

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION BIRDWALK NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WALK:

In addition to the birds of last week's adventure, this Sunday's walk produced 32 Canadian Geese in the Audubon Swamp! Also, a Rusty blackbird was seen this morning. Two Sora were spotted in the large old rice field as well as 3 Adult Bald Eagles, 1 third year Bald Eagle, a Northern Harrier, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 2 Cooper's Hawks, and a Red-shouldered Hawk. An American Wigeon was spotted at Ravenswood



Great Blue Heron(above) and Wigeon
(to the right) in the Fall

RAVENSWOOD:

Besides the American Wigeon that was seen, the Gadwall dominated the pond with approximately 125 individuals, along with 50 Blue-winged Teal, 30 Green-winged Teal, and 10 Pied-billed Grebe. Darting nearby were the Eastern Phoebe. The Great Blue Heron are starting to assemble at their nesting island there, and have been seen performing ritual dances, accumulating sticks for nesting, and assembling or re-assembling nests.

Exit Road:

Along fall's leaf littered exit road, the White-eyed and Blue-headed Vireo showed up, as well as the Black-and-white warbler.

*“During all these years there existed within me
a tendency to follow Nature in her walks”*

John James Audubon



Photos by Jo Frkovich

Forest Trails:

The forest holds so much to be viewed and heard! Red-bellied woodpeckers, blue jays, Carolina Chick-a-dee and Carolina Wren, Hermit Thrush, tufted-titmouse, cedar wax-wing, robin, northern mockingbird, and yellow-rumped warbler were all contributing to the landscape. Northern Cardinal and 2 American Goldfinch did their part.