



# Tropical Audubon Society

## Ft. DeSoto Birding Trip Summary April 16-18, 2019

**Leaders:** Brian Rapoza, Paul Bithorn

**Participants:** Gavin Awerbuch, Steve Fass, Nancy Freedman, Joe Hudson, Paula Lane, Bob and Alice Pace, Lorena Siqueira, Pattie Terrell

**Locations visited:**

4/16: CR 833/846 (Broward, Hendry and Collier Counties), Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve (Lee County), Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management Area (Charlotte County), Celery Fields Regional Stormwater Facility (Sarasota County)

4/17: Ft. DeSoto County Park (Pinellas County)

4/18: Celery Fields Regional Stormwater Facility, Oscar Scherer State Park, Nokomis Beach (Sarasota County), Bell Meade Horse Trail in Picayune Strand State Forest (Collier County)

**Birds tallied:** 146 species and one other taxa

**Mammals seen:** West Indian Manatee, White-tailed Deer, Raccoon, Gray Squirrel

**Bird Checklist:**

Species	4/16	4/17	4/18	Notes
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	X		X	Celery Fields
Egyptian Goose	X			Over I-95
Wood Duck			X	Celery Fields
Blue-winged Teal	X			Celery Fields
Mallard/Mottled Duck hybrid	X	X	X	Celery Fields, Ft. DeSoto
Mottled Duck	X		X	Celery Fields
Red-breasted Merganser		X		Ft. DeSoto
Wild Turkey	X			CR 833
Pied-billed Grebe	X			Celery Fields
Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Eurasian Collared-Dove	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Common Ground-Dove	X	X	X	Multiple locations
White-winged Dove	X			Sheridan St. Tri-Rail Station
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X		Ft. DeSoto
Common Nighthawk	X			Babcock-Webb
Chimney Swift		X		Ft. DeSoto
Purple Gallinule			X	Celery Fields
Common Gallinule	X	X	X	Multiple locations

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Limpkin	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Sandhill Crane	X		X	Multiple locations
Black-necked Stilt	X		X	Multiple locations
American Oystercatcher		X		Ft. DeSoto
Black-bellied Plover		X		Ft. DeSoto
Semipalmated Plover		X		Ft. DeSoto
Piping Plover		X		Ft. DeSoto
Killdeer	X			Celery Fields
Whimbrel		X		Ft. DeSoto
Marbled Godwit		X		Ft. DeSoto
Ruddy Turnstone		X		Ft. DeSoto
Red Knot		X		Ft. DeSoto
Sanderling		X		Ft. DeSoto
Dunlin		X		Ft. DeSoto
Least Sandpiper	X	X	X	Celery Fields, Ft. DeSoto
Short-billed Dowitcher		X		Ft. DeSoto
Long-billed Dowitcher	X		X	Celery Fields
Wilson's Snipe			X	Celery Fields
Solitary Sandpiper	X		X	Celery Fields
Greater Yellowlegs	X		X	Celery Fields
Willet		X		Ft. DeSoto
Lesser Yellowlegs	X		X	Celery Fields
Laughing Gull	X	X		Multiple locations
Ring-billed Gull		X		Ft. DeSoto
Herring Gull		X		Ft. DeSoto
Least Tern		X		Ft. DeSoto
Common Tern		X		Ft. DeSoto
Forster's Tern		X		Ft. DeSoto
Royal Tern		X		Ft. DeSoto
Sandwich Tern		X		Ft. DeSoto
Black Skimmer		X		Ft. DeSoto
Common Loon		X		Ft. DeSoto
Wood Stork	X		X	Multiple locations
Magnificent Frigatebird		X		Ft. DeSoto
Anhinga	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Double-crested Cormorant	X	X		Multiple locations
American White Pelican	X			CR 846
Brown Pelican		X	X	Multiple locations
Least Bittern	X		X	Celery Fields
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Great Egret	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Snowy Egret	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Little Blue Heron	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Tricolored Heron	X		X	Multiple locations
Reddish Egret		X		Ft. DeSoto

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Cattle Egret	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Green Heron	X		X	Celery Fields
Black-crowned Night-Heron	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	X	X		CR 833, Ft. DeSoto
White Ibis	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Glossy Ibis	X		X	CR 846, Celery Fields
Roseate Spoonbill	X		X	Celery Fields
Black Vulture	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Osprey	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Swallow-tailed Kite	X		X	Multiple locations
Snail Kite	X			I-75
Bald Eagle	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Red-shouldered Hawk	X		X	Multiple locations
Red-tailed Hawk	X			Babcock-Webb
Red-headed Woodpecker			X	Picayune Strand
Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Downy Woodpecker	X		X	Six-Mile Cypress Slough, Picayune Strand
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	X		X	Babcock-Webb, Picayune Strand
Northern Flicker	X		X	Six-Mile Cypress Slough, Celery Fields
Pileated Woodpecker	X		X	Six-Mile Cypress Slough, Picayune Strand
Crested Caracara	X			CR 833/846
Monk Parakeet	X			I-95
Nanday Parakeet	X	X	X	Celery Fields
Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Western Kingbird	X			CR 846
Gray Kingbird		X		Ft. DeSoto
Loggerhead Shrike	X	X	X	Multiple locations
White-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Yellow-throated Vireo		X		Ft. DeSoto
Blue-headed Vireo	X			Six-Mile Cypress Slough
Red-eyed Vireo		X		Ft. DeSoto
Blue Jay	X		X	Multiple locations
Florida Scrub-Jay			X	Oscar Scherer
American Crow	X		X	Multiple locations
Fish Crow	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Purple Martin	X		X	Celery Fields, Picayune Strand
Barn Swallow	X	X		Multiple locations
Tufted Titmouse	X			Six-Mile Cypress Slough
Brown-headed Nuthatch	X		X	Babcock-Webb, Picayune Strand
Marsh Wren	X			Celery Fields
Carolina Wren	X		X	Multiple locations

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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X			Six-Mile Cypress Slough
Eastern Bluebird			X	Picayune Strand
Swainson's Thrush		X		Ft. DeSoto
Gray Catbird	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Northern Mockingbird	X	X	X	Multiple locations
European Starling	X	X	X	Multiple locations
House Finch		X		Ft. DeSoto
Bachman's Sparrow	X			Babcock-Webb
Eastern Towhee			X	Oscar Scherer
Eastern Meadowlark	X			CR 833, Babcock-Webb
Orchard Oriole		X		Ft. DeSoto
Baltimore Oriole		X		Ft. DeSoto
Red-winged Blackbird	X		X	Multiple locations
Common Grackle	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Boat-tailed Grackle	X		X	Multiple locations
Ovenbird		X		Ft. DeSoto
Worm-eating Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Northern Waterthrush		X		Ft. DeSoto
Black-and-white Warbler	X	X		Six-Mile Cypress Slough, Ft DeSoto
Prothonotary Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Swainson's Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto (seen only by Gavin Awerbuch)
Tennessee Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Kentucky Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Common Yellowthroat	X			Six-Mile Cypress Slough
Hooded Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
American Redstart		X		Ft. DeSoto
Cape May Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Northern Parula	X		X	Six-Mile Cypress Slough, Oscar Scherer
Yellow Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Chestnut-sided Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Palm Warbler	X	X		Babcock-Webb, Ft DeSoto
Pine Warbler	X			Babcock-Webb
Prairie Warbler		X		Ft. DeSoto
Summer Tanager		X		Ft. DeSoto
Scarlet Tanager		X		Ft. DeSoto
Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	Multiple locations
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		X		Ft. DeSoto
Blue Grosbeak		X		Ft. DeSoto (seen only by Nancy Freedman)
Indigo Bunting		X		Ft. DeSoto
Dickcissel		X		Ft. DeSoto
House Sparrow	X		X	Multiple locations