

Village Birders

[the-village-birders] Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park - La Chua trail - 58 species

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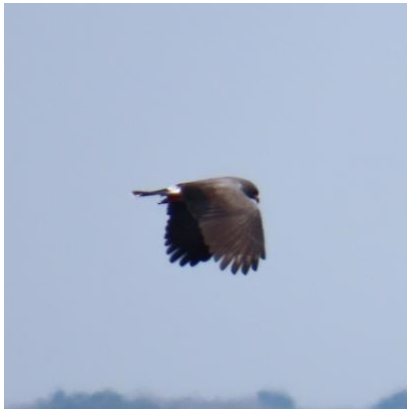
The Village Birders had a beautifully sunny day at La Chua Trail in Gainesville. Our original group counted 52 species with a couple of Snail Kites which were at the top of our "want" lists for the day. Some of us continued with a picnic at nearby Boulware Springs and then stopped at the observation area on 441 where we saw more kiting Snail Kites.

On our way home we stopped at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, on 441, checked out the Visitors' Center and climbed the multi-level observation tower. We added 6 species to our group list for a nice total of 58 for the day! Time to go home. What a wonderful day!

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park is a Florida State Park, encompassing a 21,000 acre savanna in Alachua County between Micanopy and Gainesville. If you have not visited this State Park - you should. Check out their website/map showing lakes, hiking trails. There is always the possibility of seeing Wild Horses and Bison roaming freely on the prairie.

Thank you all for coming out with The Village Birders.

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Snail Kite





Tricolor Heron



Osprey with “lunch”



Black-crowned Night Heron

A big "thank you" to our leader Tammy Martin.

See you all out on the trails,
Alice Horst
Bird walk coordinator
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