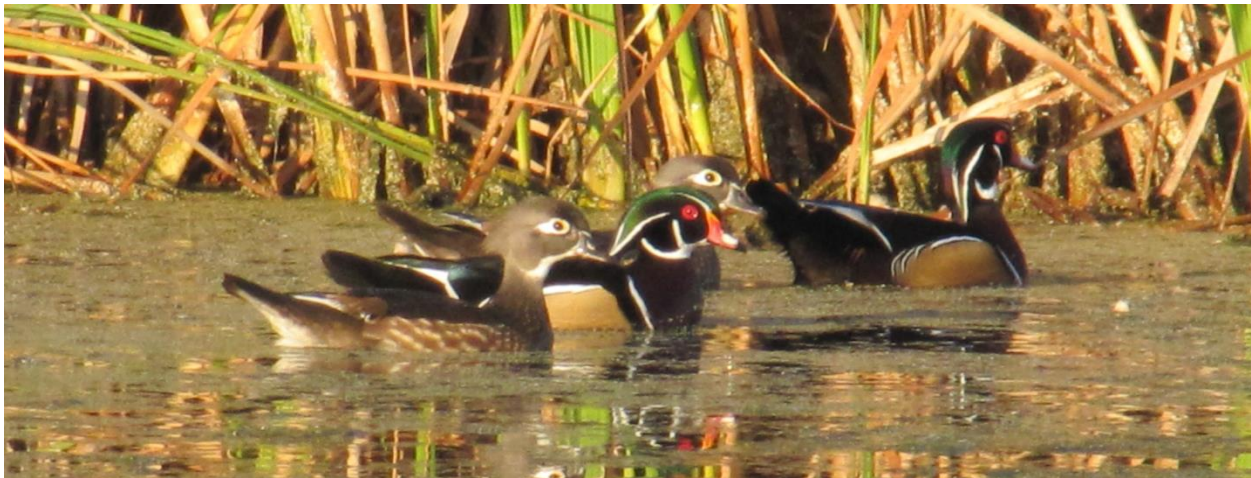


BirdWalk Newsletter 7.10.16

Walk Conducted by Perry Nugent

Written by Jayne J Matney

“DEAR SUN i agree you are very “Hot”; you don’t have to prove it everyday” - Wrushank Sorte



Two Wood Duck Pairs coasting across the water

Photo: Perry Nugent

Not as many total number of species as usual were noted on this hot, muggy morning with 36, but many of the species that were seen came in large numbers! Approximately 80 Wood Duck were seen on the property- at Ravenswood Pond and the dike.



Female Wood Duck watching over her ducklings in Ravenswood
Photo: Perry Nugent

There were 20-30 for each of the Great Egret, Little Blue Heron, Anhinga, and Great Blue Heron. 43 White Ibis showed up this morning at the dike and 15 Green Heron were spotted at the dike and the Audubon Swamp. Only a few of the Least Bittern, Black-crowned Night Heron, and Snowy Egret were seen. 30 Common Moorhen and 30 Laughing Gull kept the River Trail and large old rice field from being quiet. 3 Red-shouldered Hawk went about their daily business as they swooped across the pathways. The red-bellied Woodpeckers, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, the

Common Grackle and the Boat-tailed Grackle all got in double digits in numbers, but there were 30 Carolina Wren, 50 Northern Cardinal, and at least 40 Red-winged Blackbird. 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, a ruby-throated Hummingbird, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Downy woodpecker, White-eyed Vireo and a Tree Swallow were all a joy to see. Our standard



Northern Cardinal Photo: Perry Nugent

birds included the Mourning Dove, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Brown Thrasher, Turkey Vulture and Black Vulture, and Blue Jay and rounded

out our viewing for the day.

Photos by Jo Frkovich and Perry Nugent



Yellow-bellied Pond Slider Turtles and Alligator carrying babies on her back