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AH

Birders:

What a wonderful morning we had. My main goals were seeing our nesting Bale Eagles, our White-winged Doves that winter here and our American White Pelicans at the Nancy Lopez Pond.

When I drove by the Lopez Pond this morning not a single Pelican was there! Oh DEAR! Somewhere between 12 and 14 of us started out at 8:30. We could spot one Bald Eagle perched but could not see 2nd one in the "skinny" nest. We got our White-winged Doves perched on wires near the electrical station. We had a few Ducks, Herons, Egrets at other ponds, had a few White Pelicans flying into pond, Wood Storks and Belted Kingfishers.

We ended up with 47 species unless I left something off of the list.

BUT, the best came at the end when Wendy notice a Red-breasted Merganser diving in the pond at the Nancy Lopez driving range.

That was exciting!

Briarwood Executive Golf Course, Marion, Florida, US

Dec 8, 2023 8:34 AM - 11:39 AM

Protocol: Traveling

2.4 mile(s)

Checklist Comments: Wonderful walk with The Village Birders in The Villages today. We had a surprise Red-breasted Merganser along with our expected American White Pelicans and White-winged Doves and more/  
47 species

Canada Goose 5

Northern Shoveler 4

Mallard 4

Hooded Merganser 6 fewer than have been in ponds recently

Red-breasted Merganser 1 pictures

White-winged Dove 13 they winter here in large numbers every winter

Killdeer 4

Ring-billed Gull 1 flew over pond

Wood Stork 4

Anhinga 1

Double-crested Cormorant 18

American White Pelican 5

Little Blue Heron 2

Tricolored Heron 2

Snowy Egret 7

Great Egret 11

Great Blue Heron 7

White Ibis 11

Glossy Ibis 5

Bald Eagle 3 2 adults, 1 juvie, 1 adult in nest

Red-shouldered Hawk 1 heard

Red-tailed Hawk 1 belly band

Belted Kingfisher 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 1 heard  
Downy Woodpecker 1  
American Kestrel 3  
Eastern Phoebe 2  
Blue Jay 2  
American Crow 4  
Fish Crow 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2  
House Wren 1  
Carolina Wren 1  
European Starling 4  
Gray Catbird 1  
Brown Thrasher 1  
Northern Mockingbird 2  
Eastern Bluebird 1 heard  
House Finch 1  
American Goldfinch 1 heard  
Red-winged Blackbird 2  
Boat-tailed Grackle 6  
Orange-crowned Warbler 1 heard first but we good looks at nondescript bird deep in foliage  
Palm Warbler 9  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 2  
Northern Cardinal 2

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Thank you all for coming out, it was a glorious day!  
Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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