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Bird Walk Report  
Merritt Island January 2020

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Summer in January with 2 days of 84 degree weather. 22 birders enjoyed the birds of Merritt Island with most of them making it a 2 day experience and gathering for a birders dinner on Tuesday. Some highlights were 7 Common Loons, hundreds of Sanderlings (the most I've seen in one spot) many Roseate Spoonbills in breeding plumage (wow that's pink) and sunrise Red Knots. Nine species were seen on only 1 of the 2 days making a grand total of 70 species. The attached report will indicate a 1 for those species only seen on 1 day and a 2 for those seen on both days. There is a lot of water there so the shorebirds were scarce but it is always nice to have seen both Florida Scrub Jay and Painted Bunting. Great to have Jim Dinsmore along to share his expertise, thanks Jim.

Stop, Look and Listen,

Barb Gay

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<b>WATERFOWL</b>		<b>CORM, ANH, PELS</b>		<b>RAILS, CRANES</b>		<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		D-crested Cormorant	2	Yellow Rail		Pomarine Jaeger	
Fulv. Whistling-Duck		Anhinga	2	Black Rail		Parasitic Jaeger	
Snow Goose		Amer. White Pelican	1	Clapper Rail		Bonaparte's Gull	
Ross's Goose		Brown Pelican	1	King Rail		Laughing Gull	2
Canada Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	2
Egyptian Goose		<b>WADERS</b>		Sora	1	Herring Gull	
Muscovy Duck	1	American Bittern		Purple Swamphen		Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Least Bittern		Purple Gallinule		Gr. Black-backed Gull	1
Gadwall		Great Blue Heron	2	Common Gallinule	2	2Least Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon		Great Egret	2	American Coot	2	Gull-billed Tern	
American Wigeon	1	Snowy Egret	2	Limpkin		Caspian Tern	1
Mallard	2	Little Blue Heron	2	Sandhill Crane	1	Common Tern	
Mottled Duck	2	Tricolored Heron	2	Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	2
Blue-winged Teal	2	Reddish Egret	2			Royal Tern	1
Northern Shoveler	2	Cattle Egret	2	<b>SHOREBIRDS</b>		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Pintail	2	Green Heron	1	Black-necked Stilt		Black Skimmer	2
Green-winged Teal		B-crown. Night-Heron		American Avocet			
Canvasback		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Amer. Oystercatcher		<b>DOVES, CUCKOOS</b>	
Redhead	2	White Ibis	2	Black-bellied Plover		Rock Pigeon	2
Ring-necked Duck	2	Glossy Ibis	2	Am. Golden-Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	1
Lesser Scaup		Roseate Spoonbill	2	Snowy Plover		White-winged Dove	
White-winged Scoter				Wilson's Plover		Com. Ground-Dove	2
Black Scoter		<b>RAPTORS</b>		Semipalmated Plover		Mourning Dove	2
Long-tailed Duck		Black Vulture	2	Piping Plover		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Bufflehead		Turkey Vulture	2	Killdeer	1		
Common Goldeneye		Osprey	2	Spotted Sandpiper		<b>OWLS</b>	
Hooded Merganser	1	Swallow-tailed Kite		Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Merganser		Snail Kite		Greater Yellowlegs	2	Eastern Screech-Owl	
R-breast. Merganser		Mississippi Kite		Willet		Great Horned Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Bald Eagle	2	Lesser Yellowlegs		Burrowing Owl	
		Northern Harrier	2	Whimbrel		Barred Owl	
<b>QUAIL, TURKEY</b>		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Marbled Godwit		Short-eared Owl	
Northern Bobwhite		Cooper's Hawk		Ruddy Turnstone	2		
Wild Turkey		Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Red Knot	1	<b>NIGHT, APOD, KING</b>	
		Broad-winged Hawk		Stilt Sandpiper		Common Nighthawk	
<b>LOONS, GREBES</b>		Short-tailed Hawk		Sanderling	2	Chimney Swift	
Common Loon	2	Swainson's Hawk		Dunlin		R-throated Hummer	
Pied-billed Grebe	2	Red-tailed Hawk	1	Purple Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Horned Grebe				Least Sandpiper	2	Belted Kingfisher	2
				Semipalm. Sandpiper	1		
<b>STORK, FRIG, GANN</b>				Western Sandpiper			
Wood Stork	2			Shrt-billed Dowitcher			
Magnif. Frigatebird				Long-billed Dowitcher			
Brown Booby				Wilson's Snipe			
Northern Gannet				American Woodcock			

<b>WOODPECKERS</b>		<b>CORVID, SWALLOW</b>		<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>		<b>SPARROWS</b>	
Red-headed Wood.		Blue Jay		Ovenbird		Eastern Towhee	
Red-bel. Woodpecker	2	Florida Scrub-Jay	2	Worm-eating Warbler		Bachman's Sparrow	
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker		American Crow	1	Louisiana Waterthrush		Amer. Tree Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker		Fish Crow	2	Northern Waterthrush		Chipping Sparrow	
Hairy Woodpecker		Purple Martin		Blue-winged Warbler		Field Sparrow	
Red-cockaded Wood.		Tree Swallow	1	Blk-and-wht Warbler		Vesper Sparrow	
Northern Flicker		N. R-winged Swallow		Prothonotary Warbler		Savannah Sparrow	1
Pileated Woodpecker	1	Cliff Swallow		Tennessee Warbler		Gr'hopper Sparrow	
		Barn Swallow		Or-crowned Warbler		Le Conte's Sparrow	
<b>FALCONS PARROTS</b>				Kentucky Warbler		Nelson's Sparrow	
Crested Caracara		<b>PARIDS, HATCHES</b>		Com. Yellowthroat	2	Seaside Sparrow	
American Kestrel		Carolina Chickadee		Hooded Warbler		Song Sparrow	
Merlin		Tufted Titmouse		American Redstart		Lincoln's Sparrow	
Peregrine Falcon		R-breasted Nuthatch		Cape May Warbler		Swamp Sparrow	
Nanday Parakeet		Brn-headed Nuthatch		Cerulean Warbler		Wh-throated Sparrow	
				Northern Parula		Wh-crowned Sparrow	
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>		<b>WREN GNAT KING</b>		Magnolia Warbler			
Eastern Wood-Pewee		House Wren		Blackburnian Warbler		<b>TANS, GROS, BUNTS</b>	
Yel-bellied Flycatcher		Sedge Wren		Yellow Warbler		Summer Tanager	
Acadian Flycatcher		Marsh Wren		Chest-sided Warbler		Scarlet Tanager	
Least Flycatcher		Carolina Wren	1	Blackpoll Warbler		Northern Cardinal	2
Eastern Phoebe	2	Bl-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Blk-thr. Blue Warbler		R-breasted Grosbeak	
Vermilion Flycatcher		Ruby-crowned Kinglet		Palm Warbler	2	Blue Grosbeak	
Ash-throated Fly.				Pine Warbler		Indigo Bunting	
Great Crested Fly.		<b>THRUSH, MIMICS</b>		Yel-rumped Warbler	2	Painted Bunting	1
Tropical Kingbird		Eastern Bluebird		Yel-throated Warbler			
Cassin's Kingbird		Veery		Prairie Warbler		<b>ICTERIDS</b>	
Western Kingbird		Gray-cheeked Thrush		Bl-thr. Green Warbler		Bobolink	
Eastern Kingbird		Swainson's Thrush		Yellow-breasted Chat		Red-winged Blackbird	2
Gray Kingbird		Hermit Thrush				Eastern Meadowlark	
Scissor-tailed Fly.		Wood Thrush				Common Grackle	1
		American Robin	1			Boat-tailed Grackle	2
<b>SHRIKE, VIREOS</b>		Gray Catbird	1			Bronzed Cowbird	
Loggerhead Shrike	1	Brown Thrasher				Brn-headed Cowbird	
White-eyed Vireo		Northern Mockingbird	1			Orchard Oriole	
Yellow-throated Vireo						Baltimore Oriole	
Blue-headed Vireo		<b>STAR, PIP, WING</b>					
Red-eyed Vireo		European Starling				<b>FINCHES, WEAVER</b>	
Blk-whiskered Vireo		Common Hill Myna				House Finch	
		American Pipit				American Goldfinch	
		Cedar Waxwing	1			House Sparrow	
						<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	
						<b>81</b>	