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**Subject:** [the-village-birders] Village Birder's Walk 3/19, Soulliere Villa Ponds, The Villages  
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**To:**



Thank you to leader Marlene Armstrong and our participants for a total species count this morning of 21.

The 46 degree temperature was against us this morning with an 8 AM start time. The highlights were one American Robin and then watching hundreds of Cedar Waxwings performing coordinated flight patterns by dipping down and back up at a neighboring church. Movements reminded me of the murmuration's performed by European Starlings and Tree Swallows. Further investigation after the walk confirmed the CEWA were trying to land and feed on the orange berries of the Dahoon Holly Trees planted through out the church's parking lot. But then forced back into the sky by the church emitting bird deterrent calls over an outdoor speaker system every x number of seconds. As frustrating as it was to learn the cause, the flight patterns sure were pretty to watch.

Link to eBird Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S310705694>  
Full species list and count at the bottom of the email.

Participants if you want the eBird checklist shared to your eBird account please email me directly with your eBird User ID or the email address associated with your eBird account.

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Species - Count  
Mallard x Mottled Duck (hybrid) - 1  
Mourning Dove - 4  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
White Ibis - 2  
Great Egret - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 4  
Fish Crow - 1  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1  
Carolina Wren - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
American Robin - 1  
Cedar Waxwing - 522  
Savannah Sparrow - 2  
Red-winged Blackbird - 6  
Northern Parula - 1  
Palm Warbler - 3  
Northern Cardinal - 1

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