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[the-village-birders] Lake Okahumpka Rec. area

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14 of us had a wonderful but "nippy" bird walk this morning.

Of course we had to start with the nesting Great Horned Owl near the rec. center.

Wendy had seen Owl-in-nest yesterday BUT which tree, which limb,

where?? Wendy pointed and said "there."

It wasn't quite that easy because Mama was COLD and trying to keep her 2 teeny fuzzy babies warm. As it warmed up we did get to see the eaglets or at least a bit of their fluffy heads.

VERY FUN!

The boardwalk gave us views of hundreds of Ring-necked Ducks and the usual Pied-billed Grebe, Common Gallinule, American Coot.

2 Northern Harriers were circling low over the marsh along with Bald Eagles

We walked a bit on the trail in front of the rec center where we saw Wild Turkeys and American Robins while a flock of White Pelicans flew overhead.

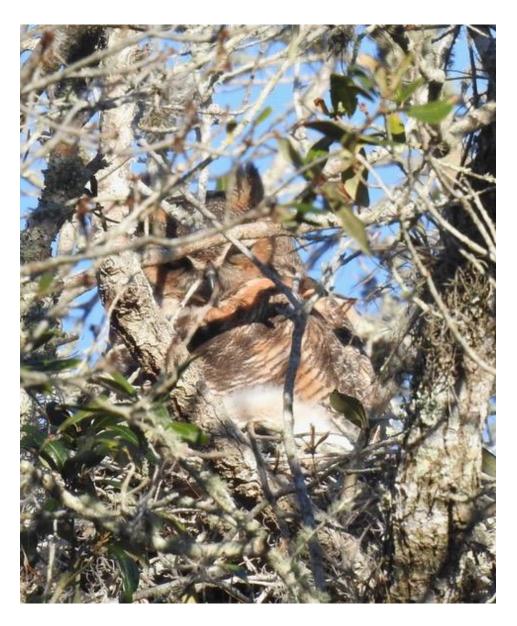
We just HAD to go back and check MaMa Owl and family.

YES, they were still there!

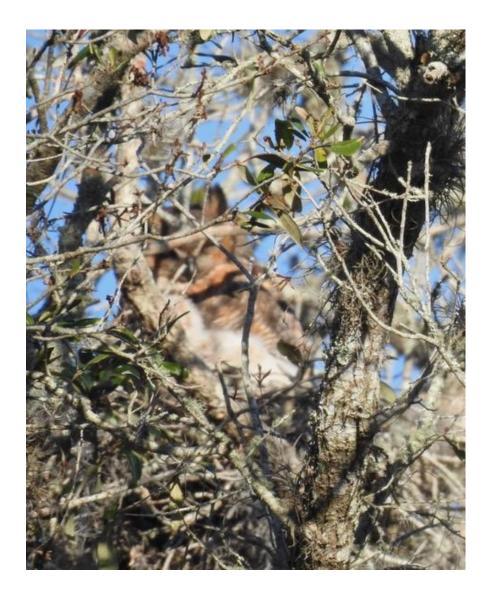
We ended up with 48 species.

Beautiful Rec Center and birding area AND this is where The Village Birders will be meeting next fall because of Paradise Rec Center renovations.

Thank you, everyone, for coming out today. I am sure some of you can share better picture than these:



Mama with one fuzzy eaglet in front



Mama (not clear) - but shows 2 eaglets in front of her.

See you again soon. Alice Horst ahorst@comcast.net

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<u>Village Birders Checklist</u>

WATERFOWL		STORK,FRIG,GANN		RAILS, CRANES		GULLS, TERNS	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		Wood Stork		Yellow Rail		Pomarine Jaeger	
Fulv. Whistling-Duck		Magnif. Frigatebird		Black Rail		Parasitic Jaeger	
Snow Goose		Brown Booby		Clapper Rail		Bonaparte's Gull	
Ross's Goose		Northern Gannet		King Rail		Laughing Gull	
Gr Wh-fronted Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	
Canada Goose		CORM, ANH, PELS		Sora		Herring Gull	
Egyptian Goose		D-crested Cormorant	X	Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Muscovy Duck		Anhinga		Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Amer. White Pelican	X	Common Gallinule	X	Least Tern	
Gadwall		Brown Pelican		American Coot	X	Gull-billed Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon				Limpkin		Caspian Tern	
American Wigeon		WADERS		Sandhill Crane	X	Common Tern	
Mallard		American Bittern		Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	X
Mottled Duck		Least Bittern				Royal Tern	
Blue-winged Teal		Great Blue Heron	X	SHOREBIRDS		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Shoveler		Great Egret	X	Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	
Northern Pintail		Snowy Egret	X	American Avocet			
Green-winged Teal		Little Blue Heron	X	Amer. Oystercatcher		DOVES, CUCKOOS	
Canvasback		Tricolored Heron		Black-bellied Plover		Rock Pigeon	
Redhead		Reddish Egret		Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	
Ring-necked Duck	X	Cattle Egret	X	Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove	
Lesser Scaup		Green Heron		Wilson's Plover		Com. Ground-Dove	
Common Eider		B-crown. Night-Heron		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove	X
White-winged Scoter		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Black Scoter		White Ibis	X	Killdeer	X		
Long-tailed Duck		Glossy Ibis		Spotted Sandpiper		OWLS	
Bufflehead		White-faced Ibis		Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Goldeneye		Roseate Spoonbill		Greater Yellowlegs	X	Eastern Screech-Owl	
Hooded Merganser		•		Willet		Great Horned Owl	X
Common Merganser		RAPTORS		Lesser Yellowlegs	X	Burrowing Owl	
R-breast. Merganser		Black Vulture		Whimbrel		Barred Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Turkey Vulture	X	Marbled Godwit		Short-eared Owl	
		Osprey		Ruddy Turnstone			
QUAIL, TURKEY		Swallow-tailed Kite		Red Knot		NIGHT, APOD, KING	
Northern Bobwhite		Snail Kite		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
Wild Turkey	X	Mississippi Kite		Sanderling		Chimney Swift	
		Bald Eagle	X	Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
LOONS, GREBES		Northern Harrier	X	Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Common Loon		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Least Sandpiper		Belted Kingfisher	
Pied-billed Grebe	X	Cooper's Hawk		Semipalm. Sandpiper			
Horned Grebe		Red-shouldered Hawk	X	Western Sandpiper	1		
		Broad-winged Hawk		Shrt-billed Dowitcher			
		Short-tailed Hawk		Long-billed Dowitcher	1		
		Swainson's Hawk		Wilson's Snipe	1		
		Red-tailed Hawk		American Woodcock	1		
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WOODPECKERS		CORVID, SWALLOW		WOOD WARBLERS		SPARROWS	
Red-headed Wood.		Blue Jay	X	Ovenbird		Eastern Towhee	
Red-bel. Woodpecker	X	Florida Scrub-Jay		Worm-eating Warbler		Bachman's Sparrow	
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	X	American Crow	X	LouisianaWaterthrush		Amer. Tree Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker		Fish Crow	X	Northern Waterthrush		Chipping Sparrow	
Hairy Woodpecker		Purple Martin		Blue-winged Warbler		Field Sparrow	
Red-cockaded Wood.		Tree Swallow	X	Blk-and-wht Warbler		Vesper Sparrow	
Northern Flicker		N. R-winged Swallow		Prothonotary Warbler		Savannah Sparrow	
Pileated Woodpecker	X	Cliff Swallow		Tennessee Warbler		Gr'hopper Sparrow	+
		Barn Swallow		Or-crowned Warbler		Le Conte's Sparrow	+
FALCONS PARROTS				Kentucky Warbler		Nelson's Sparrow	+
Crested Caracara		PARIDS, HATCHES		Com. Yellowthroat		Seaside Sparrow	+
American Kestrel		Carolina Chickadee		Hooded Warbler		Song Sparrow	+
Merlin		Tufted Titmouse	X	American Redstart		Lincoln's Sparrow	+
Peregrine Falcon		R-breasted Nuthatch	1	Cape May Warbler		Swamp Sparrow	+
Nanday Parakeet		Brn-headed Nuthatch		Cerulean Warbler		Wh-throated Sparrow	+
Nanday Farakeet		Bill fledded ffdefideen		Northern Parula		Wh-crowned Sparrow	+
FLYCATCHERS		WREN GNAT KING		Magnolia Warbler		Will crowned Sparrow	+
Eastern Wood-Pewee		House Wren	X	Blackburnian Warbler		TANS,GROS,BUNTS	+
Yel-bellied Flycatcher		Sedge Wren	71	Yellow Warbler		Summer Tanager	+
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		Chest-sided Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	+
Least Flycatcher		Carolina Wren	X	Blackpoll Warbler		Northern Cardinal	X
Eastern Phoebe	X	Bl-gray Gnatcatcher	X	Blk-thr. Blue Warbler		R-breasted Grosbeak	- 11
Vermilion Flycatcher	Λ	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X	Palm Warbler	X	Blue Grosbeak	+
Ash-throated Fly.		Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Λ	Pine Warbler	Λ	Indigo Bunting	+
Great Crested Fly.		THRUSH, MIMICS		Yel-rumped Warbler	X	Painted Bunting	+
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird	X	Yel-throated Warbler	X	Fainted Builting	+
Cassin's Kingbird		Veery	Λ	Prairie Warbler	Λ	ICTERIDS	+
Western Kingbird		Gray-cheeked Thrush		Bl-thr. Green Warbler		Bobolink	+
Eastern Kingbird		Swainson's Thrush		Yellow-breasted Chat	-	Red-winged Blackbird	X
Gray Kingbird		Hermit Thrush		Tellow-breasted Chat		Eastern Meadowlark	$\frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda}$
		Wood Thrush				Common Grackle	X
Scissor-tailed Fly.			X			Boat-tailed Grackle	A
CHRIVE VIREOS		American Robin Gray Catbird	X			Bronzed Cowbird	+
SHRIKE, VIREOS Loggerhead Shrike		Brown Thrasher	Λ			Brn-headed Cowbird	-
	X	Northern Mockingbird	X				-
White-eyed Vireo	Λ	Northern Mockingbird	Λ			Orchard Oriole	+
Yellow-throated Vireo		STAD DID WATE	-		+	Baltimore Oriole	+
Blue-headed Vireo		STAR, PIP, WWING	-		+	ETNEUES WEAVES	+
Red-eyed Vireo		European Starling				FINCHES, WEAVER	
Blk-whiskered Vireo		Common Hill Myna			+	House Finch	+
		American Pipit	-		+	American Goldfinch	+
		Cedar Waxwing	-		1	House Sparrow	
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			-		1	TOTAL SPECIES	
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