

Davis Shores Neighborhood Bird Walk
Trip Report
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“Davis Shores is For the Birds” 41 Species in 2 Hours

If someone tells you that Davis Shores is “for the birds”, they’ll be absolutely right! Despite a blustery day fit for Winnie the Pooh, and occasional spits of rain, ten hardy folks turned out for the first Audubon neighborhood bird walk. And what a productive morning it was. In just two hours the group netted an amazing 41 species of birds.

Highlights

Highlights included White Ibis grazing on lawns, many House Finches and Goldfinches, a Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstones, Scaup, Mergansers, 3 kinds of Woodpeckers, and an immature Bald Eagle fly-over. We missed the White-winged Doves, the Baltimore Orioles, and the neighborhood Great Horned Owl which had been observed sleeping in a big pine off Arredondo Ave. the day before. Keep your eyes on the trees, neighbors.

Let’s Do It Again.....Without the Rain and Blustery Wind

Everyone agreed that an easy two hour walk was just perfect, and they’re ready to go again. Next time we’ll try a weekend morning or late afternoon so that those who work can join us. Also, remember that we will gladly try to set up walks in other neighborhoods or your favorite park. Just contact Teddy Shuler, education chair, at 904-819-5860 or teddys23@bellsouth.net Also, check our website for additional field trips and programs.

Species List: Brown Pelican, Double-Crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Tricolored Heron, Snowy Egret, White Ibis, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Red-Shouldered Hawk (heard), Short-billed Dowitcher, Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, Ring-billed Gull, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, Forster’s Tern, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning Dove, Black Hooded Parakeet, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, American Robin, Blue Jay, European Starling, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Savannah Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Boat-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird