godwit		Short-eared Owl
		Osprey		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		Belted Kingfisher
Pied-billed Grebe		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		
		Red-tailed Hawk	X	American Woodcock		

