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[the-village-birders] The Village Birders' Orlando Wetlands Tram Tour

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BIRDERS:

Have you ever thought that you had just had your best birding day ever? That was what we thought after our Tram Tour with guides Tim and Darrell at Orlando Wetlands. While being driven around in very spiffy electric trams we learned about the construction/ purpose of the wetlands. We saw more birds than expected, particularly the number of Roseate Spoonbills right next to us on the newly constructed boardwalk. We tallied 64 species at the Wetlands without seeing a Crested Caracara which is fairly common in the area.

Four of us decided to check a nearby boat ramp in case a CRCA was there. WELL - we got lucky!

Tammy spotted a perched bird on a tree very far away. Through her scope we agreed that the perched bird was a CRCC but It flew down into the field. Suddenly I saw a bird flying towards us and we knew what it was! We got photos of the Crested Caracara in flight which concluded our birding day, giving us a list of 69 species.

We saw our "target" bird and now we could go home!



Crested Caracara



Purple Gallinule



Roseate Spoonbill



Vermillion Flycatcher



Glossy Ibis

What a wonderful day!

Every day is a GREAT day to go birding.

Thank you, everyone, for joining us at Orlando Wetlands.

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