

**Red Slough Bird Surveys 2022**  
**Red Slough Bird Survey – July 27, 2022**

Mike Dillon (TX) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 47 species. It was partly cloudy and hot with a light wind. Almost nothing was singing. Oh note, we had one of the continuing Limpkins and Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were apparently staging early as I had a large flock of 30+ birds plus several smaller groups. The heronry is now full of fledgling birds and gallinule young are everywhere you look. Here is our list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** – 43

Wood Duck – 17

Pied-billed Grebe – 10

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 10

***Anhinga*** – 52

Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret – 17

Snowy Egret – 48

Little-blue Heron – 114

Cattle Egret – ~20,000

Green Heron – 17

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 5

***White Ibis*** – 211

Black Vulture – 6

Turkey Vulture – 23

Mississippi Kite - 3

***Purple Gallinule*** – 86 (adults & older young. Also, numerous broods of smaller young.)

***Common Gallinule*** – 75 (adults & older young. Also, numerous broods of smaller young.)

American Coot - 1

***Limpkin*** – 1

Spotted Sandpiper - 1

Solitary Sandpiper – 5

Greater Yellowlegs - 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 1

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 4

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Kingbird – 1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1

White-eyed Vireo – 4

American Crow – 4

Fish Crow - 1

Tree Swallow – 3

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 2

Cliff Swallow - 26

Barn Swallow – 13

Carolina Chickadee – 3

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren – 2

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2

Common Yellowthroat – 4  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Indigo Bunting – 9  
Painted Bunting – 2  
Red-winged Blackbird – ~400  
Common Grackle – ~400

**Odonates:**

Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Slaty Skimmer  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Coastal Plain Leopard Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – July 19, 2022**

Chris Lynch (OK) and I surveyed birds today and found 44 species. It was partly cloudy and hot, with a light wind. Very little singing today. Rock trucks were running in and out of the reservoirs re-rocking the graveled levee road which affected my survey some. Best highlight were the continuing Limpkins of which we found 3 today. A few shorebirds are starting to show up. Here is our list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* – 13**

Wood Duck – 7  
Pied-billed Grebe – 5

***Neotropic Cormorant* – 8**

***Anhinga* – 60**

Great-blue Heron – 4  
Great Egret – 15  
Snowy Egret – 34

Little-blue Heron – 71  
Cattle Egret – ~10,000  
Green Heron – 11  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 11  
**White Ibis** – 629  
Black Vulture – 48  
Turkey Vulture – 16  
**Purple Gallinule** – 60  
**Common Gallinule** – 36  
American Coot - 1  
**Limpkin** – 3  
Killdeer – 2  
Solitary Sandpiper – 1  
Least Sandpiper – 6  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 1  
Mourning Dove - 2  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 2  
Great-horned Owl - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 3  
American Crow - 2  
Tree Swallow – 3  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1  
Cliff Swallow - 12  
Barn Swallow – 10  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 5  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 4  
Indigo Bunting – 11  
Painted Bunting – 4  
Dickcissel – 2  
Red-winged Blackbird – 100  
Common Grackle – 23

**Odonates:**

Blue-fronted Dancer  
Common Green Darner  
Royal River Cruiser  
Slaty Skimmer  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider

### Herps:

Red-eared Slider  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### Red Slough Bird Survey – July 13, 2022

It was mostly clear, brutally hot (heat index of 110+), with a slight wind on the bird survey today. 53 species were found. Very little singing was heard today and Passerines were scarce. I started in the dark around 5:00 a.m. hoping for some nightjars and owls but only found one owl and some bats. Caught the morning flight out of the heronry but numbers were down on ibis', Great Egrets and Little-blue Herons. No storks this week. The big highlight of the day was finding **4 Limpkins** feeding together on Push Creek. Also got to see a Purple Gallinule karate kick a Cattle Egret in the chest with both feet when it landed to close to its young and sent it flying away. Also, if you want to see Least Bitterns and King Rails, the observation platform/photo blind on Pintail Lake is the place to be early in the morning. Got great close-up looks at both species. The King Rail crossed the gravel road by the platform a couple times with pauses and a Least Bittern was putting on a show in the cattails next to the platform. Here is my list for today:

#### ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* – 11**

Canada Goose - 5

Wood Duck – 12

Pied-billed Grebe – 15

***Neotropic Cormorant* – 13 (4 on nests.)**

***Anhinga* – 31 (numerous near fledging young.)**

***Least Bittern* - 3**

Great-blue Heron – 5

Great Egret – 9

Snowy Egret – 20

Little-blue Heron – 55

Cattle Egret – ~10,000

Green Heron – 8

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 6

***White Ibis* – 274**

Black Vulture – 1

Turkey Vulture – 60

Red-shouldered Hawk – 1

Cooper's Hawk - 1

***King Rail* - 2**

**Purple Gallinule** – 83 (also 7 broods of young.)

**Common Gallinule** – 63 (also numerous broods of young.)

**Limpkin** – 4

Killdeer – 3

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 4

Barred Owl - 1

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Kingbird – 2

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eyed Vireo – 2

American Crow - 4

Fish Crow – 4

Purple Martin - 1

Tree Swallow – 3

Barn Swallow - 8

Carolina Wren – 4

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1

European Starling – 22 (flyover flock)

Louisiana Waterthrush - 2

Common Yellowthroat – 3

Yellow-breasted Chat - 1

Summer Tanager – 2

Northern Cardinal – 6

Indigo Bunting – 6

Painted Bunting – 1

Dickcissel – 1

Red-winged Blackbird – 87

Common Grackle – 129

Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

#### **Odonates:**

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant

Slaty Skimmer

Eastern Pondhawk

Blue Dasher

Black Saddlebags

#### **Herps:**

American Alligator

Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – July 5, 2022**

Greg Johnson (WY) and I surveyed birds yesterday at Red Slough and found 60 species. It was partly cloudy and hot, with a little wind. 60 species were found. The dog days of summer have set in and the birds were mostly quiet. Most notable was finding 3 Limpkins (all together) and an adult Wood Stork (the Wood Stork was seen again today). Here is our list for yesterday:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* – 11**

Wood Duck – 11

Pied-billed Grebe – 12 (also several broods of young.)

***Neotropic Cormorant* – 13 (5 sitting on nests.)**

***Anhinga* – 22 (numerous nests with young.)**

***Least Bittern* - 2**

Great-blue Heron – 6

Great Egret – 42

Snowy Egret – 7

Little-blue Heron – 42

Cattle Egret – ~10,000

Green Heron – 11

Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 6

***White Ibis* – 960**

***Wood Stork* – 1 adult**

Black Vulture – 17

Turkey Vulture – 7

Mississippi Kite – 5

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

***King Rail* - 2**

***Purple Gallinule* – 86 (also numerous broods of young.)**

***Common Gallinule* – 53 (also numerous broods of young.)**

American Coot - 1

***Limpkin* – 3**

Killdeer – 1

Yellowlegs species - 1

Mourning Dove - 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Acadian Flycatcher – 4  
White-eyed Vireo – 11  
Bell's Vireo – 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 2  
American Crow - 8  
Fish Crow – 3  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 30  
Cliff Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 8  
Carolina Chickadee – 1  
Tufted Titmouse – 1  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 2  
Louisiana Waterthrush - 1  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 6  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 8  
Summer Tanager – 3  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 4  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 8  
Painted Bunting – 2  
Dickcissel – 1  
Red-winged Blackbird – 52  
Common Grackle – 103

**Odonates:**

Blue-tipped Dancer  
Swamp Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Arrowhead Spiketail  
Black-shouldered Spinyleg  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Golden-winged Skimmer  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk

Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Broad-banded Water Snake  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Coastal Plains Leopard Frog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 28, 2022**

It was mostly clear, warm, and a bit windy on the bird survey yesterday. 69 species were found. I got there early and was able to do some night birding before first light. The 2 Limpkins are still on Push Creek where I am keeping an eye on them, hoping they will nest. Lots of young in the heronry now and gallinule chicks are showing up. Of note was an immature Bald Eagle soaring over Pintail Lake. Bald Eagles are rarely seen in the Summer at Red Slough. Here is my list for yesterday:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* – 14**

Canada Goose - 1

Wood Duck – 25

Pied-billed Grebe – 12

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 10 (5 sitting on nests.)

***Anhinga*** – 48 (lots sitting on nests.)

***Least Bittern*** - 4

Great-blue Heron – 18

Great Egret – 131

Snowy Egret – 20

Little-blue Heron – 62

Cattle Egret – ~10,000

Green Heron – 12

Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 4

***White Ibis*** – 1105

Black Vulture – 19

Turkey Vulture – 69

Mississippi Kite – 4

Bald Eagle – 1 imm.

Cooper's Hawk - 1



Red-shouldered Hawk – 1

**King Rail** - 2

**Purple Gallinule** – 65 (also 2 broods)

**Common Gallinule** – 67 (also several broods.)

**Limpkin** – 2

Mourning Dove - 3

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 7

Barred Owl - 1

Chuck-wills-widow – 7

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1

Acadian Flycatcher – 2

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eyed Vireo – 10

Bell's Vireo – 2

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1

Red-eyed Vireo – 3

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 7

Fish Crow – 5

Purple Martin - 4

Tree Swallow – 24

Cliff Swallow - 1

Barn Swallow - 5

Carolina Chickadee – 3

Tufted Titmouse – 7

Carolina Wren – 10

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Northern Parula - 1

Prothonotary Warbler – 3

**Swainson's Warbler** - 1

Kentucky Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat – 9

Hooded Warbler - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat - 10

Summer Tanager – 6

Eastern Towhee - 2

Northern Cardinal – 14

Blue Grosbeak - 1

Indigo Bunting – 23

Painted Bunting – 6

Dickcissel – 11

Red-winged Blackbird – 38

Common Grackle – 60

Brown-headed Cowbird – 6

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Blue-tipped Dancer  
Regal Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Mocha Emerald  
Royal River Cruiser  
Common Sanddragon  
Black-shouldered Spinyleg  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Slaty Skimmer  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Map Turtle species  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Coastal Plains Leopard Frog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 21, 2022**

It was mostly clear, hot, and fairly calm on the bird survey today. 55 species were found. Highlights include one of the continuing Limpkins. Also, of note were 3 calling Chuck-wills-widows which I had to get there before 5 a.m. to hear them. Even though I have found them on 2 or 3 occasions at Red Slough in the past, this, I believe, is the first time I have ever had them on one of my bird surveys. Also saw a fairly large number of bats feeding over the west end of Otter Lake. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 9***

Canada Goose - 1

Wood Duck – 15  
Gadwall – 1  
Hooded Merganser - 2  
Pied-billed Grebe – 14  
**Neotropic Cormorant** – 11 (5 sitting on nests.)  
**Anhinga** – 53 (lots sitting on nests.)  
**Least Bittern** - 1  
Great-blue Heron – 5  
Great Egret – 34  
Snowy Egret – 34  
Little-blue Heron – 129  
Cattle Egret – ~10,000  
Green Heron – 17  
**White Ibis** – 1085  
Black Vulture – 72  
Turkey Vulture – 8  
Mississippi Kite – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** – 82  
**Common Gallinule** – 64 (also 6 broods.)  
American Coot – 3  
**Limpkin** - 1  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3  
Chuck-wills-widow - 3  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1 (on nest)  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 8  
Bell's Vireo – 2  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 4  
Fish Crow – 5  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 16  
Barn Swallow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1  
European Starling - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 8  
Common Yellowthroat – 5  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 13  
Summer Tanager – 1  
Eastern Towhee - 3  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Indigo Bunting – 11

Painted Bunting – 7  
Dickcissel – 3  
Red-winged Blackbird – 28  
Common Grackle – 51  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 4

**Odonates:**

Stillwater Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Diamondback Watersnake  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 14, 2022**

It was mostly clear, hot, and windy on the bird survey today. 57 species were found. Most notable find was an adult Tricolored Heron leaving one of the heronries. Could not relocate the Limpkins but they are probably still around. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** - 14

Wood Duck – 27

Pied-billed Grebe – 8

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 10 (5 sitting on nests.)

***Anhinga*** – 75 (lots sitting on nests.)

***Least Bittern*** - 3

Great-blue Heron – 4  
Great Egret – 26  
Snowy Egret – 10  
Little-blue Heron – 127  
**Tricolored Heron** – 1 adult  
Cattle Egret – 10,000  
Green Heron – 11  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
**White Ibis** – 1500  
Black Vulture – 45  
Turkey Vulture – 21  
Mississippi Kite – 3  
Cooper's Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
**King Rail** – 3  
**Purple Gallinule** – 84 (2 nests found; one nest had newly hatched young.)  
**Common Gallinule** – 62 (also 3 broods.)  
American Coot – 2  
Mourning Dove - 5  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 7  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 1  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 18  
Red-eyed Vireo – 2  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 7  
Fish Crow – 5  
Tree Swallow – 23  
Cliff Swallow - 2  
Barn Swallow - 8  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Carolina Wren – 4  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Northern Parula – 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler – 1  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 10  
Common Yellowthroat – 10  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 10  
Summer Tanager – 3  
Eastern Towhee - 3  
Northern Cardinal – 5  
Indigo Bunting – 15  
Painted Bunting – 7  
Dickcissel – 1

Red-winged Blackbird – 19  
Common Grackle – 59  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 8

**Odonates:**

Cyrano Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Jade Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Stinkpot  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Plain-bellied Watersnake  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 7, 2022**

Greg Baker (Our new Wildlife Technician) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 56 species. We ran into Terry Mitchel and he joined us for a while. The weather started off clear but soon turned heavy overcast with a lightning storm and rain. Best highlight was finding a Limpkin on Push Creek. Also we had a very nice close-up encounter with a King Rail out in the open on the mowed levee near the photo blind. It sat and preened itself for about 10 minutes about 20 feet from us. We were able to get good pics of it. Lots of White Ibis left the heronry early flying southwest and were later found off Blackland Road in a saturated field near Highway 259. They were feasting on crayfish that they were extracting from burrows with their long curved bills. Here is our list for today:

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck** - 10

Wood Duck – 35

Pied-billed Grebe – 4

**Neotropic Cormorant** – 18 (6 sitting on nests.)

**Anhinga** – 90 (lots sitting on nests)

**Least Bittern** - 3

Great-blue Heron – 5

Great Egret – 31

Snowy Egret – 4

Little-blue Heron - 157

Cattle Egret – 7,500

Green Heron – 14

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 6

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 6

**White Ibis** – 1900

Black Vulture - 2

Turkey Vulture – 11

Mississippi Kite - 1

**King Rail** – 2

**Purple Gallinule** - 101

**Common Gallinule** - 82

American Coot – 3

**Limpkin** – 1

Greater Yellowlegs – 1

Peep species - 8

Mourning Dove - 3

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 2

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Acadian Flycatcher – 1

Eastern Phoebe – 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird – 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1

White-eyed Vireo – 11

Red-eyed Vireo – 4

American Crow - 2

Fish Crow – 1

Tree Swallow – 16

Cliff Swallow - 3

Barn Swallow - 2

Carolina Chickadee – 4

Tufted Titmouse – 3

Carolina Wren – 2

European Starling - 10

Prothonotary Warbler – 8

Common Yellowthroat – 3

Yellow-breasted Chat - 4

Summer Tanager – 4

Eastern Towhee - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 5  
Indigo Bunting – 10  
Painted Bunting – 3  
Dickcissel – 9  
Red-winged Blackbird – 9  
Common Grackle – 31  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 3

**Odonates:**

Blue Dasher

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 23, 2022**

It was overcast, cool, and windy all morning, turning partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon, on the bird survey today. I started off wearing two shirts and a jacket and running the heater and ended up with wearing one t-shirt and running the AC by the end of the survey. 67 species were found. Best highlights were two Limpkins and a Roseate Spoonbill. Both Limpkins are mainly hanging out in Push Creek now that they have discovered a wealth of mussels there. I watched one for a good while today and he found lots of mussels and ate them. The mussels must have been thick as it would only take him about 30 seconds after eating one mussel to find another one. He was very tame and allowed me to stand fairly close to him and take photos while he fed. The spoonbill circled over the heronry in Pintail Lake a couple times then did a flyover of the heronry in Otter Lake then flew south and I lost it. Normally when I catch the morning flight from the heronries I set up on the Lotus Lake observation platform. But last week I noticed there were a lot more birds flying past the Pintail Lake observation platform coming from the new heronry on Otter Lake so I set up there this morning around first light. While trying to count the hundreds of birds streaming past me in the near dark a flock of seven Common Nighthawks started feeding right beside me over the levee. They were flying by my head fairly close and some were below me and they continued this for about 15-20 minutes. Common Nighthawks have always been rare at Red Slough and have been declining all over this region so I was thrilled to see



them and feeding so close to me. They were making clicking noises as they fed. And if that wasn't enough to distract me from counting the heronry birds that were streaming past, 4 Least Bitterns starting calling and flying back and forth in the cattails in front of the platform and a pair of King Rails were prancing around on the white graveled levy road on the other side of the platform. The King Rails really put on a show probably staying visible for 20 minutes. Also, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks kept buzzing the platform and one almost landed on it with me there. It is a favorite perching spot for them. A birder from New York (Scott Peterson), came by and I showed him his Lifer King Rail and Lifer Purple Gallinule. Checking his ebird report I see that he had a Limpkin near the middle parking lot and he left the area around 10:13. I had my first Limpkin sighting today around noonish on Push Creek on the south side of Lotus Lake which is over a mile upstream from the Limpkin Scott found.. When I left I stopped by the middle parking area and saw a Limpkin there too, not knowing about Scotts finding it. This is also the location that someone reported a Limpkin yesterday. So with this info I was able to determine that there were two Limpkins which I have been suspecting as we have flight shots of Limpkins four days apart showing different molt sequences in the wings. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 17**

Wood Duck – 24

Hooded Merganser – 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 6

***Neotropic Cormorant* – 17 (7 sitting on nests.)**

***Anhinga* – 148 (lots sitting on nests)**

***Least Bittern* - 4**

Great-blue Heron – 5

Great Egret – 30

Snowy Egret – 16

Little-blue Heron - 180

Cattle Egret – 10,000

Green Heron – 8

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 6

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1

***White Ibis* – 1329**

***Roseate Spoonbill* – 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> year bird)**

Black Vulture - 98

Turkey Vulture – 11

Mississippi Kite - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk – 4

***King Rail* – 3**

***Purple Gallinule* - 102**

***Common Gallinule* - 69**

American Coot – 10

***Limpkin* - 2**

***Least Tern* - 2**

Mourning Dove - 2

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 8

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Common Nighthawk – 7

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker – 4

Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Acadian Flycatcher – 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 8  
White-eyed Vireo – 9  
Bell's Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 2  
American Crow - 2  
Fish Crow – 6  
Tree Swallow – 30 (including 4 fledglings.)  
Bank Swallow – 4  
Cliff Swallow - 7  
Barn Swallow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 1  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 8  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 6  
Hooded Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 4  
Summer Tanager - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 11  
Painted Bunting – 4  
Dickcissel – 7  
Red-winged Blackbird – 9  
Common Grackle – 28  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 5  
Orchard Oriole – 3

**Odonates:**

Swamp Darner  
Common Green Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Bayou Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Blue Dasher

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Plain-bellied Watersnake  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

#### **Red Slough Bird Survey – May 18, 2022**

It was warm, mostly cloudy, and windy on the bird survey today. 68 species were found. We have 3 separate heronries this year. The usual one on Pintail Lake, one in Otter Lake, and a small one in unit 27B. Nest building and egg laying are under way. Numbers are increasing every day. Very few migrants around. Here is my list for today:

#### ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 10**

Canada Geese - 9

Wood Duck – 20

Hooded Merganser – 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 10

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 23 (10 sitting on nests.)

***Anhinga*** – 137 (lots sitting on nests)

***Least Bittern*** - 2

Great-blue Heron – 8

Great Egret – 88

Snowy Egret – 94

Little-blue Heron - 109

Cattle Egret – 3000

Green Heron – 16

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 9

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2

***White Ibis*** – 770

Black Vulture - 132

Turkey Vulture – 14

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

***King Rail*** – 2 (both seen)

***Purple Gallinule*** - 94

***Common Gallinule*** - 73

American Coot – 12

Lesser Yellowlegs – 2

“Peeps” – 3 (flyovers)

Franklin's Gull – 1  
Black Tern – 99  
Rock Pigeon - 2  
Mourning Dove - 2  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3  
Common Nighthawk - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 2  
Acadian Flycatcher – 1  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 3  
Eastern Kingbird – 12  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 9  
Bell's Vireo - 1  
Yellow-throated Vireo – 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 3  
American Crow - 4  
Fish Crow – 12  
Tree Swallow – 18  
Barn Swallow - 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Carolina Wren – 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Cedar Waxwing – 7  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 3  
Prothonotary Warbler – 9  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 5  
Hooded Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 4  
Summer Tanager - 3  
Northern Cardinal – 11  
Indigo Bunting – 14  
Painted Bunting – 3  
Dickcissel – 19  
Red-winged Blackbird – 39  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Common Grackle – 42  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 4  
Orchard Oriole – 3

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Cyrano Darner  
Regal Darner

Common Green Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Royal River Cruiser  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Golden-winged Skimmer  
Blue Dasher  
Common Whitetail  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Plain-bellied Watersnake  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 10, 2022**

It was partly cloudy, hot, and windy on the bird survey today. 73 species were found. There were very few migrants found today. The biggest highlight today was finding the Limpkin again. He was feeding along the east levee of Pintail Lake about half way between the photo blind and the Lotus/Pintail observation platform. I observed and photographed him at close range for about half an hour and observed that he was feeding on Ramshorn snails. Also of special note was a male Canada Warbler in "Warbler Alley". I caught the morning flight this morning which starts about 5:45 a.m. Herons and egrets have started nest building. Neotropical Cormorants and Anhingas are already sitting on nests. There is a tremendous number of White Ibis roosting in the heronry at night. I spent so much time hiking around Bittern Lake this morning that it was close to mid-day before I got around to counting gallinules so their counts are low this week. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 11**

Canada Geese - 6  
Wood Duck – 15  
Gadwall – 2 (pair in flight)  
Blue-winged Teal – 2  
Hooded Merganser – 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 6

***Neotropical Cormorant* – 17 (8 sitting on nests.)**

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

***Anhinga* – 125 (lots sitting on nests)**

***Least Bittern* - 2**

Great-blue Heron – 5

Great Egret – 102

Snowy Egret – 32

Little-blue Heron - 62

Cattle Egret – 3000

Green Heron – 17

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 5

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2

***White Ibis* – 2,090**

***White-faced Ibis* – 2**

***Plegadis* species - 3**

Black Vulture - 89

Turkey Vulture – 8

Mississippi Kite - 5

Sora - 1

***Purple Gallinule* - 43**

***Common Gallinule* - 43**

American Coot – 11

***Limpkin* - 1**

Franklin's Gull – 1

Black Tern – 6

Mourning Dove - 2

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 5

Barred Owl – 1

Common Nighthawk - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Alder Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird – 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 3

White-eyed Vireo – 9

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1

Red-eyed Vireo – 2

Blue Jay – 1

American Crow - 3

Fish Crow – 2

Tree Swallow – 10

Cliff Swallow – 6

Barn Swallow - 5

Carolina Chickadee – 3

Tufted Titmouse – 2

Carolina Wren – 5

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 5

Cedar Waxwing – 56

Northern Parula - 2

Yellow Warbler – 1

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine Warbler – 1

Prothonotary Warbler – 12  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
***Swainson's Warbler*** - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 10  
***Canada Warbler*** - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 4  
Summer Tanager - 3  
Northern Cardinal – 12  
Indigo Bunting – 19  
Painted Bunting – 6  
Dickcissel – 35  
***Bobolink*** - 7  
Red-winged Blackbird – 23  
Common Grackle – 30  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 8  
Orchard Oriole – 4

**Odonates:**

Swamp Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Painted Skimmer  
Black Saddlebags  
“red” Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Southern Black Racer  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 3, 2022**

Paul Dickson (LA), Jim Bradford (OK), and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 90 species. It was overcast and mild with some showers in the afternoon. There was some fallout from last nights

storms. 13 species of warblers were found. Anhingas are starting to nest. Most notable birds today for us were 2 Philadelphia Vireos. Here is our list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 3**

Canada Geese - 5

Wood Duck - 9

Blue-winged Teal – 25

Northern Shoveler - 2

Hooded Merganser – 3

Pied-billed Grebe – 16 (2 on nests.)

***Neotropic Cormorant* – 17 (8 sitting on nests.)**

***Anhinga* – 77 (2 sitting on nests.)**

American Bittern - 3

Great-blue Heron – 4

Great Egret – 16

Snowy Egret – 12

Little-blue Heron - 20

Cattle Egret – 400

Green Heron – 7

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 3

***White Ibis* – 25**

Black Vulture - 6

Turkey Vulture – 5

Red-shouldered Hawk – 4

***King Rail* – 2**

Sora - 4

***Purple Gallinule* - 90**

***Common Gallinule* - 94**

American Coot – 76

Lesser Yellowlegs – 38

Pectoral Sandpiper – 4

Wilson's Phalarope – 57

Franklin's Gull – 1

Forster's Tern - 6

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3

Chimney Swift – 12

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 4

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1

Eastern Phoebe – 1

Great-crested Flycatcher – 4

Eastern Kingbird - 29

White-eyed Vireo – 11

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1

***Philadelphia Vireo* - 2**

Red-eyed Vireo - 4



Fish Crow – 4  
Tree Swallow – 16  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 3  
Cliff Swallow – 46  
Barn Swallow - 10  
Carolina Chickadee – 5  
Tufted Titmouse – 5  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 8  
Swainson's Thrush - 1  
Gray Catbird – 2  
Tennessee Warbler - 9  
Nashville Warbler – 7  
Yellow Warbler – 14  
Black-throated Green Warbler - 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 1  
Black-and-white Warbler – 4  
American Redstart - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 12  
Northern Waterthrush – 1  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
***Swainson's Warbler*** - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 10  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 12  
Summer Tanager - 2  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Clay-colored Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 6  
Swamp Sparrow – 1  
White-crowned Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 3  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 63  
Painted Bunting – 13  
Dickcissel – 121  
***Bobolink*** - ~100  
Red-winged Blackbird – 70  
Common Grackle – 20  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 17  
Orchard Oriole – 11  
Baltimore Oriole - 5

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Common Whitetail

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Yellow-bellied Watersnake  
Western Cottonmouth  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – April 26, 2022**

Joe Grzybowski, Mark Peterson, Jimmy Woodard, and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 104 species. Weather was mostly clear, starting off cool and calm and turning warm and windy. We had no luck finding the Limpkin today. 15 species of warblers were found. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 9**

Canada Geese - 1  
Wood Duck - 20  
Gadwall – 1  
Blue-winged Teal – 110  
Lesser Scaup – 2 males  
Hooded Merganser – 3  
Pied-billed Grebe – 8  
American White Pelican - 1

***Neotropic Cormorant* - 8**

***Anhinga* – 102**

American Bittern - 9  
Great-blue Heron – 15  
Great Egret – 25  
Snowy Egret – 19  
Little-blue Heron - 55  
Cattle Egret – 59  
Green Heron – 15  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 3

**White Ibis** – 312

**White-faced Ibis** – 10

Black Vulture - 8

Turkey Vulture – 12

Mississippi Kite – 2

Bald Eagle – 1 imm.

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 4

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

**Peregrine Falcon** – 2 (1 adult & 1 imm.)

**King Rail** – 1

Virginia Rail – 1

Sora - 1

**Purple Gallinule** - 29

**Common Gallinule** - 60

American Coot – 98

Spotted Sandpiper – 3

Caspian Tern – 1

Rock Pigeon - 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1

Barred Owl – 1

Chimney Swift – 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 3

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Pileated Woodpecker – 2

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe – 1

Great-crested Flycatcher – 1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eyed Vireo – 16

Bell's Vireo - 2

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 4

Blue Jay - 4

American Crow – 8

Fish Crow – 2

Tree Swallow – 12

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1

Bank Swallow - 3

Cliff Swallow – 7

Barn Swallow - 10

Carolina Chickadee – 8

Tufted Titmouse – 5

Carolina Wren – 9

Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 5  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Nashville Warbler – 2  
Northern Parula – 1  
Yellow Warbler - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 1  
Prairie Warbler – 2  
Black-and-white Warbler - 3  
Prothonotary Warbler – 6  
Northern Waterthrush – 4  
Louisiana Waterthrush - 1  
Kentucky Warbler - 2  
***Swainson's Warbler* - 1**  
Common Yellowthroat – 16  
Hooded Warbler – 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 6  
Summer Tanager - 5  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 3  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 5  
Swamp Sparrow – 2  
White-throated Sparrow – 1  
White-crowned Sparrow - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Indigo Bunting – 21  
Painted Bunting – 3  
Dickcissel - 3  
Red-winged Blackbird – 32  
Common Grackle – 11  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 3  
Orchard Oriole - 3

**Odonates:**

Elegant Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Blue Corporal  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

### Herps:

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Diamondback Watersnake  
Graham's Crayfish Snake  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### Red Slough Bird Survey – April 20, 2022

It was overcast, cool, and a bit windy with some rain on the bird survey today. 107 species were found. Last night's storms helped by causing a small fallout of migrants. 14 species of warblers were found. Also, of note was a male Cinnamon Teal on Pintail Lake (probably the one seen there 2 weeks ago.). Neotropic Cormorants have started nesting in the heronry with 3 birds sitting on nests now. Swamp Sparrows were singing today which is a call I rarely hear at Red Slough. A flock of 80+ White-throated Sparrows were quickly moving through the treetops together going south along Red Slough Road which was the most I have ever seen flocking together. A Peregrine Falcon sitting in the heronry and a flock of dark ibis added icing to the cake on a very good birding day at the slough. Here is today's list:

#### ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 11**

Canada Geese - 9

Wood Duck - 17

Gadwall – 2

Blue-winged Teal – 275

***Cinnamon Teal*** – 1 male

Northern Shoveler – 13

Hooded Merganser – 6

Ruddy Duck - 1

Pied-billed Grebe – 66

American White Pelican - 23

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 7**

Double-crested Cormorant – 12

#### ***Anhinga* – 17**

American Bittern - 8

Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret – 42

Snowy Egret – 62

Little-blue Heron - 58

Cattle Egret – 6

Green Heron – 2  
Night-Heron species - 1  
**White Ibis** – 2  
**White-faced Ibis** – 3  
**Plegadis** species - 10  
Black Vulture - 42  
Turkey Vulture – 21  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
**Peregrine Falcon** – 1 adult  
**King Rail** – 4  
Virginia Rail – 1  
Sora - 2  
**Purple Gallinule** - 7  
**Common Gallinule** - 63  
American Coot – 150  
Greater Yellowlegs – 3  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 3  
Spotted Sandpiper – 3  
Solitary Sandpiper - 1  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 3  
Franklin's Gull – 13  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Barred Owl – 3  
Chimney Swift - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker – 2  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Great-crested Flycatcher – 2  
Eastern Kingbird - 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 3  
White-eyed Vireo – 13  
Yellow-throated Vireo – 1  
Blue-headed Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 6  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow – 6  
Fish Crow – 5  
Purple Martin - 2  
Tree Swallow – 88  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 8  
Bank Swallow - 22  
Cliff Swallow – 205  
Barn Swallow - 76  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse – 7

***Red-breasted Nuthatch* - 1**

Carolina Wren – 12

House Wren - 2

Sedge Wren – 3

Marsh Wren - 2

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 14

Wood Thrush - 2

Brown Thrasher – 2

Tennessee Warbler - 4

Orange-crowned Warbler – 1

Nashville Warbler – 5

Northern Parula – 2

Yellow Warbler - 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 11

Black-throated Green Warbler - 1

Yellow-throated Warbler - 2

Pine Warbler – 2

Palm Warbler – 1 (Western race)

Prothonotary Warbler – 4

Northern Waterthrush – 2

Kentucky Warbler - 2

***Swainson's Warbler* - 1**

Common Yellowthroat – 11

Hooded Warbler – 1

Yellow-breasted Chat - 2

Summer Tanager - 3

Eastern Towhee – 2

Field Sparrow - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 1

Lincoln's Sparrow - 12

Swamp Sparrow – 9

White-throated Sparrow – 80

White-crowned Sparrow - 2

Northern Cardinal – 17

Indigo Bunting - 10

Red-winged Blackbird – 73

Common Grackle – 12

Brown-headed Cowbird – 13

American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Lilypad Forktail

Common Green Darner

Blue Corporal

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

#### **Red Slough Bird Survey – April 11, 2022**

RJ Baltierra and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 93 species. It was overcast, mild, and calm till noon, then turned partly cloudy and warm. A brief storm came through in mid-afternoon with strong winds. We spent most of the morning working Passerines and found 12 species of warblers. Also Purple Gallinules are back. Here is our list for today:

Canada Geese - 14  
Wood Duck - 13  
Gadwall – 1  
Mallard - 2  
Blue-winged Teal – 108  
Northern Shoveler – 18  
Ring-necked Duck – 4  
Lesser Scaup – 1  
Bufflehead - 1  
Hooded Merganser – 7  
Ruddy Duck - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 22  
***Neotropic Cormorant*** - 7  
Double-crested Cormorant – 3  
***Anhinga*** – 26  
American Bittern - 4  
Great-blue Heron – 8  
Great Egret – 59  
Snowy Egret – 7  
Little-blue Heron - 15  
Cattle Egret – 2  
Green Heron - 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
Black Vulture - 11  
Turkey Vulture – 16  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Cooper's Hawk - 2



Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Merlin - 1  
**King Rail** – 3  
Virginia Rail – 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 4  
**Common Gallinule** - 45  
American Coot – 539  
Greater Yellowlegs – 23  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 4  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 5  
Rock Pigeon - 1  
Barred Owl – 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker – 3  
Northern Flicker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 3  
White-eyed Vireo – 25  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 2  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow – 4  
Fish Crow – 3  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 37  
Cliff Swallow – 10  
Barn Swallow - 10  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse – 8  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** - 1  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 11  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Tennessee Warbler - 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler – 4  
Nashville Warbler – 4  
Northern Parula - 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 25  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 3  
Pine Warbler – 4

Black-and-white Warbler – 4  
Prothonotary Warbler – 9  
Swainson's Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 20  
Hooded Warbler - 1  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 2  
Grasshopper Sparrow - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 5  
Swamp Sparrow – 8  
White-throated Sparrow – 10  
White-crowned Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 12  
Red-winged Blackbird – 125  
Common Grackle – 3  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 18  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Lilypad Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Baskettail Species  
Blue Corporal  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Graham's Crayfish Snake  
Southern Black Racer  
Western Cottonmouth  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Green Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### Red Slough Bird Survey – April 5, 2022

On the bird survey today it started off mostly clear, calm, and mild for half an hour, then turned overcast with a light wind for 3 hours, then turning mostly clear and warm for the remainder. 81 species were found. 10 species of warblers were found. Prothonotary Warblers are back. Biggest highlight was a male Cinnamon Teal on Pintail Lake. There were a lot of American Bitterns today also. Here is my list for today:

Canada Geese - 5  
Wood Duck - 15  
Gadwall – 5  
Blue-winged Teal – 107  
**Cinnamon Teal** – 1 male  
Northern Shoveler – 58  
Ring-necked Duck – 3  
Lesser Scaup - 1  
Hooded Merganser – 10  
Ruddy Duck - 8  
Pied-billed Grebe – 53  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant – 7  
**Anhinga** – 21  
American Bittern - 14  
Great-blue Heron – 9  
Great Egret – 19  
Snowy Egret – 4  
Cattle Egret – 24  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 3  
Black Vulture - 26  
Turkey Vulture – 30  
Northern Harrier – 2  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 2  
**King Rail** – 3  
Virginia Rail - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 41  
American Coot – 515  
Greater Yellowlegs – 39  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 2  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 30  
Barred Owl – 3  
Rock Pigeon - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 6

Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker – 3  
Pileated Woodpecker – 1  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 16  
Blue-headed Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 7  
American Crow – 5  
Fish Crow – 2  
Purple Martin - 2  
Tree Swallow – 40  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow – 3  
Barn Swallow - 12  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse – 10  
***Red-breasted Nuthatch* - 1**  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 9  
Brown Thrasher – 3  
Orange-crowned Warbler – 1  
Nashville Warbler – 2  
Northern Parula - 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 3  
Black-and-white Warbler – 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 2  
Louisiana Waterthrush – 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 7  
Eastern Towhee – 5  
Savannah Sparrow – 2  
Song Sparrow – 3  
Swamp Sparrow – 1  
White-throated Sparrow – 10  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Red-winged Blackbird – 155  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle – 2  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 5  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail

Citrine Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Blue Corporal  
Blue Dasher  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Wandering Glider

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Common Snapping Turtle  
Red-eared Slider  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog – calling  
Cajun Chorus Frog – calling  
Green Treefrog - calling  
Eastern Gray Treefrog - calling  
Bullfrog - calling

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – Mar 29, 2022**

It was overcast, mild, and windy on the bird survey today. 70 species were found. Migration is picking up. Of special note today were 32 Anhingas, a Black-throated Green Warbler, and a very early Northern Waterthrush. Here is my list for today:

Canada Geese - 15  
Wood Duck - 14  
Gadwall – 16  
Mallard – 2  
Blue-winged Teal – 155  
Northern Shoveler – 65  
Green-winged Teal – 9  
Ring-necked Duck – 9  
Lesser Scaup - 3  
Hooded Merganser – 22  
Ruddy Duck - 28  
Pied-billed Grebe – 39  
American White Pelican - 1  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 6  
Double-crested Cormorant – 14  
**Anhinga** - 32

Great-blue Heron – 11  
Great Egret – 49  
Snowy Egret – 1  
Little-blue Heron – 7  
Cattle Egret - 5  
**White Ibis** – 13  
Black Vulture - 24  
Turkey Vulture – 56  
Bald Eagle – 3 juveniles  
Northern Harrier – 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 2  
American Kestrel - 1  
**King Rail** – 7  
**Common Gallinule** - 14  
American Coot – 570  
Solitary Sandpiper - 2  
Greater Yellowlegs – 52  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 4  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 42  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 4  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 105  
Fish Crow – 10  
Tree Swallow – 56  
Cliff Swallow – 2  
Barn Swallow - 9  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1 (New late date for RS)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 13  
Black-throated Green Warbler - 1  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler – 4  
**Northern Waterthrush** – 1 (New early date for RS)  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Savannah Sparrow – 6  
Song Sparrow – 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 1

White-throated Sparrow – 12  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Red-winged Blackbird – 170  
Common Grackle – 25  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 6  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Blue Corporal  
Baskettail species

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Common Snapping Turtle  
Western Cottonmouth  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog – calling  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling  
Eastern Gray Treefrog - calling  
Coastal Leopard Frog – calling  
Bullfrog - calling

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – Mar 21, 2022**

It was overcast, mild, and a little windy on the survey today turning partly sunny for about half an hour in the afternoon followed by a thunderstorm. 73 species were found. Our Summer breeders are continuing to show up including some that breed in our heronry. Here is my list for today.

Canada Geese - 19  
Wood Duck - 21  
Gadwall – 27  
Mallard – 5  
Blue-winged Teal – 115  
Northern Shoveler – 51  
Northern Pintail - 1  
Green-winged Teal – 7  
Ring-necked Duck – 10  
Lesser Scaup - 13  
Hooded Merganser – 13

Ruddy Duck - 14  
Pied-billed Grebe – 14  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant - 23  
Great-blue Heron – 11  
Great Egret – 25  
Snowy Egret – 3  
Cattle Egret - 4  
**White Ibis** – 10 (juv.)  
Black Vulture - 9  
Turkey Vulture – 21  
Northern Harrier - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 6  
Red-tailed Hawk – 1  
**King Rail** – 5  
Virginia Rail – 2  
**Common Gallinule** - 1  
American Coot – 700  
Greater Yellowlegs – 24  
Least Sandpiper – 15  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 12  
Wilson's Snipe – 8  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 5  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow – 620  
Fish Crow – 3  
Purple Martin - 4  
Tree Swallow – 55  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow – 10  
Barn Swallow - 11  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse – 8  
Carolina Wren – 10  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 3  
American Pipit – 30  
Cedar Waxwing - 40  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1



Yellow-rumped Warbler – 9  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 3 (female seen gathering nest material.)  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 1  
Song Sparrow – 3  
Swamp Sparrow – 5  
White-throated Sparrow – 53  
White-crowned Sparrow – 1  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 6  
Red-winged Blackbird – 38  
Common Grackle - 1  
American Goldfinch – 5

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Spring Peeper - calling  
Cajun Chorus Frog – calling  
Eastern Gray Treefrog - calling  
Coastal Leopard Frog – calling

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – Mar 14, 2022**

It was mostly overcast, mild, and windy on the bird survey today. 67 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Canada Geese - 13  
Wood Duck - 17  
Gadwall – 32  
Mallard – 27  
Blue-winged Teal – 81  
Northern Shoveler – 176  
Northern Pintail - 15  
Green-winged Teal – 46  
Ring-necked Duck – 19

Bufflehead - 12  
Hooded Merganser – 32  
Ruddy Duck - 7  
Pied-billed Grebe – 28  
American White Pelican – 65  
Double-crested Cormorant - 16  
Great-blue Heron – 10  
Great Egret - 12  
Black Vulture - 35  
Turkey Vulture – 44  
Bald Eagle - 1 (juv.)  
Northern Harrier – 1 male  
Accipiter sp. - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 1  
***King Rail* - 3**  
American Coot – 975  
American Golden-Plover - 9  
Killdeer – 24  
Greater Yellowlegs – 15  
Least Sandpiper – 40  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 5  
Wilson's Snipe – 9  
Barred Owl – 2  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 3  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow – 450  
Fish Crow – 4  
Tree Swallow – 17  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1  
Cliff Swallow – 2  
Barn Swallow - 4  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse – 7  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
American Robin - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 8

Pine Warbler – 2 singing  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
Eastern Towhee – 5  
Savannah Sparrow – 8  
Song Sparrow – 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 5  
White-throated Sparrow - 7  
Northern Cardinal – 7  
Red-winged Blackbird – 12  
American Goldfinch - 12

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Spring Peeper - calling  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling  
Coastal Leopard Frog – calling

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – Mar 7, 2022**

It was mostly overcast, cold (40's), and windy on the bird survey yesterday (Monday). The sun popped out for the last hour of the survey. 65 species were found. Most notable highlight was an Osprey which was a new early date for us by 3.5 weeks. Shorebirds and Blue-winged Teal are starting to move through. The cold wind made Passerines scarce. Here is my list for yesterday:

Canada Geese - 4  
Wood Duck - 46  
Gadwall – 360  
Mallard – 33  
Blue-winged Teal – 53  
Northern Shoveler – 28  
Northern Pintail - 67  
Green-winged Teal – 67  
Ring-necked Duck – 10  
Lesser Scaup - 1  
Hooded Merganser - 40  
Pied-billed Grebe – 14  
American White Pelican – 78  
***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 1 juv.  
Double-crested Cormorant - 13  
Great-blue Heron – 5

Great Egret - 5  
Black Vulture - 54  
Turkey Vulture – 43  
***Osprey*** - 1  
Bald Eagle - 3 (juveniles)  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 7  
Red-tailed Hawk – 3  
Merlin - 1  
American Coot – 310  
Killdeer – 6  
Greater Yellowlegs – 1  
Least Sandpiper – 50  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 2  
Long-billed Dowitcher - 4  
Wilson’s Snipe – 10  
Barred Owl – 1  
Red-headed Woodpecker – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow – 455  
Fish Crow – 2  
Tree Swallow - 25  
Carolina Chickadee – 10  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 2  
Pine Warbler – 2 singing  
Eastern Towhee – 3  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 3  
Song Sparrow – 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 2  
White-throated Sparrow - 2  
White-crowned Sparrow – 1  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 6  
Red-winged Blackbird – 4

American Goldfinch - 35

**Herps:**

Red-eared Slider

Orange-striped Ribbon Snake

Coastal Leopard Frog – calling

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – Mar 1, 2022**

It was mostly clear and warm, with a slight wind on the bird survey today. 55 species were found. It was a beautiful spring day. I started the survey around noon and went till after dark. Mainly concentrated on land birds but around sunset I started searching for rails and owls. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Geese – 5

Canada Geese - 5

Wood Duck - 30

Gadwall – 59

Mallard – 24

Blue-winged Teal – 2

Northern Shoveler – 90

Northern Pintail - 12

Green-winged Teal – 157

Ring-necked Duck – 61

Bufflehead – 1

Hooded Merganser - 16

Ruddy Duck - 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 7

American White Pelican – 135

Double-crested Cormorant - 6

Great-blue Heron – 13

Black Vulture - 32

Turkey Vulture – 26

Northern Harrier – 2

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 4

Red-tailed Hawk – 3

King Rail - 6

American Coot – 310

Killdeer – 1

Wilson's Snipe – 4

Eastern Screech-Owl – 1

Barred Owl - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 5  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 540  
Fish Crow – 2  
Tree Swallow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee – 9  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren – 2  
Sedge Wren – 3  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 3  
Pine Warbler – 2 singing  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 12  
Fox Sparrow - 5  
Song Sparrow – 15  
Swamp Sparrow – 4  
White-crowned Sparrow – 4  
Dark-eyed Junco - 11  
Northern Cardinal – 11  
Red-winged Blackbird – 1910  
Common Grackle - 2

### **Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Spring Peepers – calling  
Cajun Chorus Frogs – calling  
Coastal Leopard Frog – calling

### **Other interesting sightings:**

River Otter – 5  
Swamp Rabbit  
Black Swallowtail  
Juvenal's Duskywing

Good birding!

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### Red Slough Bird Survey – Feb. 25, 2022

It was mostly clear, cool, and windy (turning overcast near the end) on the bird survey this past Friday. 61 species were found. Tree Swallows and at least one Neotropic Cormorant are back. Here is my list for that day:

Wood Duck - 15  
Gadwall – 285  
American Wigeon - 9  
Mallard – 67  
Blue-winged Teal – 1 male  
Northern Shoveler – 153  
Northern Pintail - 40  
Green-winged Teal – 28  
Canvasback – 1 male  
Ring-necked Duck – 44  
Lesser Scaup - 2  
Bufflehead – 9  
Hooded Merganser - 10  
Ruddy Duck - 13  
Pied-billed Grebe – 16  
American White Pelican – 61  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant - 14  
Great-blue Heron – 9  
Great Egret - 1  
Black Vulture - 7  
Turkey Vulture – 43  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk – 4  
American Kestrel – 1  
King Rail - 1  
American Coot – 710  
Killdeer – 10  
Greater Yellowlegs – 13  
Mourning Dove – 33  
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 4  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow – 1915  
Fish Crow – 5  
**Tree Swallow** - 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 2

Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren – 4  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
American Pipit – 110  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Pine Warbler – 1 singing  
Eastern Towhee - 3  
Song Sparrow – 4  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 6  
White-throated Sparrow – 8  
Northern Cardinal – 2  
Red-winged Blackbird – 7  
Eastern Meadowlark – 20  
Common Grackle - 150

**Herps:**

Coastal Leopard Frog – calling

**Other sightings:**

River Otter  
Coyote – 3  
Virginia Opossum  
Gray Squirrel

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – Jan. 25, 2022**

It was mostly clear, cool, and windy on the survey today. 51 species were found. Once the wind got up, Passerines became very scarce. Duck numbers are really low. Nothing very notable today except for a couple female Purple Finches. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 28  
Gadwall – 130  
Mallard – 214  
Northern Shoveler – 261  
Northern Pintail - 1



Green-winged Teal – 42  
Ring-necked Duck – 139  
Bufflehead – 9  
Hooded Merganser - 11  
Ruddy Duck - 23  
Pied-billed Grebe – 17  
Double-crested Cormorant - 3  
Great-blue Heron – 11  
Black Vulture - 40  
Turkey Vulture – 105  
Northern Harrier - 1  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 4  
American Coot – 675  
Killdeer – 11  
Greater Yellowlegs – 21  
Least Sandpiper – 20  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 3  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 6  
Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow – 21  
Fish Crow – 58  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren – 3  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
American Pipit – 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 21  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 1  
White-throated Sparrow – 14  
Northern Cardinal – 13  
Red-winged Blackbird – 5  
Purple Finch – 2  
American Goldfinch - 1

### Herps:

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider

Good birding!

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### Red Slough Bird Survey – Jan. 18, 2022

It started off partly cloudy and cold turning mostly overcast and windy then finally mostly clear and mild, but still windy. 49 species were found. The only highlight today was the continuing Common Gallinule on Pintail Lake. Also today there was a major movement of Black Vultures passing over up high heading south. Probably running ahead of the Arctic front that's coming. Passerines were very scarce today because of the moderate cold wind. I also watched a Red-shouldered Hawk fighting with a snake on the ground then finally flying off without it. Here is my list for today:

Canada Geese – 4  
Wood Duck - 11  
Gadwall – 403  
Mallard – 326  
Northern Shoveler – 115  
Northern Pintail - 40  
Green-winged Teal – 52  
Ring-necked Duck – 182  
Bufflehead – 12  
Hooded Merganser - 20  
Ruddy Duck - 14  
Pied-billed Grebe – 7  
Double-crested Cormorant - 3  
Great-blue Heron – 12  
Great Egret - 1  
Black Vulture - 335  
Turkey Vulture – 68  
Bald Eagle – 2 ( 1 adult & 1 imm.)  
Northern Harrier - 1  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 4  
Red-tailed Hawk – 3  
**Common Gallinule** – 1 adult  
American Coot – 793  
Killdeer – 2  
Greater Yellowlegs – 23  
Least Sandpiper – 45  
Wilson's Snipe – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1

Northern Flicker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 3  
American Crow – 23  
Fish Crow – 12  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse - 6  
Carolina Wren – 1  
Sedge Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 4  
Swamp Sparrow - 8  
White-throated Sparrow – 4  
White-crowned Sparrow - 1  
Dark-eyed Junco - 6  
Northern Cardinal – 2  
Red-winged Blackbird – 117

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Snake species  
Red-eared Slider

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – Jan. 11, 2022**

It was mostly clear & cool, with a light wind on the bird survey today. 59 species were found. Highlights were re-finding last week's American Black Duck and re-finding one of the Common Gallinules that I was regularly seeing last month. There was also a movement of Fish Crows in 3 large noisy flocks coming from the north heading south over Red Slough today.

Gadwall – 216  
Mallard – 231  
***American Black Duck*** – 1  
Northern Shoveler – 289  
Northern Pintail - 39  
Green-winged Teal – 8  
Ring-necked Duck – 430  
Bufflehead – 12

Hooded Merganser - 14  
Ruddy Duck - 17  
Pied-billed Grebe – 22  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
Great-blue Heron – 16  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture – 66  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 4  
American Kestrel – 1  
**Common Gallinule** – 1 adult  
American Coot – 812  
Killdeer – 12  
Greater Yellowlegs – 11  
Least Sandpiper – 12  
Wilson's Snipe – 1  
Mourning Dove – 2  
Rock Pigeon - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 4  
Eastern Phoebe – 7  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 250  
Fish Crow – 108  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren – 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
American Robin – 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 8  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Chipping Sparrow – 6  
Savannah Sparrow – 6  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 14  
Swamp Sparrow - 3  
White-throated Sparrow – 11  
White-crowned Sparrow - 2  
Dark-eyed Junco - 19  
Northern Cardinal – 10

Red-winged Blackbird – 330  
Common Grackle – 1200  
American Goldfinch – 1

Good birding!

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#### Red Slough Bird Survey – Jan. 5, 2022

It was mostly clear & cold, with a slight wind turning partly cloudy, mild, & windy by mid-day. 52 species were found. The only highlight today was a morphologically pure female American Black Duck. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 7  
Gadwall – 225  
Mallard – 257  
**American Black Duck – 1**  
Northern Shoveler – 348  
Northern Pintail - 85  
Green-winged Teal – 31  
Ring-necked Duck – 927  
Bufflehead – 13  
Hooded Merganser - 9  
Ruddy Duck - 18  
Pied-billed Grebe – 32  
Double-crested Cormorant - 7  
Great-blue Heron – 25  
Black Vulture - 6  
Turkey Vulture – 57  
Bald Eagle – 3 (2 adults & 1 juv.)  
Northern Harrier – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 5  
American Coot – 640  
Killdeer – 7  
Greater Yellowlegs – 18  
Least Sandpiper – 42  
Ring-billed Gull - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 4  
Northern Flicker – 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 102  
Fish Crow – 7

Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren – 2  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3  
American Robin - 2  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
American Pipit – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Song Sparrow – 3  
Swamp Sparrow - 3  
White-throated Sparrow – 6  
Dark-eyed Junco - 9  
Northern Cardinal – 7  
Red-winged Blackbird – 27  
Common Grackle – 320  
American Goldfinch – 1

Good birding!

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