



MARCH 6, 2010, SLAS FIELD TRIP REPORT VERO WETLANDS

Thirteen members participated in the Saturday morning field trip to the Vero Wetlands. The sky was cloudless, minimal wind and temperature from the low forties to the low 60s.

We identified 60 species, en route and at the wetlands, plus an American Alligator and a Northern River Otter. Nesting Sandhill Cranes, Blue-winged Teal engaged in a mating ritual, Green-winged Teal (smallest dabbling duck in North America) and an American Black Duck (a more Northern bird seldom in Florida) were seen.

Pied-billed Grebe	Blue-winged Teal	Eastern Phoebe
Brown Pelican	Northern Shoveler	Loggerhead Shrike
Double-crested Cormorant	Green-winged Teal	Blue Jay
Anhinga	Ring-necked Duck	Fish Crow
Magnificent Frigatebird*	Osprey	Tree Swallow
Great Blue Heron	Bald Eagle	House Wren
Great Egret	Red-shouldered Hawk	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Snowy Egret	Crested Caracara	Northern Mockingbird
Little Blue Heron	American Kestrel	American Robin
Tricolored Heron	Common Moorhen	European Starling
Cattle Egret	American Coot	Yellow-Rumped Warbler
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Sandhill Crane	Prairie Warbler
White Ibis	Killdeer	Palm Warbler
Glossy Ibis	Ruddy Turnstone	Savannah Sparrow
Wood Stork	Ring-billed Gull	Red-winged Blackbird
Black Vulture	Herring Gull	Common Grackle
Turkey Vulture	Great Black-backed Gull	Boat-tailed Grackle
Gadwall	Eurasian Collared Dove	Brown-headed Cowbird
American Black Duck	Mourning Dove	House Sparrow
Mottled Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	

*flew over car on A1A en route to wetlands, a female)

-- Submitted by Dan Walma

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