

**Bob & Joyce Smidt**

[the-village-birders] Moss Bluff Bird Walk

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Seventeen enthusiastic birders enjoyed a great morning at Moss Bluff, watching the activity in dozens of Egret and Heron nests. Aided by good weather conditions, the group totaled 38 species, including Black Bellied Whistling Ducks and Wood Ducks at the rookery, as well as a few other waders and raptors in the area. Trees around the parking areas at the dam yielded only a few warblers and vireos, and we ended the morning with lunch at the Dam Diner. A list of birds seen is on the attached checklist. If any other birds were seen by participants on the drive home, please let me know, and a big thanks to all who participated in the spotting and identifying bird calls.

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

