

# GOShawk

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### President's Message

By Steve Holzman

Our members gathered in Downtown Savannah this past January for our annual meeting. Our Friday speaker was Judith Milcarsky, DVM, who delivered a fascinating presentation about the linkages between feral cats, birds, and the parasite Toxoplasma gondii. Cats are the definitive hosts for the parasite, meaning that it cannot reproduce unless it gets into a cat. Other animals, including birds and humans, can be infected by the parasite, but it will be unable to reproduce in that host. In humans, being infected with toxoplasmosis can increase the risk of schizophrenia by 2.73 times. Cats can shed oocysts from the parasite for up to 18 months, and it only takes one oocyst to infect a human. Dr. Milcarsky is working with dog owners to see if they could be sentinels for measuring infection rates in an area. She is also working to test veterinarians and animal care professionals to see if they have a higher degree of infection than the general public. One way to decrease exposure to this parasite is through our efforts to encourage people to keep their cats safely indoors and to promote the reduction of feral cat populations

throughout the state. GOS will continue to speak out against short-sighted programs that only seek to keep cats out of shelters. We can do better for cats, and for wildlife!

The Saturday night poster session gave an opportunity for our members to see what kind of research our Terrell and Howe grants are funding (see our 2015 award winners also in this issue). Our Saturday speaker was Dr.



Dr. Drew Lanham, Steve Holzman, and Dr. Judith Milcarsky at the GOS Winter Meeting. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

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### Welcome, New Members!

### Northern Goshawk - Life Member

Richard Hall Athens, GA

### **Red-cockaded Woodpecker**

Rusty, Joanna, Angus,

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GOS SPRING MEETING May 15-17, 2015, Hiawassee

### **GOS FALL MEETING**

October 2-4, 2015, Jekyll Isand

The Northern Goshawk (Life) Members, Marion Dobbs and the Muise family, were incorrectly identified in the December 2014 GOShawk as new Fledgling (or Student) members. We apologize for the error and would like to sincerely thank them for their increased support of GOS and its programs.

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### President's Message (continued from page 1)

Drew Lanham. Dr. Lanham is a professor at Clemson, a hunter, a poet, and also a birder. He challenged us to become more inclusive in our attempts to promote birding. Inclusivity simply means welcoming all people into the world of birding, whether they look like us or talk like us or not. He spoke of personal range maps. What stops us from stepping outside of our range? Is that a good thing? Stepping out of our comfort zone helps us to grow, not just as birders, but as people too. When you venture into the rural areas in search of some reported rarity, think about the people who live there. Think about how they make a living. Talk about why you are there when you are having lunch at a local BBQ joint. We really need to let people know that birding and bird habitats brought you to their community. As the demographics of the U.S. change, so too must the demographics of birding. We are going to need allies from all walks of life if we want wild birds to continue to thrive.



Jess Searcy, a new GOS member and winner of the Little St.Simon's Trip raffle. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

Our field trips, as always, were outstanding. The weekend started off great, with the sighting of a Snowy Plover on Friday's Little Tybee Island Trip and Redcockaded Woodpeckers at Fort Stewart. Saturday brought with it a sighting of a teal that initially got us on the field trip to Little St. Simon's Island excited with thoughts

Thanks to the generosity of Little St. Simons in donating a twonight stay for two for GOS to raffle off at the Winter Meeting,
GOS was able to donate \$1,646 to Race 4 Birds. Race 4 Birds is
a new group, headed up in part by Tim Keyes of Georgia, whose
goal is to help scout leaders, youth bird club leaders, state and
local Audubon chapters, wildlife clubs, school science clubs, boys
and girls clubs, and many other organizations sponsor successful
and fun Race 4 Birds events. We wish them continued good luck
in promoting youth birding in Georgia and around the United
States. The winner of the raffle at the meeting was a very
enthusiastic new birder, Jess Searcy. Find some new lifers, Jess!



Tim Keyes receiving a donation for his group, Race 4 Birds, from GOS President Steve Holzman. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

of Cinnamon, but alas, photos later revealed the bird to be a Cinnamon X Blue-winged hybrid. I guess I'll still be chasing those birds again next winter. The pelagic trips off Tybee Island were fantastic. Red Phalaropes led the show on Saturday, and great looks at my lifer Manx Shearwaters were the highlight for me on Sunday. As my friend Krista says, "Any day on the water is a great day."

Steve Calver led some awesome trips at the Savannah Spoils Site, tallying over 65 species in just a few hours. Trips to Ft. Pulaski allowed the members to pick up two Western Kingbirds.

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### **President's Message** (continued from page 3)

The complete list of birds seen over the weekend is included at the end of this *GOShawk*. We have had a couple of changes to the GOS Executive Committee. Rachel Holzman has taken over as *GOShawk* editor from Patti Wohner. Patti has done a great job over the years, first as comembership chair with Cathy Ricketts, and then as editor of the *GOShawk*. Good luck in all your future endeavors, Patti. Dr. Renee Carleton will become the editor of *The Oriole*. Bob Sargent will still be on board as chair of the Editorial Committee, but he is going to let Dr. Carleton take the reins on *The Oriole*. Expect to see an issue or two of that in your mailbox this year.

This past month I was invited to speak to the 3rd grade class at Rocky Branch Elementary School in Oconee County. Their teacher, Shawna McGrath, was given a grant by Cornell to create bird-friendly habitat and teach her students about birds and bird feeding. She asked me to come and talk about bird house placement and offer whatever advice I could come up with to help them with their goals. The students had obviously been studying up on the birds, and each one had his or her own bird they were assigned to research. The kids had a lot of enthusiasm and interest in birds, and it was fun fielding their sometimes unique questions. I salute all of the teachers in GOS and all of you who participate in mentoring for the Youth Birding Challenge. If you don't have time for much, consider just spending one day at a local school talking about birds. You would be surprised how much you know and how eager the students are to hear it. It is very rewarding, and none of those kids cared whether I could tell a Cinnamon Teal from a hybrid. Cheers, and I hope to see you in Hiawassee in May.

### **Spring Meeting Preview**

This spring, GOS members will be gathering in the Georgia mountains in the town of Hiawassee for a Spring meeting. Join us for field trips to see beautiful Georgia breeding birds and good times gathering with old and new birding friends.

When: May 15-17, 2015

Where: Ridges Resort in Hiawassee, GA

Room Rate for GOS is \$109 per night; cut-off April 15th

http://www.theridgesresort.com/

Who: Keynote Speaker Joel McNeal

### "Beyond Listing: Making Your Obsessive Birding Habit Count for Science"

With more than 1,000 complete checklists submitted from Georgia on average every week, eBird is now the largest available resource for tracking the distribution, phenology, and health of our state's bird populations. This talk will focus on the ways in which eBird data has already been put to use in scientific studies and for informing conservation decisions, what eBird can tell us about trends in Georgia bird species in particular, and ways in which you can tailor your eBirding to make your lists of maximum usefulness to science and to the birds themselves.



Joel McNeal, professor at Kennesaw State University. Photo by Joel McNeal.

**What:** Besides great field trips, we will be trying a couple of new things.

On Friday night join us for Trivia Night with Atlanta Audubon's Nikki Belmonte. Also, please take part in a GOS Book Swap. Bring your old bird-related books (novels, nonfiction, travel, etc.) to the spring meeting and swap with others. Let's have a rolling "Little Free Library" at all our GOS meetings.

GOShawk—5 March 2015

### Ken Clark

It is with deep sorrow that GOS reports the death of Kenneth B. Clark, president of the society from 1995 to 1999 and recipient of the Earle R. Greene Memorial Award in 2001. Ken passed away in Macon on February 21 at the age of 91 and was buried with full military honors at Andersonville National Cemetery on the 27th. To learn about Ken's remarkable life, including his service in the Pacific as a fighter pilot in World War II, see Phil Hardy's article in the December 2012 issue of *GOShawk*. A proper "In Memoriam" in honor of Ken will appear in the summer issue of this newsletter.



Recipients of GOS Earle R. Greene Award gather at the 75th anniversary meeting on Tybee Island in January 2011. Ken Clark is on the far left in the back row. Photo by Phil Hardy.

### **Youth Birding Competition**

The 10th annual Youth Birding Competition, created by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and co-sponsored by TERN, Eagle Optics, Atlanta Audubon Society, and GOS, will be held the weekend of April 25 and 26. This 24-hour birding event typically involves at least 100 birders from primary schools and high schools and culminates with an awards banquet at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield on the night of the 26th. The birding teams are often in need of adult mentors, and volunteer help is always needed at the banquet. To volunteer, contact Tim Keyes at Tim.Keyes@dnr.state.ga.us For more information, go to http://www.georgiawildlife.com/





#### **New Artwork**

Did you notice that the *GOShawk* got a bit of a facelift with new cover art?

Thanks to artist Woody Hickcox, we've updated our look with this stunning portrait of a Northern Goshawk. Thank you, Woody!

And from the inaugural issue of the *GOShawk* in the summer of 1973, a refresher about the origins of the *GOShawk* name:

NAME - GOS hawk is a multi-purpose name. First, it incorporates the initials of the society. Secondly, we "hawk" for the news. Thirdly, it is also theird name - an accipiter of Northern and Western woodlands - the Goshawk. Have there been any Goshawk sightings in Georgia? Goshawks have been sighted and photographed in North Carolina this past winter (American Birds, Vol 27, No. 3). An old reference book mentioned Goshawks in Florida; but, a search of recent materials turaed up no information on their status there.

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### **Georgia Checklist and Records Committee Report**By Giff Beaton

The Georgia Checklist and Records Committee (GCRC) held its annual meeting on December 12, 2014. At this meeting the GCRC adjusted the official review list to remove Ross's Goose, Glaucous Gull, and Manx Shearwater from the review list and add Black Rail to the review list. For any Ross's Goose that appears to be a possible hybrid between Ross's and Snow Goose (ROGO/SNGO), the GCRC still requests photos and details to try to determine the extent of hybridization between these two species among wintering geese in the Southeast.

The GCRC voted on two third-round records, which is required to be done in person.

The GCRC voted to reopen the Purple Swamphen record from Glennville, 11/21/2009, (GCRC #2009-33) which was not accepted at the time as a possible escapee. As more information has come out regarding which of several field identifiable subspecies are prevalent in Florida, and a couple of likely naturally occurring vagrants to North America of a different subspecies which may pertain to the Glennville bird, it is worth re-examining this report.

The GCRC continues to try to produce and publish annual summary reports of GCRC votes, in addition to publishing the results on the GOS website as soon as the votes are complete. The one for 2010 has been completed and sent to *The Oriole*. The one for 2011 is in the process of being completed in the next month or two, and work on the 2012 report has been started. There is obviously a long lag time between sightings for the submissions to be made, voted on, and disseminated, but it remains the goal of the GCRC to get the results out online, and in print, as soon as possible. Currently all reviewed records through the end of 2014 are available for viewing on the GOS website, and we hope to be caught up in print as soon as possible.

### EarthShare of Georgia's Leadership Breakfast and Annual Earth Day Party By Mark Beebe



Business and non-profit leaders of Georgia and beyond will gather to celebrate Georgia's environment and sustainable business practices at the 13th Annual Earth Day Leadership Breakfast. Each year, EarthShare of Georgia honors and recognizes its outstanding community partner, campaign champion, member organization and the winning Corporate Green Day Challenge company team.

**EarthShare of Georgia's 2015 Leadership Breakfast** will be held on Friday April 17, 2015, at 200 Peachtree in the heart of Downtown from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Originally the Davison-Paxon department store and eventually Macy's, 200 Peachtree breathes new life into a historic space. Step off Peachtree Street into the Grand Atrium with its marble floors, Greek columns and stained glass windows. This example of building reuse not only saves resources, it preserves the character of the neighborhood and lends a lovely setting to learn about protecting our environment.

In addition, **EarthShare of Georgia's 20th Annual Earth Day Party** will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2015 (Earth Day), from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at Rooftop 866 at the Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel. Join a diverse group of environmentalists, devoted philanthropists, business professionals and the community-at-large to help promote sustainable practices and polices where we work, live, and play.

To purchase tickets for the 2015 Leadership Breakfast and 20th Annual Earth Day Party, visit www.earthsharega.org.

GOShawk—7 March 2015

### 2014 Financial Results

By Jeannie Wright, GOS Treasurer

GOS continues to be able to provide significant funds for graduate student grants, conservation work, and youth birding. In 2014, the \$30,000 committed to graduate student grants funded several projects that are summarized on our website at http://gos.org/grants/grant.html. Our conservation grants totaled almost \$50,000, which included \$30,000 for a new fire truck for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for controlled burns, funding for artificial nest boxes for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at Tall Timbers, and the purchase of chemicals to fight the wooly adelgid in the Conasauga Ranger District. We paid the second installment on our four-year, \$150,000 pledge to The Nature Conservancy for the Beasley Tract at Broxton Rocks. Funding was provided to send two teens to the Audubon birding camp at Hog Island, for the Youth Birding Competition in the spring, and for Camp TALON.

At the beginning of 2014, we learned of a bequest from the estate of Norene Boring, a member from Dalton, Georgia, and past GOS president from 1975 to 1977. The bequest was for almost \$300,000 and will be paid to us over several years from an annuity policy that was in her estate. Her desire was for these funds to supplement our graduate student grants, and we will work toward meeting her request.

While our operating expenses exceed our operating income, we continue to see our investment portfolio increasing. The Finance Committee met in the fall to review our holdings, and some minor changes were made to the portfolio. At the end of the year, our asset allocation was 70% in equities and 30% in cash and fixed income. Our net income/asset balance statement is below:

Beginning Asset Balance	\$2,294,598
Plus Operational Income	118,355
Plus Boring Estate Income	66,087
Less Operational Expenses	-143,015
Less Grant to TNC (25% of \$150,000 pledge)	-38,462
Net	\$2,297,563
Ending Asset Balance	\$2,380,452
Growth in Assets	\$85,854

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Wright.

### Go Paperless!

Want to save trees and reduce printing costs by receiving the *GOShawk* electronically? Contact Shannon Fair, the GOS membership chairperson, at gosmembership@gmail.com, and let her know that you would like to receive the *GOShawk* by e-mail. Shannon will make sure that you go electronic starting with the June 2015 issue.

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### 2014 Bill Terrell Avian Conservation Grant: Thank You, GOS

By Nathan Klaus, Georgia Department of Natural Resources



Pictured is the 2015 crew, left to right: Brandon Merz (NC-Student Conservation Association (SCA), Patrick Curtin (MA-SCA), Sam Stokes (AL-SCA), Martin Holdredge (NY-GA DNR crew boss). Note the GOS sticker on the new UTV. Thank you, GOS!

Thanks to Georgia Ornithological Society for a timely grant to the Department of Natural Resources Nongame Conservation Section, West Central Georgia Fire Crew. Using funds from the Bill Terrell Conservation Grant for Avian Conservation, the DNR purchased one of the two UTVs (pictured above) used for prescribed fires on Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Joe Kurz WMA, Fall Line Sandhills WMA, Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA, Black Creek NA, Tallulah Gorge State Park, Chattahoochee National Forest, and elsewhere. The new UTV carries 60 gallons of water, two to three fire crew members, hand tools, and even chain saws.

### **Recipients of the 2015 Bill Terrell Avian Conservation Grants**

Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Nongame Conservation Section, received funding to support the agency's efforts to reduce depredation of shorebird nests, especially those of American Oystercatcher and Wilson's Plover, on Little Egg Island Bar and Little St. Simons Island. The grant will be used to pay for a small mammal trapping program on these islands.

The Nature Conservancy received funding to support "Habitat Restoration in Chattahoochee National Forest's Songbird Management Area, Murray County, Georgia." The grant will be used to pay for "slashdown" work to create high-elevation, early successional habitat for Goldenwinged Warblers and other bird species.

GOShawk—9 March 2015

## American Birding Association's "Camp Colorado"



### **CALLING ALL BIRDERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 18**

# THE GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY Now Accepting Applications for the 2015 DR. JAMES C. MAJOR, SR. SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG BIRDERS

You can attend the American Birding Association's "Camp Colorado"

### Application deadline is April 25, 2015

The Georgia Ornithological Society will send one lucky teen to Colorado to take part in a special camp session July 6 to 12, 2015. The GOS will cover registration fees and up to \$500 reimbursement for travel expenses. (Scholarship recipients arrange their own travel. Food and lodging is included in the camp registration.) For more information about Camp Colorado, visit

http://events.aba.org/aba-young-birder-camps/

**How to apply:** The applicant must be at least **14** and no older than **18** during the camp session and **must be a Georgia resident**. Complete the application form and write an essay (300-word minimum) about your interest in birds and birding, what you will do with the knowledge you will gain, and how you will spread your interest in birds to friends. Include three letters of recommendation with the application. Scholarship recipients are expected to write an article describing their experiences at camp for the *GOShawk* newsletter.

The application form, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received by April 25, 2015, to be considered. The winners will be selected on May 1, 2015.

Mail your application materials to

Renee Carleton / 2015 Major Scholarship PO Box 225 Taylorsville, GA 30178

Applications may be submitted electronically (Subject: GOS Scholarship) to rearleton@berry.edu

All submissions must be in high-quality PDF format. Unreadable applications will be returned.

GOShawk—10 March 2015

(Teen Adventures Learning Ornithology and Nature)

#### What?

- ► A five-day camp for teens interested in birds and nature
- ► Tons of birding and a little classroom instruction
- ▶ 3:1 student to teacher ratio. Instructors are professional biologists and teachers, all with 20+ years of experience
- ► Sponsors: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Ornithological Society, and Atlanta Audubon Society

When? May 31 to June 4, 2015

**Where?** The camp will be based at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. We'll be birding on Little St. Simons Island, Okefenokee Swamp, Sapelo Island, Harris Neck NWR, Jekyll Island, Altamaha WMA, and St. Simons Island.

**Who?** Hosting 16 students, ages 12 to 16. Older students may be eligible.

**How much?** \$300 early registration (before May 1), which includes meals, lodging, and bus from Macon. \$350 after April 30. **Scholarships available**.



**How can I register?** Look for the registration form at www.charlieelliot.org/camps or www.gos.org or www.atlantaaudubon.org.

For more information, contact Julie Duncan at Jdwildlife15@gmail.com, (770) 313-5762, or Bob Sargent at kywarbler@cox.net, (478) 397-7962.





GOShawk—11 March 2015

### 2015 Graduate Student Grant Recipients

### H. Branch Howe, Jr. Graduate Student Research Grants Awarded

Heather Abernathy, M.S. Candidate, University of Georgia

"Effects of Historic Hydroclimate and Isolation on Current Songbird Abundance: Building a Better Predictive Model"

Shannon Curry, Ph.D Candidate, University of Georgia

"Public Perceptions of Wild Birds and Bird Feeding Activity in Palm Beach County, Florida"

Brigette N. Haram, Ph.D Candidate, University of Georgia

"Identification and Monitoring of Bald Eagle Roosts on a Georgia Reservoir Dominated by Hydrilla verticillate to Investigate Effects of Avian Vacuolar Myelinopathy"

Joel Owen, M.S. Candidate, University of Georgia

"The Factors Affecting Red-and-Green Macaw Nest Site Selection in Fazenda Boa Vista, Brazil."

Brianna Williams, M.S. Candidate, University of Georgia

"Diversity of Ectoparasites and Haemoparasites of Seabirds on Middleton Island, Alaska and Their Impacts on the Health of Birds"

### Bill Terrell Graduate Student Research Grants Awarded

Betsy Kurimo-Beechuk, M.S. Candidate, University of Georgia

"Surveying for secretive marsh birds and the effects of water quality on reproductive output and survivorship of Clapper Rails in the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Jacksonville, Florida"

Mason Cline, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Georgia

"Using High-Resolution Genetic Markers to Investigate Population Differentiation between Breeding Areas for a Migrant Songbird"

Cody M. Cox, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Georgia

"Analyzing bird movements to inform reforestation planning in the Corredor Biológico Pájaro Campana, Costa Rica"

Stephen M. Ferguson, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Memphis

"Physiology and behavior in response to vocal communication in Florida Scrub-Jays"

Abby Sterling, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Georgia

"Predicting and Managing Nest Success of Two Species of Shorebirds: American Oystercatchers (Haematopus palliatus) and Wilson's Plovers (Charadrius wilsonia)"

GOShawk—12 March 2015

### **GOS Winter 2015 Photo Contest Results**

By Ellen Miller

Once again this year, GOS hosted a photo contest for our members. The categories for 2015 were

Backyard Birds – Georgia only

Birds in Winter – Anywhere in the U.S.

Humorous – Anywhere in the U.S.

As usual, there was good participation more than 40 entries and some stunning photographs. Photos were submitted through e-mail and posted to the GOS Facebook page, where the first round of voting took place, with the number of "Likes" for each photo determining the winner in each of the three categories. The winning photo for each category was printed, framed, and displayed at the Savannah Desoto Hilton during the winter meeting. A Best in Show winner was determined by ballot voting on site with the winner announced at the banquet Saturday evening.



Photo Contest Winners, Bob Churi, on left, and Sarah Fechter, on right, with GOS President Steve Holzman. Photo by Ed Maioriello.



Best in Show photo winner of a Painted Bunting, by Bob Churi.

The winners for each category were

Backyard Birds - Painted Bunting - Bob Churi

Birds in Winter - Bluebirds - Sarah Fechter

Humorous – Meadowlark – Sarah Fechter

The winner of Best in Show was the Painted Bunting photo. Each category winner received his or her framed photo, and for Best in Show Bob received complimentary registration and banquet for the fall GOS meeting on Jekyll Island. Congratulations to all the winners and to all who submitted photos, and thank you for participating!

GOShawk—13 March 2015

### Species List from Winter 2015 Meeting in Savannah, Georgia

Compiled by Larry Carlile Highlights are in bold italics

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Canada Goose Wood Duck Gadwall American Wigeon Mallard Mottled Duck

Blue-winged Teal

Blue-winged X Cinnamon Teal (hybrid)

Northern Shoveler Northern Pintail Green-winged Teal Redhead Ring-necked Duck Greater Scaup

Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter

Black Scoter
Bufflehead

**Common Goldeneye** Hooded Merganser Red-breasted Merganser

Ruddy Duck
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Manx Shearwater
Wood Stork
Northern Gannet

**Double-crested Cormorant** 

Anhinga

American White Pelican

Brown Pelican
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Heron

Black-crowned Night-Heron Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Yellow-crowned Night-White Ibis Glossy Ibis Roseate Spoonbill Black Vulture Turkey Vulture Osprey Bald Eagle Northern Harrier Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Red-shouldered Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Clapper Rail

King Rail

Sora

Virginia Rail

Common Gallinule
American Coot
American Avocet
American Oystercatcher
Black-bellied Plover
Snowy Plover
Wilson's Plover
Semipalmated Plover

Piping Plover Killdeer

Spotted Sandpiper Greater Yellowlegs

Willet

Lesser Yellowlegs
Long-billed Curlew
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Stilt Sandpiper
Sanderling
Dunlin

Purple Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Short-billed Dowitcher Long-billed Dowitcher

Wilson's Snipe
Red Phalarope
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Razorbill

Bonaparte's Gull Laughing Gull Ring-billed Gull Herring Gull

Lesser Black-backed Gull Great Black-backed Gull

Caspian Tern Forster's Tern Royal Tern Black Skimmer Rock Pigeon

Eurasian Collared-Dove Mourning Dove Common Ground-Dove Great Horned Owl

Barred Owl Archilochus spp. Belted Kingfisher

Red-headed Woodpecker Red-bellied Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker

Red-cockaded Woodpecker

Northern Flicker Pileated Woodpecker American Kestrel

Merlin Pereg

Peregrine Falcon Eastern Phoebe Western Kingbird Loggerhead Shrike White-eyed Vireo Blue-headed Vireo

Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch Brown-headed Nuthatch House Wren

House Wren Winter Wren Sedge Wren Marsh Wren Carolina Wren

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing

Northern Waterthrush
Black-and-white Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Common Yellowthroat

Palm Warbler Pine Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Bachman's Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow

Le Conte's Sparrow
Seaside Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Common Grackle
Boat-tailed Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

179 Species Observed (plus two other taxa)



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