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[the-village-birders] Bird walk at Emeraldalda Marsh Boat Ramp

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Today was an absolutely perfect day at Emeraldalda Marsh Boat Ramp. Meeting at 8:30 we stopped along the drive and saw a variety of small birds in the roadside shrubbery. We eventually got to the boat ramp. Sunny, and 50+ degrees with no wind. A couple of us had scopes to scan the ducks out in the water which was like a sheet of glass. We tallied 53 species including Northern Harrier, Snail Kite, Bald Eagles, Limpkin, Belted Kingfishers. Blue-winged Teal, Ruddy, Redhead, Ring-necked Ducks and probably more that were too far away to ID. All expected Herons and Egrets were seen in numbers.

Then we walked on the levee and found Savannah, Song and Swamp Sparrows, Marsh and House Wrens.

A couple of us continued to a nearby area to find Western Kingbirds that have been reported in a nearby orange orchard. We saw 3 Western Kingbirds, American Kestrel, and Ring-billed Gull to add to our group list.

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Western Kingbird

If I missed any birds on the list, let me know.
List below:

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| WATERFOWL | | CORM, ANH, PELS | | RAILS, CRANES | | GULLS, TERNS | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Bl-bel Whistling-Duck | | D-crested Cormorant | X | Yellow Rail | | Pomarine Jaeger | |
| Fulv. Whistling-Duck | | Anhinga | X | Black Rail | | Parasitic Jaeger | |
| Snow Goose | | Amer. White Pelican | | Clapper Rail | | Bonaparte's Gull | |
| Ross's Goose | | Brown Pelican | | King Rail | | Laughing Gull | |
| Canada Goose | | | | Virginia Rail | | Ring-billed Gull | X |
| Egyptian Goose | | WADERS | | Sora | | Herring Gull | |
| Muscovy Duck | | American Bittern | | Purple Swampphen | | Lr. Black-backed Gull | |
| Wood Duck | | Least Bittern | | Purple Gallinule | X | Gr. Black-backed Gull | |
| Gadwall | | Great Blue Heron | X | Common Gallinule | X | Least Tern | |
| Eurasian Wigeon | | Great Egret | X | American Coot | X | Gull-billed Tern | |
| American Wigeon | | Snowy Egret | X | Limpkin | X | Caspian Tern | |
| Mallard | | Little Blue Heron | X | Sandhill Crane | X | Common Tern | |
| Mottled Duck | | Tricolored Heron | X | Whooping Crane | | Forster's Tern | |
| Blue-winged Teal | X | Reddish Egret | | | | Royal Tern | |
| Northern Shoveler | | Cattle Egret | | SHOREBIRDS | | Sandwich Tern | |
| Northern Pintail | | Green Heron | X | Black-necked Stilt | | Black Skimmer | |
| Green-winged Teal | | B-crown. Night-Heron | | American Avocet | | | |
| Canvasback | | Y-crown. Night-Heron | | Amer. Oystercatcher | | DOVES, CUCKOOS | |
| Redhead | X | White Ibis | X | Black-bellied Plover | | Rock Pigeon | |
| Ring-necked Duck | X | Glossy Ibis | X | Am. Golden-Plover | | Eur. Collared-Dove | |
| Lesser Scaup | | Roseate Spoonbill | | Snowy Plover | | White-winged Dove | |
| White-winged Scoter | | | | Wilson's Plover | | Com. Ground-Dove | |
| Black Scoter | | RAPTORS | | Semipalmated Plover | | Mourning Dove | |
| Long-tailed Duck | | Black Vulture | X | Piping Plover | | Yellow-billed Cuckoo | |
| Bufflehead | | Turkey Vulture | X | Killdeer | | | |
| Common Goldeneye | | Osprey | X | Spotted Sandpiper | | OWLS | |
| Hooded Merganser | | Swallow-tailed Kite | | Solitary Sandpiper | | Barn Owl | |
| Common Merganser | | Snail Kite | X | Greater Yellowlegs | | Eastern Screech-Owl | |
| R-breast. Merganser | | Mississippi Kite | | Willet | | Great Horned Owl | |
| Ruddy Duck | X | Bald Eagle | | Lesser Yellowlegs | | Burrowing Owl | |
| | | Northern Harrier | X | Whimbrel | | Barred Owl | |
| QUAIL, TURKEY | | Sharp-shinned Hawk | | Marbled Godwit | | Short-eared Owl | |
| Northern Bobwhite | | Cooper's Hawk | | Ruddy Turnstone | | | |
| Wild Turkey | | Red-shouldered Hawk | X | Red Knot | | NIGHT, APOD, KING | |
| | | Broad-winged Hawk | | Stilt Sandpiper | | Common Nighthawk | |
| LOONS, GREBES | | Short-tailed Hawk | | Sanderling | | Chimney Swift | |
| Common Loon | | Swainson's Hawk | | Dunlin | | R-throated Hummer | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | X | Red-tailed Hawk | | Purple Sandpiper | | B-chinned Hummer | |
| Horned Grebe | | | | Least Sandpiper | | Belted Kingfisher | X |
| | | | | Semipalm. Sandpiper | | | |
| STORK, FRIG, GANN | | | | Western Sandpiper | | | |
| Wood Stork | | | | Shrt-billed Dowitcher | | | |
| Magnif. Frigatebird | | | | Long-billed Dowitcher | | | |
| Brown Booby | | | | Wilson's Snipe | X | | |
| Northern Gannet | | | | American Woodcock | | | |

