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Eighteen Birders met at Springdale Pool/Postal in the early morning drizzle and fog to bird along the Mulberry Rec Trail and tallied at least 45 species! Right before we started, a pair of Cooper's Hawks was spotted in a tree on the car parking lot side of the pool but they flew before all could see them for a positive ID. There was at least one picture taken which I hope can be shared with the list so we can decide what they were.

We also counted ten white pelicans and other birds on the pond right across from the pool.

From there we drove to the SECO Sub Station where we parked and walked through the woods to see several types of doves and other birds. Thanks to John A. for setting up his scope to show everyone close-ups of all of the beautiful birds we saw as well as sharing interesting trivia and hints on identification by sound. The birds were very cooperative today! The eaglets were visible on their "skinny" nest and the mama Great horned Owl was right where expected on the nest in the crook of the tree a little further down the trail. The male GHO was also visible a bit higher up in the same tree. A pair of kestrels was spotted on a kestrel house so we all were able to see them fairly close.

Our next stop was the Lopez pond with about 30 American White Pelicans with northern shovelers doing their group fishing, ring billed gulls, double crested cormorants, a loggerhead shrike, lesser yellow legs along the shore, and the other usual birds. A pair of hooded mergansers was seen diving in and out on both sides of the path a little bit later.

We then finished by checking out the pair of ospreys on the tower by the police station where we met some nice sheriff's officers as well.

Several of us then returned to the SECO station and saw flocks of yellow rumped warblers, a brown thrasher, downy woodpeckers and several other birds.

Thanks to all of you! Everyone was so helpful with spotting and identifying what we saw. The sun did end up showing up at some point as well so we ended up having a perfect day for bird watching!

Attached is a PDF of the list we compiled. Please let me know of anything we need to add.

Thanks so much!
Wendy

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