

[the-village-birders] Bird and Manatee Walk - 2/3/2021

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What a fabulous day! I am so sorry that some of you thought it would be too cold. The beach was chilly but we were bundled up.

Many of the birds you would expect: Willet, Dunlin, Semipalmated Plovers, Sanderlings, and Least Sandpipers, Black Skimmers, Laughing and Ring-billed Gulls, Royal Terns, Ruddy Turnstones.

White and Brown Pelicans.

Uncommonly seen there: we had 4 Common Loons, 2 Horned Grebes and Buffleheads.

Then to Three Sisters Springs for Manatees:

There were over 100 Manatees at the springs because air was cold and springs remain at 72 degrees year-round. WHAT FUN! Moms, babies everywhere!

We were told yesterday was that was one of the BEST Manatee days they had this season, lucky us!

We also birded there and tallied a few more species.

Difficult to get our birders together for a group shot (minus 1 person who couldn't continue to the Manatees). but we managed.

Feb. 4, 2021

Birders:

Below is our list of 50 birds from Ft Island Gulf Beach and Three Sisters Springs.

Not everyone saw all of the birds listed but I hope everyone had fun and has warmed up by now.

I think the Common Loons, Horned Grebes and Dolphins made us happy!

I had never been to Three Sisters Springs and I thought it was incredible!

GREAT place to take grandkids to swim with the Manatees.

Thank you for coming.

Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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A couple of Manatee shots along with an adorable Marsh Rabbit that has very small ears for a rabbit:





I am so sorry that you all missed such a wonderful day.
I will send out check list tonight - as long as the sun is out, I'm birding.

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Village Birders Checklist

WATERFOWL		STORK,FRIG,GANN		RAILS, CRANES		GULLS, TERNS	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		Wood Stork	B	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	B
Gr Wh-fronted Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	B
Canada Goose		CORM, ANH, PELS		Sora		Herring Gull	B
Egyptian Goose		D-crested Cormorant	B	Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Muscovy Duck		Anhinga	B	Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Amer. White Pelican	B	Common Gallinule		Least Tern	
Gadwall		Brown Pelican	B	American Coot		Gull-billed Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon				Limpkin		Caspian Tern	
American Wigeon		WADERS		Sandhill Crane		Common Tern	
Mallard		American Bittern		Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	
Mottled Duck		Least Bittern				Royal Tern	B
Blue-winged Teal		Great Blue Heron		SHOREBIRDS		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Shoveler		Great Egret		Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	B
Northern Pintail		Snowy Egret		American Avocet			
Green-winged Teal		Little Blue Heron	S	Amer. Oystercatcher	B	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	S
Common Eider		B-crown. Night-Heron		Semipalmated Plover	B	Mourning Dove	B
White-winged Scoter		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Black Scoter		White Ibis	B	Killdeer			
Long-tailed Duck		Glossy Ibis		Spotted Sandpiper		OWLS	
Bufflehead	B	White-faced Ibis		Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Goldeneye		Roseate Spoonbill		Greater Yellowlegs		Eastern Screech-Owl	
Hooded Merganser	B			Willet	B	Great Horned Owl	
Common Merganser		RAPTORS		Lesser Yellowlegs		Burrowing Owl	
R-breast. Merganser	S	Black Vulture	B	Whimbrel		Barred Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Turkey Vulture	B	Marbled Godwit		Short-eared Owl	
		Osprey	B	Ruddy Turnstone	B		
QUAIL, TURKEY		Swallow-tailed Kite		Red Knot		NIGHT,APOD,KING	
Northern Bobwhite		Snail Kite		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
Wild Turkey		Mississippi Kite		Sanderling	B	Chimney Swift	
		Bald Eagle	B	Dunlin	B	R-throated Hummer	
LOONS, GREBES		Northern Harrier		Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Common Loon	B	Sharp-shinned Hawk		Least Sandpiper	B	Belted Kingfisher	B
Pied-billed Grebe		Cooper's Hawk		Semipalm. Sandpiper			
Horned Grebe	B	Red-shouldered Hawk	B	Western Sandpiper			
		Broad-winged Hawk		Shrt-billed Dowitcher			
		Short-tailed Hawk		Long-billed Dowitcher			
		Swainson's Hawk		Wilson's Snipe	S		
		Red-tailed Hawk		American Woodcock			
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