

A group of 14 birders enjoyed a beautiful day exploring Sabal Bluff, Herlong Park, and Venetian Gardens, tallying 52 species for the day including a few birds seen on the road to and from our target locations.

We got off to an exciting start with a flurry of birds seen in the parking area at Sabal Bluff, followed a few minutes later by many Pine Warblers and a Painted Bunting. Herlong Park provided our first close look at a Limpkin. Highlights at Venetian Gardens included many photo ops of Purple and Common Gallinules, a Red Shouldered Hawk, plus a Bald Eagle in flight.

Thanks to all the participants for their great spotting and helping each other "get on the birds". The list of species is shown below.

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Species seen: Canada Goose, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Pied-billed Grebe, Wood Stork, Double-crested Cormorant, Anhinga, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Tri-Colored Heron, White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Purple Gallinule, Common Gallinule, American Coot, Limpkin, Sandhill Crane, Ring-Billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tree Swallow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Blue-Grey Gnatcatcher, Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, Grey Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Black-and-White Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-Rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Painted Bunting, Red-Winged Blackbird, Boat-Tailed Grackle, American Goldfinch.