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“In my deepest troubles, I frequently would wrench myself away from the persons around me and retire to some secluded part of our noble forests”

# Bird Walk Newsletter

## Magnolia Plantation And Gardens

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### Weathering the Storm

The Audubon Newsletter has a recent article written by Emily Silber which discusses how birds have been able to “weather the storms” that come around this time of year. This article may be of interest to you these days. Here at Magnolia Plantation, 4 participants went out on a cold 28 degree morning to view our birds weathering the storm that hit the eastern seaboard and beyond. It was breezy as well, but at least we had sunny skies!

The usual duck populations were here with 70 Gadwall in Ravenswood Pond, Blue-winged teal, and Green-winged teal, and Wood duck along with the usual shorebirds of Great Blue Herons, Snowy Egret, and Ibis. At the dike on Perry’s Field and the old rice field, Great Egret, 50

moorhen, 150 American Coot and 100 Ringed-bill gulls kept the area busy. The Osprey made an appearance this time out over the field’s pond, and a Red-



shouldered Hawk was sighted as well. 2 Adult Bald Eagles were seen approaching the dock and 2 second year Bald Eagles flew above near the end of the walk. 30 Northern Cardinals and 50 red-winged blackbirds joined the mix in their appropriate

ecosystems. 15 American Goldfinches, Blue-jay, Carolina Chick-a-dee, Carolina Wren, Blue-headed Vireo, Black and White warbler, and Tufted Titmouse rounded out the experience. The Turkey and Black Vultures did not disappoint.

Pictures: Double Crested Cormorant (on the left) showing colorful green eye during mating season, and Bald Eagle adult high



### Interesting Finds This Time:

(See Wood Stork below)

A Yellow-crowned Night Heron made it to the weekly event at Ravenswood, which according to Perry Nugent is slightly early for arrival. A Wood Stork was placed on the count this time. They have been seen periodically, but not so much by the Sunday morning crews.

Left Column pictures: (top) Great Blue Heron in winter trees, (middle) A Great Egret wading (bottom) Unusually marked Red-shouldered Hawk

The woodpeckers were here in numbers this morning with 8 Red-bellied, 2 Downy, and 2 Pileated. 8 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and 3 Northern Flickers joined in on the tree scaling antics. One Golden-Crowned and 5 Ruby Crowned Kinglets were spotted as well. Other pleasant surprises were the Savannah Warbler and Pine Warbler.

