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[the-village-birders] The Village Birders' walk -Ocala Wetland Recharge Park,
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13 Birders, with leader Tammy Martin, set out on a cloudy morning at OWRP. We began our day with 3 Western Kingbirds perched atop a tree - very exciting! Red-headed Woodpeckers were flying, as well as Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks. We heard/saw House and Carolina Wrens and Swamp Sparrows flitting in the marsh grasses. We spotted most of our usual Herons and Egrets, Pileated and Downy Woodpeckers and heard Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. Wintering Ducks have not yet arrived but Common and Purple Gallinules, American Coots were paddling around.

We left the park as the rain began having tallied 44 species.

My favorite sighting today was not a bird but an insect! Wendy's husband, Jerry, rescued a Praying Mantis from a possible instant death by Human-Step-Upon. Elsie, sitting on the ground taking photos, indicated "approach cautiously". I know the "real" photographers have better pictures than mine but...



Praying Mantis - perhaps there is a more scientific name?

See you on the trails - check our website for future events www.villagebirders.org

Thank you, Tammy, and everyone for joining us.

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