

# BirdWalk Newsletter

Magnolia Plantation and Gardens

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Photo by Jo Frkovich

In our magical atmosphere here on Magnolia Plantation, we observe all kinds of mythical-like creatures and characters along the way. This week, I would like to show you a few that got captured on film by our members! If you come out to see us, you just may see some yourself!

A “unicorn” bowed his weary head



A “basilisk” slithered by without a glance our way!



Photo by Jo Frkovich

Every now and again, a “southern style” Phoenix takes a break on a branch here.



Bottom left photo by Ed Blich;  
Bottom right photo by Jo Frovich

Our white feathered “fairies” frolic in the trees



Both top photos by Jo Frkovich

And colorful “pixies” dart about  
In order to elude your gaze.....



Photo by Perry Nugent

A “troll” at the bridge  
requires a password!



Of course “dragons” can be found in many shapes and sizes....



Photos right, above, and below  
By Jo Frkovich



Elves? We do have a few!



Photo by Ed Blich

And the mischievous  
“imps” are always  
playing tricks on  
us!



Photo by Perry Nugent

Great big thank you to all of the photographers!



Photo by Jo Frkovich

“The past is a foreign country.  
They do things differently there.”  
L.P. Hartley’s first line of  
The Go-Between

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was a warm, partly cloudy day. The walkers that showed up to bird walk were numbering two. The walk was a successful one with 43 species recognized. The Wood Ducks were not out for visible counting this morning like usual, so only 40 were counted. But 40 Blue-winged Teal made appearances which is an increase from past weeks! A Pied-billed Grebe was in the count. Wading birds were present: Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Little Blue Heron, Green Heron, White Ibis, and Glossy Ibis. 3 Anhinga, the diving birds, were also seen. 40 Common Moorhen and only 1 American Coot were seen out in the large rice field. Laughing Gulls were overhead. The birdwatchers had a very good day for exciting action between the Bald Eagles (1 adult and 1 first year eagle), and 4 of the American Kestrel. They observed the kestrel harassing or warding off the eagles while flying in the vicinity of the large rice field and cross dikes. 6 Red-



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shouldered Hawk and 1 Barred Owl were accounted for along with Black Vulture and Turkey Vulture. In the woodpecker category, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, and the Pileated Woodpecker were heard or observed. One Ruby-throated Hummingbird darted and hovered into their view. 4 Chimney Swifts hung in the air over the house in the late morning. The passerines, or perching birds, included the 2 Northern Waterthrush found in the Audubon Swamp.

The rest of the sighted birds are listed below:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Mourning Dove         | White-eyed Vireo     | Blue Jay       |
| American Crow         | Fish Crow            | Tree Swallow   |
| Carolina Chickadee    | Tufted Titmouse      | Carolina Wren  |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | Eastern Bluebird     | Gray Catbird   |
| Northern Mockingbird  | Northern Cardinal    | Common Grackle |
| Common Yellow-throat  | Red-winged Blackbird |                |