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[the-village-birders] Ft DeSoto trip 4/21/2021 88 species

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Birders:

Sorry about the tardiness of this report but there were additions to my original list from our group.

It was a wonderful day for the people who came over on Tuesday and spent the night and those who drove over on Wednesday.

Weather was sunny, not hot, and birds cooperated.

We all saw the Cerulean Warbler and a few got the Black-whiskered Vireo. Not everyone saw every bird on the list, unfortunately, but we all tried.

The shore birds were excellent with Piping and Snowy Plovers, hundreds of Red Knots, Skimmers, Terns, etc.

Warblers were better than we expected.

Sorry that more people didn't venture out because it was well worth the drive to the park.

There were 2 other Audubon groups at Ft. D. on Wednesday adding up to about 45 + birders - we all helped each other and took turns with being "in front" moving away so someone else could get a look at a "life" bird. I think 48 people posted Cerulean Warbler on Ebird that day.

Only drawback was when we were trying to see the Cerulean Warbler 2 photographers (I am sure they were NOT birders) continually used FLASH with their long lenses 6-8 feet from the birds.

Cerulean and Blackpoll constantly moved in and out of the tree at which point 1 photographer walked INTO the brush and under the tree, still scaring the birds with his flash.

It was upsetting to watch the birding behavior of the 2 “photographers” and would have made an excellent video showing “Bad Birding Etiquette”.

In spite of that we had a tremendous list and if we had stayed later in the day we might have seen more.

Thank you all for joining us.

See you on the trails!

Every day is a GREAT day to go birding!

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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	X
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	X	Least Tern	X
Eurasian Wigeon		Great Egret	X	American Coot		Gull-billed Tern	
American Wigeon		Snowy Egret	X	Limpkin		Caspian Tern	X
Mallard	X	Little Blue Heron	X	Sandhill Crane		Common Tern	
Mottled Duck		Tricolored Heron	X	Whooping Crane		Forster's Tern	X
Blue-winged Teal	X	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	X
Lesser Scaup		Roseate Spoonbill	X	Snowy Plover	X	White-winged Dove	X
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	X	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Bufflehead		Turkey Vulture	X	Killdeer	X		
Common Goldeneye		Osprey	X	Spotted Sandpiper		OWLS	
Hooded Merganser		Swallow-tailed Kite		Solitary Sandpiper		Barn Owl	
Common Merganser		Snail Kite		Greater Yellowlegs		Eastern Screech-Owl	
R-breast. Merganser	X	Mississippi Kite		Willet	X	Great Horned Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Bald Eagle		Lesser Yellowlegs		Burrowing Owl	
		Northern Harrier		Whimbrel	X	Barred Owl	
QUAIL, TURKEY		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Marbled Godwit	X	Short-eared Owl	
Northern Bobwhite		Cooper's Hawk		Ruddy Turnstone	X		
Wild Turkey		Red-shouldered Hawk		Red Knot		NIGHT, APOD, KING	
		Broad-winged Hawk		Stilt Sandpiper		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	X
				Semipalm. Sandpiper			
STORK, FRIG, GANN				Western Sandpiper			
Wood Stork				Shrt-billed Dowitcher	X		
Magnif. Frigatebird	X			Long-billed Dowitcher			
Brown Booby				Wilson's Snipe			
Northern Gannet	X			American Woodcock			

