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[the-village-birders] Ft. Desoto, May 4-5

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Our group of 12 birders tallied a total of 69 species for the 2 days. Not everyone saw every bird. Some species were only seen by a single birder. A few of us stopped at other parks on way to Fort D. to observe Common Myna, Brown Boobies, and Great-tailed Grackle that had recently been reported on ebird.

A little premature for migrating Warblers but we had incredible shorebirds with Snowy and Wilson's Plovers, Marbled Godwits and Red Knots, and Western Sandpipers as favorites. Dancing Reddish Egret is always fun to watch. We met for dinner by the beach in Pass-a-grille.

A wonderful sunset!

Next year I'll organize our trip later in April hoping to see some migrating songbirds.



Nanday Parakeet



Snowy Plover



Wilson's Plovers



Least Tern



Great-tailed Grackle – seen at North Shore Park enroute to Ft. De Soto



Red Knot



Reddish Egret

Thank you all for coming and helping ID our birds
Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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