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## Hi Birders,

We had a great day at Cedar Key! Unfortunately, it was very windy, but the temperature was perfect. Fifteen birders joined for the trip, and we counted 71 species between all of us. Much thanks to Liz Stackenberg for spotting 4 orchard orioles at the cemetery. We also had a very cooperative clapper rail at the cemetery at the very end of the day. The cemetery has definitely lost some trees due to last fall's hurricane Idalia, and we were slightly limited in our water views at the shell mound area, as they are rebuilding the boardwalk and pier which was taken out by the storm.

Special thanks to Susan Pepper for ebirding the checklists. On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone who joined for making me feel welcome, as this was my first time leading, and the first time being at Cedar Key without my mom. I missed her terribly, but it was so nice to be someplace she loved, with good people and good birds.

## Beth

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