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[the-village-birders] Ft. De Soto Trip 4/9–4/10/2109

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A wonderful 2 day birding adventure. Most of our group of 30 birders spent the night at Ft. De Soto on Tuesday 4/9. Some of us birded on Tuesday but we all got together for dinner at Crazy Bill's - walking distance from our hotel. On Wednesday we met at 8:00am-ish at the American Flag at Headquarters. Our group of 26, more or less, started out. We adopted a couple from Canada who couldn't find their group and then another couple showed up from The Villages. Now we had 30, more or less. Off we went.

A car commercial was being filmed on the East Beach Turnaround and another film was being made on North Beach. With 2 of our favorite spots temporarily "off limits" we adjusted the route and went where we could.

The Ranger's House was very quiet until we were walking out and a small flock of Warblers showed up: Hooded, Worm-eating, Yellow, Prairie and Palms and a Warbler with white wing bars(???)

We saw dozens of Shore Birds, Gulls, and Terns at several locales, checked the piers, picnic grounds. We tallied 75+ birds for the day. I am still working on a couple of Shore Bird and Tern ID's.

Everyone loved the Nanday Parakeets, seen many times, and the Great horned Owlets

Other birders undoubtedly have better pictures than mine. PLEASE share them.

I will get the total list out tomorrow.

4/12/19

If I have missed any birds that you saw/heard please let me know so I can add it/them to our list.

Thank you so much - it was so much fun!

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

