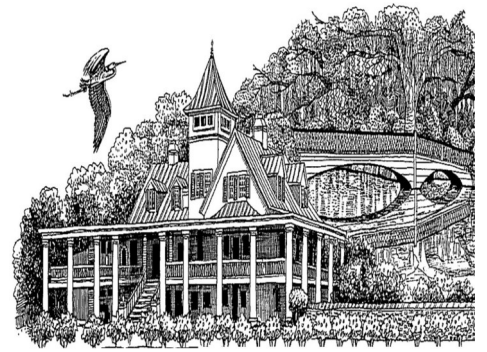


# BIRD WALK-



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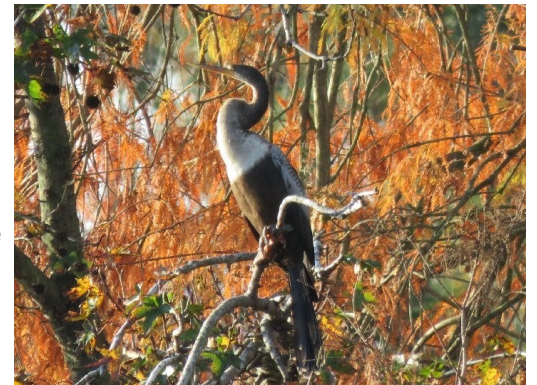
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## Water Fowl and Shorebirds are Beginning to Gather for the Winter and Some for the Coming Spring!

Ravenswood has flocks of water fowl enjoying the duckweed and protection provided by the plantation. Visitors get to watch a variety here such as the Gadwall, American Wigeon, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, and Pied-billed Grebe. Also gathering at the Ravenswood island for nesting are the Great Blue Heron. They have been spotted carrying nesting material as they fly to high branches in the trees. At the old rice field, along the river dike, are egrets (snowy and great). Luckily for the bald eagles, there are congregations of American Coot morphing in dark shapes on the pond's surface. Their feathered friends, the resident Moorhen, mingle amongst the crowd, while a Ruddy Duck paddles along. Up to 200 Ring-billed gulls squawked above on the river side of the dike. The beautiful picturesque Audubon Swamp is housing many birds of all sorts. The White Ibis are gathering in nice numbers. The cedar wax-wing are also giving quite a show! An Orange-crowned warbler was spotted along with our regulars such as the Northern Cardinal, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and Blue Jay, On the forest walk, the Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Yellow Belied Sapsucker, and Northern Flicker were observed.

*"The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness" -*

*John Muir*



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### It was great to see:

- The Wood Duck are back in the Ravenswood Pond!
- 5 Shipping Sparrow and 6 American Goldfinch
- Ruddy Duck swimming with the Moorhen and Coot.





