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[the-village-birders] Village Birders day trip to Cedar Key

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What a great day we had!

We met at Cedar Keys' #4 Bridge at 8:30. Tide was ebbing but not low enough to totally expose the offshore oyster bars.

Our very first bird was Roseate Spoonbill standing on an oyster bar!

Cedar Keys' cemetery, as usual, had a Great horned Owl nest with Owlets and we saw Mom in a nearby tree clutching "breakfast" for the kids.

Clapper Rails were "lifers" for some birders - calling to us and running from under the boardwalk at the Cemetery.

The Museum is closed on Mondays but we wandered around the grounds and spotted a Greater Scaup out in the water.

We ended our day at Shell Mound with its boardwalk out into the channel. Once again the best time would be at tide to view any birds on exposed oyster bars.

We had lunch at STEAMERS in town -outstanding food!

Here is our "group" after lunch. Ellen departed before lunch.



At least we have a great “blueprint” for our trip next spring!
So sorry that more Village Birders weren’t available on short notice.
Thanks Liz, Wendy, Jack, Candi, Stacie, and Ellen (who departed before lunch).
(I’m the one with my turquoise hat)

We saw **71** species!



Hope to see you soon at The Village Birders’ Picnic on Saturday, April 1, or Ft. DeSoto next week.

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