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[the-village-birders] Bird Walk at Ocala Wetland Groundwater Recharge Park

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18 birders had a beautiful walk at the Ocala Wetland Groundwater Recharge Park with Rachel Slocumb who was our monthly Club Meeting speaker last Saturday.

As they say “build it and they will come”. When completed OWGRP will rival Sweetwater Wetlands in Gainesville.

The park is not yet open to the public but we were lucky enough to see it in process with Rachel guiding us. Many large trees, 3 cells of water, boardwalk and paved walking paths.

We had a nice number of birds on our list , below, including 6 Warbler species, 3 Woodpeckers and many Chimney Swifts flying overhead. We had our picnic lunch at Silver Springs State Park and it was clouding up and began raining on the way home.

WATERFOWL		CORM, ANH, PELS		RAILS, CRANES		GULLS, TERNS	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		D-crested Cormorant		Yellow Rail		Pomarine Jaeger	
Fulv. Whistling-Duck		Anhinga		Black Rail		Parasitic Jaeger	
Snow Goose		Amer. White Pelican		Clapper Rail		Bonaparte's Gull	
Ross's Goose		Brown Pelican		King Rail		Laughing Gull	X
Canada Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	
Egyptian Goose		WADERS		Sora		Herring Gull	
Muscovy Duck	X	American Bittern		Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Least Bittern		Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Gadwall		Great Blue Heron		Common Gallinule		Least Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon		Great Egret	X	American Coot		Gull-billed Tern	
American Wigeon		Snowy Egret	X	Limpkin		Caspian Tern	
Mallard	X	Little Blue Heron	X	Sandhill Crane		Common Tern	
Mottled Duck	X	Tricolored Heron		Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	
Blue-winged Teal		Reddish Egret				Royal Tern	
Northern Shoveler		Cattle Egret	X	SHOREBIRDS		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		DOVES, CUCKOOS	
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		RAPTORS		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove	X
Long-tailed Duck		Black Vulture		Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Bufflehead		Turkey Vulture		Killdeer	X		
Common Goldeneye		Osprey		Spotted Sandpiper	X	OWLS	
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	X	Burrowing Owl	
		Northern Harrier		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	X
Common Loon		Swainson's Hawk		Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
Pied-billed Grebe		Red-tailed Hawk	X	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			

