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[the-village-birders] Village Birder walk at Sunnyhill Restoration Area -- Oct 28, 2024

To: Village Birders, Brownwood Birders

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We had a wonderful morning as 13 of us headed out on the foggy trail. It was fairly quiet in the woods but as we headed on the path to the observation platform it got quite birdy. We ended up with 58 species! Highlights were the Virginia Rail we heard (thanks to Mike for scouting ahead for us), an Indigo Bunting, two Northern Harriers swooping around, Sedge Wrens, many Swamp Sparrows and a male Black-throated Blue Warbler spotted by Stacie! The complete list is below.

Sunnyhill Restoration Area

Oct 28, 2024

7:59 AM

Traveling

2.15 miles

231 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: Walk with the Village Birders. Started out foggy and low to mid-60's. Still cloudy at end and 73.

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17 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

14 Blue-winged Teal -- Counted individually. Flock of 10 and another group of 4.

2 Common Ground Dove

1 Mourning Dove

1 Virginia Rail -- About a third of the way to observation platform on left.

Probably more than one.

1 Sora

20 Common Gallinule

3 American Coot
2 Purple Gallinule -- Clearly seen - known location. Pictures to be added.
4 Sandhill Crane
2 Killdeer
10 Wilson's Snipe
1 Greater Yellowlegs
2 Pied-billed Grebe
6 Anhinga
8 Double-crested Cormorant
6 White Ibis
12 Glossy Ibis
5 Little Blue Heron
5 Great Egret
4 Great Blue Heron
6 Turkey Vulture
1 Osprey
2 Northern Harrier
1 Bald Eagle
3 Red-shouldered Hawk
3 Belted Kingfisher
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker
1 Pileated Woodpecker
1 Northern Flicker
2 American Kestrel
15 Eastern Phoebe
1 White-eyed Vireo
10 American Crow
3 Fish Crow
4 Tree Swallow
1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
7 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
8 Northern House Wren
5 Sedge Wren
5 Carolina Wren
6 Gray Catbird

2 Northern Mockingbird
2 Savannah Sparrow
24 Swamp Sparrow
1 new world sparrow sp. -- Will try to determine with pictures but best guess is Lincoln's.
100 Red-winged Blackbird
1 Common Grackle
3 Boat-tailed Grackle
2 Orange-crowned Warbler -- Small warbler with grayish throat and yellowish under. Drab. Broken eyeing. Photo to be added. early migrant.
9 Common Yellowthroat
1 American Redstart
2 Northern Parula
1 Black-throated Blue Warbler
6 Palm Warbler
4 Yellow-rumped Warbler
1 Prairie Warbler
5 Northern Cardinal
1 Indigo Bunting

Number of Taxa: 59

Happy Birding!!

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