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[the-village-birders] Village Birders walk @ Emerald Island Public Boat Ramp 10/27/2023

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Birders:

Absolutely perfect weather again! 20 of us met at 8:0am. It was a little slow at first and then we had some surprises:

King Rail and Sora were calling; Snail Kite was in the marsh with many Purple Gallinules; Northern Harrier, and Osprey were soaring. Limpkins, Green Herons along with other Herons, Egrets were everywhere. Swamp and Savannah Sparrows along with Marsh, House, and Carolina Wrens were low in shrubbery with Common Yellowthroats.

Nice surprises were a couple of ducks, quite far away, spotted by Michele via scope: 1 Canvasback, 3 Gadwall mixed in with zillions of American Coots.

BUT, as far as I am concerned, THE best today was the American Bittern. They are SO hard to get. Susan spotted one flying over the marsh early and we kept hoping others would be able to see it. As luck would have it, a couple of us spotted a large brown bird flying very far off, landing in the grass as far away from us as possible. Not to be ignored, Tom our "scope-tender" located THE AMERICAN BITTERN - which made every one of us smile!

Our list of between 44-46 species will be on our website soon: www.villagebirders.org

If Anyone would like to share pictures, please do.

THANK you, Birders, for coming out today. If you missed this trip hopefully you can make our next one.

Our Bird Walks are on our calendar but sometimes have to be changed for various reasons.

I will be away for a couple of weeks, see you all soon.

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