

## **Alice Horst**

[the-village-birders] Ocala Wetlands—Village Birders' bird trip 1/30/2023

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Fabulous day we all had!

I wasn't expecting much with the construction going on next door to the park. I'm glad I was wrong!

I had "target" birds for the group: Red-headed Woodpecker, the female Vermilion Flycatcher that has been seen for a couple of months, and a Sora.

Other than that it was up to the birds to show up for us.

As we assembled in the parking lot a juvenile Red-headed Woodpecker flew onto a snag. That was easy - and the first of several.

We walked to the area where I have seen Lady Vermilion before - not there.

Further along we heard chirps and calls and then noticed a bird perched on the top of a tall snag out in the wetlands.

There she was! Lady Vermilion perched for all of us to see. She did some fly catching and returned to her snag.

On we walked, watched, and listened. 2 Wilson's Snipe caught our attention. We were excited to see 2-3 Swamp Sparrows, a Marsh Wren, and Common Yellowthroat at the edge of the marsh.

We ended up with 55 species: a Sora walking around, Cooper's Hawk and American White Pelicans flying over and a single American Coot.....etc.

Thank you, everyone, for coming out and a special thanks to visiting/birder-friend

Tammy Martin, who just kept adding birds to our list.

Species list will be on our website: [www.villagebirders.org](http://www.villagebirders.org)

Couple of pictures:



Red-headed Woodpecker



Lady Vermilion Flycatcher



Wilson's Snipe

Next week:

- February 8 (Wednesday): [Ft. Island Beach](#). Half day drive. About an hour west of The Villages.  
Lunch at Shrimp Landing if you want. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.  
Leader: Alice Horst.

I will send out more information about Ft Island Beach, Crystal River.  
You can also google it.

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