

## Red Slough Bird Surveys 2015

### Red Slough Bird Survey – December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ford Hendershot and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 76 species. It was mild and mostly clear. The Anhinga found at Pintail Lake last week is still present and makes me wonder if he might winter there. In the past I have had several linger into early January during a warm winter. We also found the Golden Eagle that's been wintering at Red Slough for a number of years now on his favorite perch east of the footbridge on Mudline Road. Here is our list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose – 2  
Canada Goose - 1  
Wood Duck – 2  
Gadwall – 1445  
American Wigeon - 20  
Mallard - 143  
Northern Shoveler – 31  
Northern Pintail – 37  
Green-winged Teal – 194  
Canvasback – 9  
Ring-necked Duck – 512  
Bufflehead - 4  
Hooded Merganser - 3  
Ruddy Duck - 25  
Pied-billed Grebe – 10 (1 calling)  
Double-crested Cormorant – 8  
**Anhinga** – 1 (imm. male)  
Great Blue Heron – 11  
Black Vulture - 2  
Turkey Vulture – 26  
Bald Eagle – 2 (1 adult & 1 imm.)  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 9  
**Golden Eagle** - 1  
American Kestrel – 3  
American Coot – 325  
Killdeer – 26  
Bonaparte's Gull - 1  
Mourning Dove – 2  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 6  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 10  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 8  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow – 56  
Fish Crow - 25

Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse – 1  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Bewick's Wren – 3  
House Wren - 2  
Winter Wren – 1  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 3 (1 singing)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 7  
Hermit Thrush – 4  
Northern Mockingbird – 2  
Brown Thrasher – 6  
American Pipit – 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 5  
Pine Warbler - 2  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Field Sparrow - 5  
Savannah Sparrow – 17  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 6  
Song Sparrow – 19  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 12  
White-throated Sparrow – 18  
White-crowned Sparrow – 30  
Northern Cardinal – 14  
Red-winged Blackbird – 26  
Eastern Meadowlark – 6  
Western Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle – 175  
American Goldfinch - 9

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Variegated Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Spring Peeper

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### Red Slough Bird Survey – December 15<sup>th</sup>

Matt Jung, Lonnie Gamble, and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 70 species. It was mild and clear, turning heavy overcast near end of survey. We received around 10 inches of rain (after 7 inches two weeks ago) this past weekend and the area is currently heavy flooded. We were limited as to areas we could access. This is the most water I have seen on our area in the 16+ years I have been here. It was unseasonably warm with snakes out, frogs calling, birds singing, and dragonflies flying. It was like spring. Even some pear trees are blooming near Broken Bow. Highlight today was a late Anhinga in Pintail Lake. Ducks were dispersed due to the flooding with all the available new habitat (flooded AG fields) to feed in. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck – 4  
Gadwall – 620  
Mallard - 85  
Northern Shoveler – 23  
Northern Pintail – 85  
Green-winged Teal – 53  
Canvasback – 22  
Redhead - 3  
Ring-necked Duck – 1210  
Hooded Merganser - 4  
Ruddy Duck - 36  
Pied-billed Grebe – 5 (1 calling)  
Double-crested Cormorant – 7  
**Anhinga** – 1 (imm. male)  
Great Blue Heron – 10  
Turkey Vulture – 11  
Cooper's Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk – 7  
American Kestrel – 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot – 313  
Killdeer – 205  
Least Sandpiper – 2  
Wilson's Snipe - 3  
Mourning Dove – 6  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 8  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 10  
Pileated Woodpecker - 5  
Eastern Phoebe – 12  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow – 40  
Fish Crow - 8  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren – 9  
Bewick's Wren – 1  
House Wren - 2  
Winter Wren – 2  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 2 (1 singing)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 7  
Eastern Bluebird – 7  
Hermit Thrush – 2  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Brown Thrasher – 3  
American Pipit - 15  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 2  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Savannah Sparrow – 22  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 2  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow – 15  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 6  
White-throated Sparrow – 15  
White-crowned Sparrow – 24  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 16  
Red-winged Blackbird – 300  
Eastern Meadowlark – 7  
Common Grackle – 2130  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1  
American Goldfinch - 17

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

Red-eared Slider  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Western Cottonmouth  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling  
Southern Leopard Frog - calling

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – December 8<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly clear, cool, and windy on the bird survey today. 65 species were found. The Golden Eagle is back on his territory on the east side of Mudline Road where he has wintered for years now. Saw him twice today and one of the times he was harassing ducks in unit 40S. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 2  
Gadwall – 1480  
American Wigeon - 3  
Mallard - 522  
Northern Shoveler – 87  
Northern Pintail – 18  
Green-winged Teal – 360  
Canvasback - 11  
Ring-necked Duck – 1027  
Ruddy Duck - 20  
Pied-billed Grebe – 8  
Double-crested Cormorant – 6  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture – 14  
Bald Eagle – 1 imm.  
Northern Harrier – 4  
Red-tailed Hawk – 12  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel – 1  
Virginia Rail - 2  
American Coot – 468  
Killdeer – 33  
Greater Yellowlegs – 2  
Least Sandpiper – 16  
Wilson's Snipe - 2  
Mourning Dove – 12  
Great-horned Owl – 1 (being mobbed by crows.)  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 4  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 14  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 9  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow – 165  
Fish Crow - 6  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse – 5  
Carolina Wren – 4  
Winter Wren – 2

Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren - 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
American Robin - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Cedar Waxwing – 8  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 6  
Eastern Towhee – 5  
Savannah Sparrow – 12  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 2  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 13  
Swamp Sparrow – 7  
White-throated Sparrow – 17  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Northern Cardinal – 7  
Red-winged Blackbird – 75  
Eastern Meadowlark – 39  
Common Grackle – 2  
American Goldfinch - 8

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner - 1  
Variegated Meadowhawk ~ 12 (including a pair in tandem.)

**Herps:**

Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

It was mostly clear & cool, with a slight wind on the bird survey today. 73 species were found. We have had a hard freeze the past two nights and the birds were hungry and active today. I ran into Purple Finches 4 times today. They were mostly feeding on Green Ash seeds as were the goldfinches. Rusty Blackbirds are back. I found all the eastern wrens today. Duck numbers continue to increase. Here is today's list:

Canada Goose – 44  
Wood Duck – 5  
Gadwall – 1600  
American Wigeon - 21

Mallard - 719  
Northern Shoveler – 45  
Northern Pintail – 159  
Green-winged Teal – 1323  
Ring-necked Duck – 1710  
Bufflehead – 1  
Hooded Merganser - 9  
Ruddy Duck - 23  
Pied-billed Grebe – 10  
**Eared Grebe** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant – 140  
Great Blue Heron – 10  
Black Vulture - 8  
Turkey Vulture – 25  
Northern Harrier – 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 4  
American Kestrel – 2  
Virginia Rail - 3  
American Coot – 290  
Killdeer – 4  
Mourning Dove – 76  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 4  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 12  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 12  
Loggerhead Shrike – 2  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 22  
Fish Crow - 35  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 7  
Bewick's Wren – 1  
House Wren – 1  
Winter Wren – 1  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 9  
Eastern Bluebird – 7  
Hermit Thrush – 2  
American Robin - 27  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
American Pipit – 1  
Cedar Waxwing – 38  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 3  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Field Sparrow – 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 3  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow - 13  
Swamp Sparrow – 11  
White-throated Sparrow – 15  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Red-winged Blackbird – 15  
Eastern Meadowlark – 6  
**Rusty Blackbird** - 6  
Common Grackle – 3  
**Purple Finch** - 9  
American Goldfinch - 14

**Odonates:**

Variegated Meadowhawk  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – November 18<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly clear, cool, and very windy on the bird survey today. 60 species were found. As I was leaving at the end of my survey I ran into Berlin Heck and John Sterling on the Yellow Rail field with a dog trying to flush Yellow Rails. I watched them for a bit and got my FOS LeConte's Sparrows. This morning I was walking the Stork Lake levee and flushed a small group of Ring-necked Ducks. Out of nowhere a large immature female Cooper's Hawk dove on one of the birds and knocked it in the water. It instantly submerged and the hawk landed close by on a snag. The duck popped back up and shook itself a bit then swam off apparently unharmed. The hawk just sat there within 20 feet of it but did not try for it again. Also of note was a large flock of migratory Canada Geese that came flying in to the slough from the northwest and after circling around the lakes for 20 minutes finally landed on Otter Lake. These were the first migratory Canada's I have seen at Red Slough in probably 10 years or more. The wind made finding Passerines very difficult. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose – 100 (96 migratory & 4 Giant “non-migratory” races.)  
Wood Duck – 4  
Gadwall – 774  
American Wigeon - 1  
Mallard - 134  
Northern Shoveler – 21  
Northern Pintail – 16  
Green-winged Teal – 199  
Canvasback - 2  
Ring-necked Duck – 335  
Ruddy Duck - 10  
Pied-billed Grebe – 11  
Double-crested Cormorant – 2  
Great Blue Heron – 7  
Black Vulture - 15  
Turkey Vulture – 33  
Bald Eagle – 3 (2 adults & 1 imm.)  
Northern Harrier – 1  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Cooper’s Hawk - 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 5  
American Kestrel – 1  
American Coot – 403  
Killdeer – 5  
Mourning Dove – 43  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 5  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Northern Flicker – 11  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 7  
American Crow – 35  
Fish Crow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse – 1  
Carolina Wren – 4  
Bewick’s Wren – 1  
House Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3  
Eastern Bluebird – 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
American Pipit - 7  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 6  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Field Sparrow – 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 27  
LeConte’s Sparrow - 5  
Fox Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow - 7  
Swamp Sparrow – 2  
White-throated Sparrow – 18  
White-crowned Sparrow – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Red-winged Blackbird – 105  
Eastern Meadowlark – 5  
Common Grackle – 104  
American Goldfinch - 18

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Striped Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog – calling

Also had one late Monarch Butterfly.

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – November 10<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly overcast, mild, with a little wind on the survey today. 66 species were found. The most interesting find was a couple female Purple Finches feeding in a buttonbush. Duck numbers are still increasing. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 13  
Gadwall – 953  
American Wigeon - 3  
Mallard - 25  
Northern Shoveler – 3  
Northern Pintail – 2  
Green-winged Teal - 3  
Ring-necked Duck – 655  
Hooded Merganser - 4  
Ruddy Duck - 11  
Pied-billed Grebe – 13  
American White Pelican - 10  
Double-crested Cormorant – 4

Great Blue Heron – 5  
Black Vulture - 16  
Turkey Vulture – 41  
Northern Harrier – 2  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 6  
American Kestrel – 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot – 555  
Killdeer – 5  
Wilson’s Snipe - 11  
Mourning Dove – 15  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 7  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 13 (including a “Yellow-shafted” X “Red-shafted” intergrade. Red and black moustache and salmon colored wing shafts.)  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 9  
Blue Jay - 12  
American Crow – 33  
Fish Crow - 4  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse – 1  
Carolina Wren – 11  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Marsh Wren – 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 21  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
American Robin - 5  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
European Starling - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 10  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Field Sparrow – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 5  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 16  
Swamp Sparrow – 12  
White-throated Sparrow – 12  
White-crowned Sparrow – 4  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Red-winged Blackbird – 57  
Eastern Meadowlark – 32

Common Grackle – 8  
**Purple Finch** – 2 females  
American Goldfinch - 24

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Wandering Glider

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Diamond-backed Watersnake  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

The bird survey started off with cool, overcast conditions and fog but by afternoon had turned partly cloudy and warm. 66 species were found. Birds other than waterfowl were scarce today and I had to work hard to get what I did. There was a fairly good vulture migration happening today. Waterfowl numbers have greatly increased since last week. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 18  
Gadwall – 550  
Mallard - 13  
Blue-winged Teal – 1  
Northern Shoveler – 16  
Northern Pintail – 2  
Green-winged Teal - 12  
Ring-necked Duck – 627  
Hooded Merganser - 1  
Ruddy Duck - 5  
Pied-billed Grebe – 8  
American White Pelican - 8  
Double-crested Cormorant – 2  
**Anhinga** – 1 (imm. male)  
Great Blue Heron – 6  
Black Vulture - 27  
Turkey Vulture – 79  
Northern Harrier – 7

Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 3  
American Kestrel - 1  
**Common Gallinule** – 2  
American Coot – 442  
Killdeer – 2  
Greater Yellowlegs – 1  
Mourning Dove - 8  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 5  
Northern Flicker – 12  
Eastern Phoebe – 15  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 1  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow – 95  
Fish Crow - 1  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse – 1  
Carolina Wren – 7  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 7  
Eastern Bluebird – 6  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
**Gray Catbird** - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 3  
American Pipit - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 13  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee – 5  
Field Sparrow – 4  
Vesper Sparrow - 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 4  
Song Sparrow - 20  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 11  
White-throated Sparrow – 15  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 4  
Red-winged Blackbird – 22  
Eastern Meadowlark – 2  
Common Grackle – 5  
American Goldfinch - 10

**Odonates:**

Orange Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Saddlebag species

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Black Racer  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Green Anole – 3  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog (including one calling.)

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – October 27<sup>th</sup>**

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** – 1 adult

Wood Duck – 26

Gadwall – 125

American Wigeon - 2

Mallard - 4

Blue-winged Teal – 3

Ring-necked Duck – 57

Redhead – 2

Ruddy Duck - 4

Pied-billed Grebe – 9

Double-crested Cormorant - 3

Great Blue Heron – 6

Great Egret - 4

Black Vulture - 6

Turkey Vulture – 28

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

American Kestrel - 1

***Common Gallinule*** – 4

American Coot – 425

Killdeer – 5

Least Sandpiper – 5

Barred Owl - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 5

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 4

Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 14  
Pileated Woodpecker – 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 3  
Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow – 220  
Fish Crow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 9  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Marsh Wren – 5  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 8  
Eastern Bluebird – 3  
Hermit Thrush - 2  
American Robin – 31  
Northern Mockingbird - 6  
Brown Thrasher – 8  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 63  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Savannah Sparrow – 7  
**Nelson's Sparrow** – 2  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 11  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 34  
White-throated Sparrow – 20  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 18  
Indigo Bunting - 1  
Red-winged Blackbird – 125  
Eastern Meadowlark – 15

**Odonates:**

Common Green darner  
Blue Dasher

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – October 20th**

Matt Jung (OKC), Thomas Kallmeyer (Montana), Katie Heath (Montana), and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 72 species. It was mostly clear and warm with a little breeze. Best highlight of the day was seeing a King Rail feeding along the edge of cattails growing in a pond-like area of a barrow ditch. Sparrows everywhere today but very few warblers. Duck numbers and variety increasing. Here is our list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** – 1 juv.

Wood Duck – 114

Gadwall – 43

Mallard - 1

Blue-winged Teal – 23

Northern Shoveler – 5

Northern Pintail – 6

Green-winged Teal – 49

Ring-necked Duck – 140

Redhead - 4

Pied-billed Grebe – 29

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Great Blue Heron – 8

Great Egret - 30

Snowy Egret - 11

Little-blue Heron – 3

***White Ibis*** - 44

***Plegadis (“dark Ibis”) species*** – 1

Black Vulture - 2

Turkey Vulture – 24

Northern Harrier - 1

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 3

Cooper’s Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 2

***King Rail*** – 1

Virginia Rail - 2

Sora - 1

***Common Gallinule*** – 5

American Coot – 230

Killdeer – 15

Greater Yellowlegs – 11

Least Sandpiper – 3

Wilson’s Snipe – 21

Rock Pigeon - 3

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker – 9

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Phoebe – 9

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 5

American Crow – 91  
Fish Crow - 5  
Barn Swallow - 1  
Carolina Chickadee – 1  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Sedge Wren - 4  
Marsh Wren – 5  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1  
American Robin – 21  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 3  
Common Yellowthroat – 4  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
**Clay-colored Sparrow** - 1  
Vesper Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 2  
Song Sparrow - 5  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 35  
White-throated Sparrow – 2  
White-crowned Sparrow - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 4  
Red-winged Blackbird – 11  
Eastern Meadowlark – 8  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Familiar Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Blue Dasher  
Common Whitetail  
Wandering Glider  
Red Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

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

Good birding!

David Arbour

De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – October 13th**

Rodney Huffman (TX) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 72 species. It was clear, starting off cool but turning hot with almost no wind. Migrants were on the move today and numerous warblers and sparrows were found. Also, our first wave of non-teal ducks has arrived. Most of the waders and gallinules are gone now. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck – 70  
Gadwall – 1  
American Wigeon - 6  
Blue-winged Teal – 44  
Northern Shoveler – 4  
Northern Pintail – 1  
Green-winged Teal – 46  
Ring-necked Duck – 22  
Ruddy Duck – 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 33  
American Bittern - 1  
Great Blue Heron – 12  
Snowy Egret - 4  
Little-blue Heron – 1  
***Plegadis (“dark Ibis”) species*** – 2  
Black Vulture - 11  
Turkey Vulture – 15  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Cooper’s Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
American Kestrel - 1  
Sora - 1  
***Common Gallinule*** – 4  
American Coot – 286  
Killdeer – 18  
***American Avocet*** - 2  
Greater Yellowlegs – 5  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 2  
Least Sandpiper – 65  
Wilson’s Snipe - 37  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 4  
Downy Woodpecker – 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 30  
Pileated Woodpecker – 5  
Eastern Phoebe - 9  
White-eyed Vireo – 2  
Blue-headed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 16  
American Crow – 22  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 6

Barn Swallow - 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren – 4  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren – 7  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1  
American Robin - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 11  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Nashville Warbler – 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 6  
Black-throated Green Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 4  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Chipping Sparrow – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 12  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 23  
White-throated Sparrow - 6  
Northern Cardinal – 19  
Indigo Bunting – 7  
Red-winged Blackbird – 12  
Eastern Meadowlark - 10

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Eastern Amberwing  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – October 5th**

Berlin Heck and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 65 species. It was mostly cloudy and mild with some wind. Fair amounts of migrant passerines were around today but we had to search for feeding flocks in the tree lines and woodland edges to get them as they were moving in groups. Usually if we heard chickadees we would look and there would be migrants feeding with them. The Merlin we found was hanging around the west end of Otter Lake and was feeding on dragonflies. The spoonbill flew into Otter Lake about the same time (8:30ish a.m.) as it did last Friday but both days it was gone by noon. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck – 56  
Blue-winged Teal – 9  
Northern Shoveler – 2  
Northern Pintail – 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 20  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
**Anhinga** – 1 (Otter Lake)  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Great Egret – 55  
Snowy Egret - 16  
Little-blue Heron – 5  
Green Heron – 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 1 imm.  
**White Ibis** – 11  
**Plegadis (“dark Ibis”) species** – 3 (Southeast corner of unit 38)  
**Roseate Spoonbill** – 1 imm. (Otter Lake)  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture – 25  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 7  
**Merlin** – 1 imm.  
Sora - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** – 2 (1 adult & 1 imm.; Otter Lake)  
**Common Gallinule** – 15  
American Coot – 46  
Killdeer – 9  
Greater Yellowlegs – 7  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 24  
Wilson’s Snipe - 3  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 4  
Northern Flicker – 14  
Pileated Woodpecker – 4  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Willow Flycatcher – 1 (New late date for Red Slough.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 13  
White-eyed Vireo – 1  
Blue Jay - 14

American Crow – 15  
Fish Crow – 35 (migrating flock)  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1  
Barn Swallow - 4  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Carolina Wren – 8  
House Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren – 4  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 4  
Gray Catbird – 10  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 18  
Nashville Warbler – 1  
Northern Parula – 1  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 14  
Wilson's Warbler – 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 19  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 22  
Red-winged Blackbird – 12

**Odonates:**

Familiar Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Green Treefrog

Good birding!

David Arbour

De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

It was partly cloudy, warm, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 60 species were found. A few migrants around but things were pretty slow. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 76  
Mallard - 1  
Blue-winged Teal – 23  
Northern Shoveler – 5  
Northern Pintail – 1  
Green-winged Teal – 5  
Hooded Merganser - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 33  
**Anhinga** – 1  
Great Blue Heron – 12  
Great Egret – 125  
Snowy Egret - 100  
Little-blue Heron – 12  
Green Heron – 1  
Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1 adult  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 1 imm.  
**White Ibis** – 48  
Black Vulture -11  
Turkey Vulture – 24  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
**Common Gallinule** – 38  
American Coot – 25  
Killdeer – 15  
Greater Yellowlegs – 4  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 51  
Long-billed Dowitcher – 1 (identified by call.)  
Wilson's Snipe - 7  
Mourning Dove – 9  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 2  
Hairy woodpecker – 2  
Northern Flicker – 3  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Phoebe - 5  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 4 (still singing!)  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 12  
American Crow – 8  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 4

Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Marsh Wren - 5  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Gray Catbird – 5  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher – 14  
Nashville Warbler – 1  
Black-and-White Warbler – 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 7  
Summer Tanager – 2 adult males  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 4  
Indigo Bunting – 103  
Red-winged Blackbird – 31

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Slaty Skimmer  
Roseate Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Eastern Amberwing  
Wandering Glider  
***Striped Saddlebags***  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Softshell Turtle species  
Red-eared Slider  
Western Cottonmouth  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog (seen and heard several calling.)  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – September 21<sup>st</sup>**

It was partly cloudy and warm on the bird survey today. 67 species were found. Migrant passerines were few and far between but I did manage to find a few warblers. Shorebird and wader numbers are decreasing. I kept watching the sky for migrating Broad-winged Hawks but all I saw were a couple lone Mississippi Kites heading south and a few vultures on the move. We are in bad need of rain. Yesterday's storms missed us completely. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 78  
Blue-winged Teal – 66  
Northern Shoveler – 13  
Pied-billed Grebe – 37  
**Anhinga** – 1  
**Least Bittern** - 1  
Great Blue Heron – 16  
Great Egret – 88  
Snowy Egret - 54  
Little-blue Heron – 12  
Cattle Egret - 2  
Green Heron – 7  
Black-crowned Night-Heron – 3  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
**White Ibis** – 30  
Black Vulture - 9  
Turkey Vulture – 21  
Mississippi Kite – 2 (New late date for RS)  
Northern Harrier - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 6  
**Purple Gallinule** – 2  
**Common Gallinule** – 43 (also 3 downy chicks)  
American Coot – 30  
Killdeer – 13  
**American Avocet** - 1  
Greater Yellowlegs – 3  
Upland Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 41  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 1  
Wilson's Snipe - 3  
Mourning Dove – 1  
Chimney Swift – 2  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 5  
Downy Woodpecker – 5  
Hairy woodpecker – 2  
Northern Flicker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 7

Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 8 (still singing!)  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow – 20  
Tree Swallow - 3  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 5  
Cliff Swallow – 2  
**Cave Swallow** - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 5  
Carolina Wren – 12  
Marsh Wren - 3  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Gray Catbird – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 5  
Nashville Warbler – 1  
Pine Warbler – 4  
Black-and-White Warbler – 1  
American Redstart - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 9  
Summer Tanager – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 16  
Indigo Bunting – 15  
Red-winged Blackbird – 19  
Baltimore Oriole - 1

### **Odonates:**

Blue-tipped Dancer  
Southern Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Wandering Glider  
Red Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

### **Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – September 15th**

It was mostly cloudy, warm, and very windy on the bird survey today. 54 species were found. Passerines were scarce due to the wind. Biggest highlight was a Roseate Spoonbill in unit 40 south. There were also 2 Tricolored Herons here also. Lots of White Ibis right now feeding in the few pools of water that haven't totally dried up yet. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 7  
Wood Duck – 36  
Mallard – 1  
Blue-winged Teal – 21  
Northern Shoveler – 4  
Green-winged Teal - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 35  
**Anhinga** – 1  
Great Blue Heron – 16  
Great Egret – 82  
Snowy Egret - 149  
Little-blue Heron – 28  
**Tricolored Heron** – 2 imm.  
Green Heron – 4  
Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1  
**White Ibis** – 198  
**Roseate Spoonbill** – 1 imm.  
Black Vulture - 12  
Turkey Vulture – 23  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
**Purple Gallinule** – 2  
**Common Gallinule** – 23  
American Coot – 11  
Semipalmated Plover - 1  
Killdeer – 27  
Greater Yellowlegs – 6  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 19  
Least Sandpiper – 78  
Wilson's Snipe - 5  
Mourning Dove – 2  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Alder Flycatcher – 1  
Least Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 2  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 8

Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 4  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 16  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 1  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2  
Gray Catbird – 3  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 3  
Wilson's Warbler - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 15  
Red-winged Blackbird – 12

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Mocha Emerald  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Black Ratsnake  
Western Cottonmouth  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – September 1<sup>st</sup>**

It was partly cloudy and warm on the bird survey today. 70 species were found. Not many migrant passerines around today. A flock of 12 Least Terns and 8 Wood Storks are hanging out in the SE corner of unit 5 along with a fair number of shorebirds and other waders.

Wood Duck – 32

Mallard – 2

Blue-winged Teal – 59

Green-winged Teal - 3

Pied-billed Grebe – 20

American White Pelican – 1

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

**Anhinga** – 4

**Least Bittern** – 4

Great Blue Heron – 14

Great Egret – 171

Snowy Egret - 404

Little-blue Heron – 54

Cattle Egret - 91

Green Heron – 10

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 2

**White Ibis** – 90

**Wood Stork** - 8

Black Vulture - 14

Turkey Vulture – 13

Red-shouldered Hawk – 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

Sora – 1 (walking and feeding out in the open on lily pads like a gallinule.)

**Purple Gallinule** – 8 (3 adults & 5 full-sized juveniles.)

**Common Gallinule** – 39 (also 2 broods of downy young.)

American Coot – 5

Killdeer – 7

Solitary Sandpiper – 3

Lesser Yellowlegs – 1

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 10

Western Sandpiper - 1

Least Sandpiper – 141

Stilt Sandpiper – 6

**Least Tern** – 12 (about half of these were juveniles.)

Mourning Dove – 2

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 1

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker – 6

Pileated Woodpecker - 3

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Alder Flycatcher – 3

Least Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe – 1

Eastern Kingbird – 1

White-eyed Vireo – 5 (still singing!)

Bell's Vireo – 2 (still singing!)

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1 (still singing!)  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
American Crow – 11  
Purple Martin - 1  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 10  
Cliff Swallow – 7  
Barn Swallow - 1  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren – 13  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Yellow Warbler – 1  
Pine Warbler – 6 (one still singing!)  
Black-and-White Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 4  
Summer Tanager – 2  
Lark Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 11  
Indigo Bunting – 16  
Painted Bunting – 6  
Red-winged Blackbird – 10  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Black Ratsnake  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – August 25<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly overcast with a strong east wind on the survey today. 73 species were found. Migrants were moving but the overcast sky and winds made observation difficult. The southeast corner of unit 5 is the hotspot for shorebirds right now. The north levee of Bittern Lake has lots of Empids feeding on Rough-leaved dogwood berries. I had 3 flyover blackbirds of which one was giving a call I didn't recognize. I got my glasses on the calling bird and it turned out to be an immature male Yellow-headed Blackbird. I quickly tried to get on the other two birds it was flying with but they were flying away from me by then and I wasn't able to I.D. them but believe they were probably female Yellow-headed Blackbirds as they were slightly smaller than the male. The 3 of them kept flying south until they were out of sight. This was my earliest fall migration record for this species. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 70  
Mallard – 11  
Blue-winged Teal - 93  
Pied-billed Grebe – 22  
American White Pelican - 1  
**Anhinga** – 7  
**Least Bittern** – 2  
Great Blue Heron – 11  
Great Egret – 89  
Snowy Egret - 164  
Little-blue Heron – 37  
**Tricolored Heron** – 1 juv.  
Cattle Egret - 200  
Green Heron – 14  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 13  
**White Ibis** – 63  
Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture – 17  
Mississippi Kite – 2  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 3  
**Purple Gallinule** – 5  
**Common Gallinule** – 7  
American Coot – 7  
Semipalmated Plover - 1  
Killdeer – 3  
Spotted Sandpiper – 3  
Solitary Sandpiper – 3  
Greater Yellowlegs – 1  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 7  
Semipalmated Sandpiper – 6  
Western Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 95  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 2  
Mourning Dove – 12  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 4  
Belted Kingfisher - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 4  
Willow Flycatcher – 1  
Least Flycatcher - 8  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 5  
Bell's Vireo – 4 (still singing!)  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
American Crow – 12  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow - 3  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 7  
Cliff Swallow – 1  
**Cave Swallow** – 2 (Otter Lake)  
Barn Swallow - 11  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Yellow Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 2  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 11  
Blue Grosbeak - 5  
Indigo Bunting – 34  
Painted Bunting – 1  
Red-winged Blackbird – 11  
Eastern Meadowlark – 4  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – 1  
Orchard Oriole – 1  
American Goldfinch - 1

### **Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Royal River Cruiser  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher

Eastern Amberwing  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – August 19<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly cloudy and windy with a thunderstorm on the bird survey today. 64 species were found. Large numbers of waders are congregating to feed in the drying up wetlands (units 5, 27B, 40, & 44). Shorebirds were present also. Almost no birds were singing today. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 1**

Wood Duck – 34

Mallard – 5

Blue-winged Teal - 16

Ring-necked Duck – 1 male

Pied-billed Grebe – 34

American White Pelican - 1

***Anhinga* – 6**

***Least Bittern* – 2 adults (also one young in nest.)**

Great Blue Heron – 34

Great Egret – 197

Snowy Egret - 327

Little-blue Heron – 70

Green Heron – 20

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 24

***White Ibis* – 146**

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture – 9

Mississippi Kite - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

***Purple Gallinule* – 4**

***Common Gallinule* – 23 (also a couple broods of smallish young.)**

American Coot – 9

Killdeer – 6

Spotted Sandpiper – 5

Solitary Sandpiper – 10  
Greater Yellowlegs – 1  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 4  
Upland Sandpiper - 1  
Semipalmated Sandpiper – 22  
Western Sandpiper - 4  
Least Sandpiper – 37  
Baird's Sandpiper – 1  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 4  
**Least Tern - 6**  
Mourning Dove – 10  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 4  
Downy Woodpecker – 5  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 4  
Bell's Vireo – 1  
American Crow – 5  
Tree Swallow - 1  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2  
Cliff Swallow - 3  
Barn Swallow - 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 1  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2  
Yellow Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 2  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
**Eastern Towhee – 1**  
Northern Cardinal – 9  
Indigo Bunting – 70  
Painted Bunting – 4 juv.  
Dickcissel - 1  
Red-winged Blackbird – 47

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
River Cruiser species  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer

Blue Dasher  
Eastern Amberwing  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Western Cottonmouth  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – August 12<sup>th</sup>**

It was partly cloudy, warm, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 59 species were found. Land birds were scarce and there was almost no singing. The Least Bittern rookery is going strong. This is the latest I have ever found them nesting. Apparently the first nesting attempt was a wash out from all the rain and flooding. Can't wait for fall! Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 2**

Wood Duck – 34

Mallard - 9

Ring-necked Duck – 1 male

Pied-billed Grebe – 42

***Anhinga*** – 16

***Least Bittern*** – 6 ( 5 adults and one fledgling; also three nests with downy young.)

Great Blue Heron – 25

Great Egret – 144

Snowy Egret - 77

Little-blue Heron – 18

Cattle Egret – 115

Green Heron – 12

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 3

***White Ibis*** – 8

Turkey Vulture – 13

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 1

Broad-winged Hawk - 1

***Purple Gallinule*** – 5

**Common Gallinule** – 33 (also a couple broods of small young.)

American Coot – 7

Killdeer – 11

Spotted Sandpiper – 3

Solitary Sandpiper – 2

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 14

Least Sandpiper – 11

**Least Tern** - 1

Mourning Dove – 7

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 1

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 10

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Least Flycatcher – 3

Eastern Phoebe - 2

Eastern Kingbird – 2

White-eyed Vireo – 5

Bell's Vireo – 3

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow – 14

Fish Crow – 3

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1

Cliff Swallow - 5

Barn Swallow - 5

Carolina Chickadee – 5

Carolina Wren – 7

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1

Yellow Warbler - 2

Black-and-white Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat – 4

Yellow-breasted Chat – 1

**Eastern Towhee** – 3 (family group)

Northern Cardinal – 9

Indigo Bunting – 7

Dickcissel - 1

Red-winged Blackbird – 62

Orchard Oriole – 1

American Goldfinch - 1

### **Odonates:**

Swamp Darner

Regal Darner

Prince Baskettail

Mocha Emerald

Royal River Cruiser

Halloween Pennant

Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer

Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 72 species were found. Here is my list for today:

#### ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 2**

Wood Duck – 30 (also one brood of half grown young.)

Ring-necked Duck – 1 male

Pied-billed Grebe – 34

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* – 1**

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

#### ***Anhinga* – 13**

***Least Bittern*** – 7 adults (also two downy young climbing around in cattails and another nest found with sitting bird on it.)

Great Blue Heron – 39

Great Egret – 120

Snowy Egret - 86

Little-blue Heron – 51

Cattle Egret – 100

Green Heron – 16

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 31

#### ***White Ibis* – 60**

Black Vulture - 1

Turkey Vulture – 4

Mississippi Kite - 15

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

***Purple Gallinule*** – 6 adults (also 2 broods seen.)

***Common Gallinule*** – 33 (also several broods seen.)

American Coot – 7 (including 1 grown juvenile.)

Killdeer – 2

Spotted Sandpiper – 2

Solitary Sandpiper – 7

Lesser Yellowlegs - 1

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 2

Least Sandpiper – 24

Pectoral Sandpiper – 2  
Stilt Sandpiper – 3  
**Least Tern** - 4  
Mourning Dove – 13  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 4  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 6  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 1  
Least Flycatcher – 3  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Eastern Kingbird – 4  
White-eyed Vireo – 6  
Bell's Vireo – 7  
American Crow – 9  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 23  
**Cave Swallow** – 1 juv.  
Cliff Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 16  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren – 16  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 5  
Gray Catbird – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Prairie Warbler – 1  
Black-and-white Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 8  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 2  
Summer Tanager – 1  
**Eastern Towhee** – 3 (including a pair together in a new location.)  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 13  
Indigo Bunting – 15  
Painted Bunting – 4 (including female feeding fledgling.)  
Dickcissel - 5  
Red-winged Blackbird – 140  
Common Grackle – 19  
Orchard Oriole – 1

### **Odonates:**

Swamp Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Mocha Emerald

Royal River Cruiser  
Flag-tailed Spinyleg  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – July 27th**

On the bird survey on Monday it was very hot and clear. 64 species were found. Most birds have stopped singing now making it difficult to get a high count. Best find of the day was a couple adult Piping Plovers on the mudflat in unit 7 hanging out with Least Sandpipers. These are the first we have had in over 10 years. Also of special note was a juvenile American Coot on Lotus Lake. I have been looking for evidence of coots breeding at Red Slough for years as I always see a few pairs around in summer. Here is my list:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 2***

Wood Duck – 18

Ring-necked Duck – 1 male

Hooded Merganser – 1 adult male in eclipse plumage.

Pied-billed Grebe – 16

American White Pelican - 70

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 3 (1 on nest in Anhinga rookery.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 2

***Anhinga*** – 16 adults and fledged young. (also 3 nests with young still.)

***Least Bittern*** - 5

Great Blue Heron – 25

Great Egret – 123

Snowy Egret - 60

Little-blue Heron – 20

Cattle Egret – 18

Green Heron – 18  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 27  
**White Ibis** – 14  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 12  
Mississippi Kite - 4  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
**Purple Gallinule** – 5 adults (also 3 broods seen.)  
**Common Gallinule** – 15 adults (also 3 broods seen.)  
American Coot – 8 (1 juvenile bird seen.)  
Killdeer – 1  
**Piping Plover** – 2 adults  
Spotted Sandpiper – 5  
Solitary Sandpiper – 2  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Semipalmated Sandpiper – 2  
Western Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 33  
Mourning Dove – 10  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 8  
Eastern Screech-Owl - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 4  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 9  
Bell's Vireo – 1  
American Crow – 12  
Fish Crow – 2  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 24  
Barn Swallow - 10  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Common Yellowthroat – 7  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Summer Tanager – 1  
**Eastern Towhee** – 1 singing  
Northern Cardinal – 7  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 26  
Painted Bunting – 5  
Dickcissel - 8  
Red-winged Blackbird – 54  
Common Grackle – 15  
Orchard Oriole – 1

### Odonates:

Swamp Darner  
Regal Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

### Herps:

American Alligator  
Green Treefrog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### Red Slough Bird Survey – July 21<sup>st</sup>

It was mostly cloudy and warm on the bird survey today. 71 species were found. I started at 6:02 a.m. so I could get done before it got too hot but fortunately the clouds kept things a lot cooler than they were yesterday. I played a Screech-Owl call first thing and had two answer back from some woods along Mudline road. I found a new location with a calling Eastern Towhee which makes 5 locations this year now. Here is my list for today:

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

Wood Duck – 38

Ring-necked Duck – 2 males

Pied-billed Grebe – 10

American White Pelican - 45

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 2 (1 on nest in Anhinga rookery.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

***Anhinga*** – 11 adults and fledged young. (also 1 nest with young still.)

***Least Bittern*** - 2

Great Blue Heron – 11

Great Egret – 166

Snowy Egret - 48

Little-blue Heron – 12

Cattle Egret – 3

Green Heron – 10

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 8

**White Ibis** – 11  
Turkey Vulture – 18  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk - 2  
**Purple Gallinule** – 12 adults (also 3 broods seen.)  
**Common Gallinule** – 20 adults (also 2 broods seen.)  
American Coot - 7  
Killdeer – 4  
Spotted Sandpiper – 8  
Solitary Sandpiper – 1  
Semipalmated Sandpiper – 3  
Western Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 74  
**Least Tern** - 1  
Mourning Dove – 10  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 8  
Eastern Screech-Owl - 2  
Chimney Swift - 2  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 7  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 8  
Bell's Vireo – 1  
American Crow – 11  
Fish Crow - 2  
Tree Swallow – 4  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 16  
Cliff Swallow - 3  
Barn Swallow - 31  
Carolina Chickadee – 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren – 13  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Black-and-White Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 15  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 3  
Summer Tanager – 1  
**Eastern Towhee** – 2 singing (1 at new location.)  
Northern Cardinal – 11  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting – 16  
Painted Bunting – 4

Dickcissel - 6  
Red-winged Blackbird – 33  
Common Grackle – 56  
Orchard Oriole – 3

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Robert Bastarache (USFS) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 73 species. It was mostly clear and very hot with a little wind. Shorebird numbers are increasing and the two locations with mudflats that they are using are units 7 and 44. I checked on one of the Purple Gallinule nests I have been watching and it was full of small black downy young, apparently recently hatched. Songbirds are not singing much now and I noticed that they are now traveling in feeding groups of mixed species in the woodlands as I encountered two such groups today. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck – 43  
Mallard – 2  
Ring-necked Duck – 1 male  
Pied-billed Grebe – 8 adults (1 with 2 young.)  
American White Pelican - 4  
***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 2 (1 on nest in Anhinga rookery.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
**Anhinga** – 23 adults and fledged young. (also 2 nests with young.)  
Great Blue Heron – 16  
Great Egret – 56  
Snowy Egret - 120  
Little-blue Heron – 18  
Cattle Egret – 22  
Green Heron – 12  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 14  
**White Ibis** – 28  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 18  
Mississippi Kite – 5  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** – 3 adults (also nest full of small downy chicks.)  
**Common Gallinule** – 11 adults (also brood of 9 small downy chicks.)  
Killdeer – 6  
Spotted Sandpiper – 1  
Solitary Sandpiper – 10  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Semipalmated Sandpiper – 2  
Least Sandpiper – 32  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 1  
Mourning Dove – 9  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 10  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Acadian Flycatcher – 2  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Eastern Kingbird – 4  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 10  
Bell's Vireo – 2  
Yellow-throated Vireo – 5  
Red-eyed Vireo – 1  
American Crow – 4  
Purple Martin - 7  
Tree Swallow – 8  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 7  
Cliff Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 11  
Carolina Chickadee – 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren – 10  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Pine Warbler – 2

Black-and-White Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 2  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 4  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 4  
Summer Tanager – 3  
**Eastern Towhee** – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 15  
Indigo Bunting – 18  
Painted Bunting – 6  
Dickcissel - 10  
Red-winged Blackbird – 27  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle – 8  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2  
Orchard Oriole – 2

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Spreadwing species  
Common Green Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Royal River Cruiser  
Jade Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Western Cottonmouth  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog

Also saw a large Bobcat.

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – July 8th**

It was partly cloudy, mild, and very windy on the bird survey today. 64 species were found. Shorebirds are finally starting to move back through. Heron and egret numbers are increasing. Checked two of my 4 known Eastern Towhee territories and found both birds singing. They seem to like to sing in the middle of the day as well as in the mornings. Black Terns are rarely seen in the summer down here and when they are they are always in nonbreeding plumage. But today I had 3 that were still in full breeding plumage. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 31

Mallard – 15

Blue-winged Teal - 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 2

**Neotropic Cormorant** – 3 (1 on nest in Anhinga rookery; the two other NECO nests apparently failed, too many bad storms this year!)

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

**Anhinga** – 20 (most of the young have fledged now.)

**Least Bittern** – 2

Great Blue Heron – 19

Great Egret – 87

Snowy Egret - 35

Little-blue Heron – 23

Cattle Egret – 3

Green Heron – 6

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 4

**White Ibis** – 37

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture – 8

Mississippi Kite – 4

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

**Purple Gallinule** – 5 (1 sitting on nest; 1 with several small downy chicks.)

**Common Gallinule** – 8 (1 sitting on nest.)

American Coot – 4

Killdeer – 4

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 3

Least Sandpiper – 2

**Short-billed Dowitcher** – 3 adults (melodious “tu-tu” call notes)

Black Tern – 3 (in breeding plumage.)

Mourning Dove – 14

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird – 5

White-eyed Vireo – 6

Bell's Vireo – 1  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow – 5  
Fish Crow – 5  
Tree Swallow – 24  
Barn Swallow - 17  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Yellow-throated Warbler – 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 5  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 10  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 6  
Summer Tanager – 1  
**Eastern Towhee** – 2 (singing males; one was also seen.)  
Northern Cardinal – 15  
Indigo Bunting – 16  
Painted Bunting – 4  
Dickcissel - 15  
Red-winged Blackbird – 39  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Common Grackle – 16  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 5  
Orchard Oriole – 4

### **Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Royal River Cruiser  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Black Saddlebags

### **Herps:**

American Alligator  
Three-toed Box Turtle  
Mississippi Mud Turtle  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Billy Heldt (TX), Rodney Huffman (TX), Mike Dillon (TX) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 66 species. It was mostly clear and very hot. Before the others joined me I found a singing Eastern Towhee at yet another location. This makes four locations currently with calling towhees at Red Slough. Here is our list for today:

#### ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck* - 2**

Wood Duck – 8

Ring-necked Duck - 1

Pied-billed Grebe – 2

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* – 4**

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

***Anhinga*** – 13 (also lots of near fledgling young sitting in rookery.)

***Least Bittern*** – 1 (sitting on nest.)

Great Blue Heron – 7

Great Egret – 56

Snowy Egret - 5

Little-blue Heron – 31

Cattle Egret – 16

Green Heron – 1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 5

***White Ibis*** – ~500

Black Vulture - 10

Turkey Vulture – 11

Mississippi Kite – 6

Cooper's Hawk – 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 2

***Purple Gallinule*** – 8 (1 sitting on nest; 1 feeding a crayfish to small chicks.)

***Common Gallinule*** - 12

American Coot – 4

Mourning Dove – 44

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 16

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Acadian Flycatcher – 2

Eastern Phoebe - 4

Eastern Kingbird – 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 3

White-eyed Vireo – 7  
Bell's Vireo – 2  
Red-eyed Vireo – 2  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 4  
Fish Crow – 3  
Purple Martin - 3  
Tree Swallow – 24  
Barn Swallow - 22  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse – 7  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Yellow-throated Warbler – 2  
Prairie Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 3  
Kentucky Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 9  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 5  
Summer Tanager – 3  
**Eastern Towhee** - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 17  
Blue Grosbeak - 3  
Indigo Bunting – 20  
Painted Bunting – 4  
Dickcissel - 17  
Red-winged Blackbird – 23  
Common Grackle – 14  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 7  
Orchard Oriole – 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Orange/Vesper Bluet  
Blue-fronted Dancer  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Mocha Emerald  
Halloween Pennant  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Jade Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Golden-winged Skimmer

Widow Skimmer  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

Southern Copperhead  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly cloudy and warm with a shower on the bird survey today. 66 species were found. Big surprise was an adult Roseate Spoonbill which I have only seen an adult once before at Red Slough. Also nice was one adult Wood Stork which roosted with the Anhingas at their rookery in Pintail Lake. Lots of White Ibis feeding in units 30, 40, 47W, and 7. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 12  
Pied-billed Grebe – 7  
**Neotropic Cormorant** – 6  
**Anhinga** – 20  
**Least Bittern** – 2 (1 sitting on nest.)  
Great Blue Heron – 10  
Great Egret – 53  
Snowy Egret - 3  
Little-blue Heron – 6  
Cattle Egret – 15  
Green Heron – 6  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 1  
**White Ibis** – 587  
**Roseate Spoonbill** – 1 adult  
**Wood Stork** – 1 adult  
Black Vulture - 7  
Turkey Vulture – 15  
Mississippi Kite – 3  
**Purple Gallinule** - 9  
**Common Gallinule** - 13  
American Coot – 4  
**Least Tern** - 1  
Mourning Dove – 25  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 9

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Acadian Flycatcher – 2  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 3  
Bell's Vireo – 7  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 2  
Red-eyed Vireo – 6  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 13  
Fish Crow – 1  
Purple Martin - 4  
Tree Swallow – 41  
Cliff Swallow - 10  
Barn Swallow - 16  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse – 6  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 2  
Prothonotary Warbler – 3  
Kentucky Warbler - 3  
Common Yellowthroat – 12  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 6  
Summer Tanager – 2  
Lark Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 18  
Blue Grosbeak - 3  
Indigo Bunting – 17  
Painted Bunting – 7  
Dickcissel - 19  
Red-winged Blackbird – 50  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Common Grackle – 44  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 15  
Orchard Oriole – 6

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Prince Baskettail

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

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Black Racer  
Western Cottonmouth  
Green Treefrog  
Gray Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Ford Hendershot and I surveyed birds on Tuesday (June 9) and found 55 species. I had something else going on in the morning so we did an afternoon survey for a change. It was partly cloudy, calm, and brutally hot (upper 90's) and birds were scarce (I won't be doing this again anytime soon!). Best find of the day was a calling male Eastern Towhee in unit 9 which we were able to get a visual on. The day before I had a singing male Eastern Towhee nearby in unit 10 and this same calling male in unit 9. Before last summer these birds were never found here during the breeding season. Here is our list for Tuesday:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 2***

Wood Duck – 6

Hooded Merganser - 6

Pied-billed Grebe – 4

***Neotropic Cormorant – 4***

***Anhinga – 6***

***Least Bittern – 1*** (sitting on nest.)

Great Blue Heron – 5

Great Egret – 5

Little-blue Heron - 1

Turkey Vulture – 11

Mississippi Kite – 4

**Purple Gallinule** - 3  
**Common Gallinule** - 5  
American Coot – 5  
Killdeer - 2  
Mourning Dove – 25  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 9  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Acadian Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 3  
White-eyed Vireo – 6  
Bell's Vireo – 4  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 7  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow – 5  
Fish Crow – 1  
Tree Swallow – 9  
Cliff Swallow - 3  
Barn Swallow - 23  
Carolina Chickadee – 1  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 2  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 1  
Black-and-White Warbler - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler – 3  
Kentucky Warbler - 5  
Common Yellowthroat – 4  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 12  
Summer Tanager – 4  
**Eastern Towhee** – 1 male  
Northern Cardinal – 21  
Indigo Bunting – 17  
Painted Bunting – 5  
Dickcissel - 12  
Red-winged Blackbird – 19  
Common Grackle - 9  
Orchard Oriole – 7

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Southern Spreadwing  
Ebony Jewelwing  
Swamp Darner

Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 73 species were found. The western and southern portions of Red Slough have been experiencing flooding from the Red River for the past few days but the river has dropped about 4 inches since yesterday. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** – 8  
Wood Duck – 9  
Hooded Merganser – 2  
Pied-billed Grebe – 3  
***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 6 (2 on nests)  
***Anhinga*** – 28  
***American Bittern*** - 1  
***Least Bittern*** – 4 (1 sitting on nest)  
Great Blue Heron – 6  
Great Egret – 14  
Snowy Egret – 8  
Little-blue Heron – 1  
Cattle Egret - 96  
Green Heron – 4  
***White Ibis*** – 3  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture – 14  
Mississippi Kite – 8  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
***Purple Gallinule*** – 10 (3 nests found)  
***Common Gallinule*** – 10 (1 nest found)

American Coot – 7  
Killdeer - 2  
**Least Tern** – 2  
Mourning Dove – 15  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 12  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 1  
Acadian Flycatcher - 2  
**Willow Flycatcher** – 3 (singing birds on territory)  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 2  
Eastern Kingbird – 2  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 5  
White-eyed Vireo – 8  
Bell's Vireo – 2  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 5  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow – 10  
Fish Crow – 4  
Purple Martin - 3  
Tree Swallow – 32  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1  
Cliff Swallow - 2  
Barn Swallow - 17  
Carolina Chickadee – 12  
Tufted Titmouse – 7  
Carolina Wren – 10  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 5  
Eastern Bluebird – 3  
Northern Mockingbird – 4  
**Cedar Waxwing** – 1 (late; in mulberry tree)  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 3  
Black-and-White Warbler - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler – 3  
Kentucky Warbler - 5  
Common Yellowthroat – 4  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 8  
Summer Tanager – 4  
**Eastern Towhee** – 1 (Rare in summer; singing in unit 10)  
Northern Cardinal – 14  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting – 15  
Painted Bunting – 4  
Dickcissel - 10  
Red-winged Blackbird – 19  
Common Grackle - 9  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 5

Orchard Oriole – 2

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Spreadwing Species (Swamp?)  
Swamp Darner  
Regal Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Common Green Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Spangled Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Three-toed Box Turtle  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 27<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly sunny and warm on the bird survey today. 72 species were found. I was standing on the splitter levee between Lotus and Pintail Lakes scanning for Purple Gallinules and watching a family of Tree Swallows with newly fledged young flying around their nest box close by when suddenly one of the young birds flew over and landed on the hat on my head. It sat on my head for about 5 minutes chattering loudly as its parents made close passes. It didn't seem to mind me moving my head as I continued my survey. But when I raised my clipboard up to record a sighting it flew off. As I turned and started walking back toward my vehicle, I flushed a Purple Gallinule from the emergent vegetation near shore and it flew out into Pintail Lake where

it landed on some lily pads near a pair of Purple Gallinules I had already seen and watched chase off an intruder a few minutes earlier. One of the pair immediately went after the new intruder and started chasing it and catching up with it, jumped on the intruders back causing it to sink out of sight under the water and lily pads. It stood over the submerged gallinule for about a minute looking down at it, then it started walking around the area searching for the bird that had sunk out of site. It gave up after about another minute and walked back in the direction it had come from and stopped about 30 feet away from where the encounter had happened and started preening. I kept watching for the other gallinule to pop back up and after about 5 more minutes its head popped up through the lily pads about 15 feet from the spot it went under and it started looking around. It saw the aggressor gallinule was still fairly close so it stayed in this mostly submerged position with just its head sticking above the water for close to ten minutes. Finally its body came halfway up and it slowly swam off into some nearby vegetation. If you have never been to Red Slough or haven't been down in a while, this is the summer to come down as we have more water than I have ever seen and birds everywhere like it used to be before the big 4 year drought. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** – 6

Wood Duck – 9

Hooded Merganser - 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 7

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 5

Double-crested Cormorant – 1

***Anhinga*** – 14

American Bittern - 2

***Least Bittern*** - 8

Great Blue Heron – 6

Great Egret – 24

Snowy Egret – 5

Little-blue Heron - 1

Green Heron – 4

***White Ibis*** – 350

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture – 15

Mississippi Kite – 4

Red-shouldered Hawk – 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

***Purple Gallinule*** - 11

***Common Gallinule*** - 15

American Coot – 5

Killdeer - 3

***Least Tern*** – 5

Black Tern - 1

Mourning Dove – 4

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 8

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 2

Acadian Flycatcher - 2

***Willow Flycatcher*** – 1

Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 8  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 5  
White-eyed Vireo – 7  
Bell's Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 2  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 4  
Fish Crow – 6  
Purple Martin - 4  
Tree Swallow – 20  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse – 6  
Carolina Wren – 10  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Eastern Bluebird – 3  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Cedar Waxwing - 8  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 2  
Black-and-White Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 5  
Kentucky Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 8  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 4  
Summer Tanager - 2  
Northern Cardinal – 18  
Indigo Bunting – 11  
Painted Bunting – 2  
Dickcissel - 12  
Red-winged Blackbird – 17  
Common Grackle - 3  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 4  
Orchard Oriole – 5

**Odonates:**

Rambur's Forktail  
Vesper Bluet  
Spreadwing Species  
Regal Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Jade Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Spangled Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Mississippi Mud Turtle  
Diamond-backed Watersnake  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 19<sup>th</sup>**

It was overcast and foggy turning partly cloudy and windy on the survey today. 64 species were found. Looks like migration is about over. I pulled up to the SE corner of Otter Lake where there is a duck nest box and noticed a female Wood Duck with a bunch of newly hatched young in the water below the box. She went quickly swimming off into some emergent vegetation calling alarmingly with her young following behind her. I studied her young and noticed there were 10 Wood Duck ducklings and 6 Hooded Merganser ducklings. This is the first time I have observed a mixed brood even though we have seen mixed clutches of eggs in the nest boxes. The Hooded Merganser eggs and their young are a little larger than the Wood Duck's and the young are very different looking. It suddenly dawned on me that I had interrupted her and there may still be young in the box. I quickly checked and sure enough there were two Wood Duck ducklings still in the box. I scooped them up and placed them in the water where they took off after the mother into the vegetation as she was still close and calling. Here is my list for today:

***Black-bellied Whistling Duck*** – 2 (Terry Stuart saw an additional 4 over on the west side.)

Wood Duck – 16

Hooded Merganser - 4

Pied-billed Grebe – 8

***Neotropic Cormorant*** – 5

Double-crested Cormorant – 2

***Anhinga*** – 34

***Least Bittern*** - 8

Great Blue Heron – 6  
Great Egret – 6  
Snowy Egret – 1  
Cattle Egret - 11  
Green Heron – 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 1  
**White Ibis** - 19  
Turkey Vulture – 5  
Osprey - 1  
Mississippi Kite - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 16  
**Common Gallinule** - 19  
American Coot – 6  
Killdeer - 1  
Spotted Sandpiper – 1  
**Least Tern** – 1  
Mourning Dove – 15  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 5  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Pileated Woodpecker – 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Acadian Flycatcher - 2  
Alder Flycatcher – 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** – 3  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 5  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 3  
Bell's Vireo - 2  
Red-eyed Vireo - 3  
American Crow – 1  
Fish Crow – 5  
Tree Swallow – 16  
Cliff Swallow - 2  
Barn Swallow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2  
Eastern Bluebird – 2  
Northern Mockingbird – 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 3  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 8  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 6  
Northern Cardinal – 13  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 7  
Painted Bunting – 2

Dickcissel - 4  
Red-winged Blackbird – 19  
Common Grackle - 8  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 1  
Orchard Oriole – 2

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Orange Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Baskettail species  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Calico Pennant  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Softshell turtle species  
Western Chicken Turtle  
Southern Black Racer  
Watersnake species  
Broad-headed skink  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 14<sup>th</sup>**

It started off cool, overcast and misting on the bird survey today but then turned partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon. We received over 8 inches of rain at the beginning of the week and everything was still flooding pretty bad. Water everywhere. 85 species were found. There were

still a few migrants coming through including a really nice male Blackburnian Warbler. There are now 3 Neotropic Cormorant nests in the Anhinga rookery. Purple Gallinules seemed all over the place and were easily viewed, some at quite close range along the lake shores. A couple were sitting in trees along the Lotus Lake levee. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 14  
Blue-winged Teal – 4  
Hooded Merganser - 6  
Pied-billed Grebe – 11  
**Neotropic Cormorant** – 5 (3 nests in Anhinga rookery.)  
Double-crested Cormorant – 3  
**Anhinga** – 37  
American Bittern – 3  
**Least Bittern** - 7  
Great Blue Heron – 12  
Great Egret – 10  
Snowy Egret – 1  
Little-blue Heron – 3  
Cattle Egret - 3  
Green Heron – 6  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
Black Vulture - 10  
Turkey Vulture – 12  
Osprey - 1  
Mississippi Kite - 17  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 13  
**Common Gallinule** - 29  
American Coot – 8  
Killdeer - 2  
Spotted Sandpiper – 9  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 2  
**Least Tern** – 2  
Black Tern - 3  
Mourning Dove – 38  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 6  
Great-horned Owl – 1  
Chimney Swift - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 3  
**Willow Flycatcher** – 1 (on nesting territory)  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 2  
Eastern Kingbird – 23  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 7  
Bell's Vireo - 5  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow – 5

Fish Crow – 2  
Purple Martin - 3  
Tree Swallow – 40  
Bank Swallow – 2  
Cliff Swallow - 16  
Barn Swallow - 12  
Carolina Chickadee – 5  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Gray Catbird - 3  
Cedar Waxwing – 22  
Tennessee Warbler – 3  
Nashville Warbler - 1  
Yellow Warbler – 6  
Magnolia Warbler - 2  
Black-throated Green Warbler – 1  
Blackburnian Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 1  
Prairie Warbler – 1  
American Redstart - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 8  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 6  
Wilson's Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 10  
Summer Tanager – 1  
White-crowned Sparrow – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 13  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 14  
Painted Bunting – 5  
Dickcissel - 17  
Red-winged Blackbird – 27  
Common Grackle - 10  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 14  
Orchard Oriole – 8

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Orange Bluet  
Blue-fronted Dancer  
Elegant Spreadwing  
Southern Spreadwing

Swamp Darner  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Corporal  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
Carolina Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Mississippi Mud Turtle  
Southern Black Racer  
Graham's Crayfish Snake  
Yellow-bellied Watersnake  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey – May 5th**

It was mostly cloudy, warm, and very windy on the bird survey today. 82 species were found. The wind made it very difficult to locate Passerines as they were singing very little and staying low in cover. Highlights include a nice male Blue-winged Warbler and a pair of Neotropic Cormorants with a newly built nest in the Anhinga rookery. I observed the male Neotropic Cormorant fly to the nest carrying a stick and giving it to the female who was sitting on the nest. No Purple Gallinules yet. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 3  
Wood Duck – 15  
Gadwall – 1  
Mallard – 2 drakes  
Blue-winged Teal – 2  
Hooded Merganser - 3  
Pied-billed Grebe – 6  
**Neotropic Cormorant** – 2 (pair on nest in Anhinga rookery.)  
Double-crested Cormorant – 6  
**Anhinga** – 33 (10 sitting on nests.)  
American Bittern – 2

**Least Bittern** - 2

Great Blue Heron – 9

Great Egret – 15

Green Heron - 3

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture – 18

Mississippi Kite - 5

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

**Common Gallinule** - 19

American Coot – 7

Spotted Sandpiper - 2

Mourning Dove – 45

Great-horned Owl – 2

Chimney Swift - 3

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Hairy Woodpecker – 3

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 2

Eastern Phoebe - 2

Eastern Kingbird – 23

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 1

White-eyed Vireo – 11

Bell's Vireo - 3

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 4

Blue Jay - 4

American Crow – 8

Fish Crow – 4

Purple Martin - 4

Tree Swallow – 36

Bank Swallow – 3

Cliff Swallow - 17

Barn Swallow - 5

Carolina Chickadee – 5

Tufted Titmouse – 3

Carolina Wren – 7

Sedge Wren – 1

Marsh Wren – 1

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2

Eastern Bluebird – 2

Swainson's Thrush – 1

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird – 3

Cedar Waxwing – 14

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 1 male (3<sup>rd</sup> record for RS!)

Yellow Warbler - 2

Pine Warbler – 1

Prairie Warbler – 1

Black-and-White Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 6  
Northern Waterthrush - 1  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 7  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 11  
Summer Tanager – 7  
Savannah Sparrow – 2  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Northern Cardinal – 15  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting – 17  
Painted Bunting – 6  
Dickcissel - 31  
Red-winged Blackbird – 51  
Common Grackle - 11  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 12  
Orchard Oriole – 5  
Baltimore Oriole - 1  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Vesper Bluet  
Familiar Bluet  
Elegant Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Baskettail species  
Double-ringed Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Spangled Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
Red Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Common Snapping Turtle  
Red-eared Slider  
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake

Black Ratsnake  
Western Cottonmouth  
Gray Treefrog species  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Ford Hendershot and I surveyed birds yesterday (Wed.) and found 83 species. We spent more time working woodlands and tree rows for migrant passerines so my marsh bird numbers are down. We also did a rail drag which yielded one Virginia Rail and a bunch of Le Conte's Sparrows. Here is our list for the day:

Canada Goose - 3  
Wood Duck – 2  
Blue-winged Teal – 6  
Northern Shoveler - 5  
Hooded Merganser - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 4  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 3  
Double-crested Cormorant – 27  
**Anhinga** – 20 (10 on nests)  
**Least Bittern** – 1  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Great Egret – 26  
Little Blue Heron – 7  
Green Heron – 1  
**White Ibis** - 30  
Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture – 17  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 1  
Virginia Rail - 2  
**Common Gallinule** - 11  
American Coot – 25  
Mourning Dove – 17  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird – 6  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 3  
White-eyed Vireo – 8  
Bell's Vireo – 7  
Warbling Vireo - 4  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
American Crow – 6  
Fish Crow – 10  
Tree Swallow – 28  
Bank Swallow – 8  
Cliff Swallow - 20  
Barn Swallow - 11  
Carolina Chickadee – 1  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Carolina Wren – 11  
House Wren - 2  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 10  
Eastern Bluebird – 2  
Gray Catbird - 3  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Cedar Waxwing – 54  
Orange-crowned Warbler – 1  
Nashville Warbler – 2  
Yellow Warbler – 3  
Palm Warbler (Western) – 1  
Blackpoll Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler – 5  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 9  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 8  
Summer Tanager – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 7  
LeConte's Sparrow – 11  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 8  
Swamp Sparrow – 1  
White-throated Sparrow - 4  
White-crowned Sparrow – 12  
Northern Cardinal – 18  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting – 7  
**Lazuli Bunting** – 1  
Painted Bunting – 1  
Dickcissel - 15  
Red-winged Blackbird –37  
Common Grackle - 2  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 8  
Orchard Oriole – 8

### **Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Orange Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Baskettail species  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Blue Dasher  
Black Saddlebags  
Red Saddlebags

### **Herps:**

Broad-banded Watersnake  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Berlin Heck and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 87 species. The day started off overcast and cool with a thunderstorm then turned partly cloudy, windy and hot. New migrants continue to arrive. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose - 5  
Wood Duck – 5 (also a newly hatched brood of ~ 12 ducklings.)  
Blue-winged Teal – 16  
Hooded Merganser - 4  
Pied-billed Grebe – 10  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant – 26  
**Anhinga** – 17 (several on nests)  
American Bittern – 5  
Great Blue Heron – 19  
Great Egret – 20  
Snowy Egret – 2  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
**White-faced Ibis** – 2  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 6  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Broad-winged Hawk – 22  
Red-tailed Hawk – 1  
Virginia Rail - 2  
Sora - 2  
**Common Gallinule** - 12  
American Coot – 65  
Spotted Sandpiper - 2  
Greater Yellowlegs – 18  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 17  
Mourning Dove – 7  
Great-horned Owl – 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 6  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1  
Acadian Flycatcher – 2  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 2  
White-eyed Vireo – 7  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 2  
Red-eyed Vireo - 7  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 5  
Fish Crow – 3  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 32  
Bank Swallow – 1  
Cliff Swallow - 6  
Barn Swallow - 10  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse – 8  
Carolina Wren – 15  
House Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 3  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Swainson's Thrush - 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Cedar Waxwing – 10  
Tennessee Warbler – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 2  
Prairie Warbler – 1  
Black-and-White Warbler - 1

Prothonotary Warbler – 7  
Kentucky Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 11  
Hooded Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 4  
Summer Tanager – 8  
Chipping Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 17  
Swamp Sparrow – 2  
White-throated Sparrow - 10  
White-crowned Sparrow – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Indigo Bunting - 5  
Red-winged Blackbird – 14  
Common Grackle - 8  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 5  
Orchard Oriole – 2  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Rambur's Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Orange Bluet  
Vesper Bluet  
Elegant Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Springtime Darner  
Baskettail species  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Spangled Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Blue Dasher

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Western Cottonmouth  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Little Brown Skink  
Cope's Gray Treefrog  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – April 14th**

It was overcast, cold, and windy on the survey today. 80 species were found. Song birds were not singing well today because of the weather. Fortunately there was a lot of activity on the lakes and wetlands. Plenty of new arrivals. Best find of the day was four Glossy Ibis mixed in with a large flock of White-faced Ibis in unit 30E. Also it was great to find Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and a Least Bittern back! Anhingas are starting up the nesting rookery on Pintail Lake with two birds sitting on nests and a couple males displaying. They abandoned this site last year (after 2 years of use) because of low water levels leaving their nesting trees on dry ground. Water levels are high this year so they are nesting here again. Here is my list for today:

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

Canada Goose - 4

Wood Duck - 12

Gadwall – 11

American Wigeon - 7

Blue-winged Teal – 64

Northern Shoveler – 65

Green-winged Teal - 3

Hooded Merganser - 14

Pied-billed Grebe – 38

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 1**

Double-crested Cormorant – 8

#### ***Anhinga* - 19**

American Bittern – 7

#### ***Least Bittern* - 1**

Great Blue Heron – 6

Great Egret – 8

Snowy Egret – 5

Little-blue Heron – 3

#### ***White-faced Ibis* – 69**

***Glossy Ibis*** – 4 (adults in breeding plumage.)

Plegadis species – 3 (possible hybrids)

Black Vulture - 9

Turkey Vulture – 14

Bald Eagle – 2 (1 adult & 1 imm.)

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Sora - 1

#### ***Common Gallinule* - 4**

American Coot – 335

Greater Yellowlegs – 35

Lesser Yellowlegs – 3

Pectoral Sandpiper – 2

Wilson's Snipe - 2

Mourning Dove – 5  
Eurasian Collared-Dove – 1  
Rock Pigeon - 2  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 5  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 1  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 6  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 13  
Fish Crow – 4  
Purple Martin - 7  
Tree Swallow – 28  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 3  
Bank Swallow – 3  
Cliff Swallow - 21  
Barn Swallow - 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Sedge Wren – 3  
Marsh Wren – 5  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 5  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Pine Warbler – 2  
Prothonotary Warbler – 8  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 7  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Lark Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 16  
LeConte's Sparrow - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 3  
White-throated Sparrow - 1  
White-crowned Sparrow – 5  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Red-winged Blackbird – 27  
Common Grackle - 4  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 6

**Odonates** (too cold for them to be flying. Only saw what I spooked up while walking through the grass.):

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Elegant Spreadwing  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Green Treefrog  
Cajun Chorus frog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
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**Red Slough Bird Survey – April 7th**

Hollis Price (OK), Judy Barto (OK), and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 77 species. It started off overcast and misting and turned mostly clear, hot, and windy. New migrants keep pouring in. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose - 3  
Wood Duck - 17  
Gadwall – 13  
Mallard – 5  
Blue-winged Teal - 108  
Northern Shoveler - 65  
Hooded Merganser - 67  
Pied-billed Grebe – 27  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant – 102  
**Anhinga** - 10  
American Bittern – 3  
Great Blue Heron – 10  
Great Egret – 26  
Snowy Egret – 1  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
Black Vulture - 10  
Turkey Vulture – 30  
Bald Eagle – 2 (1 adult & 1 imm.)  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 1  
American Kestrel - 1

Virginia Rail – 7  
**Common Gallinule** - 5  
American Coot – 505  
American Golden-Plover – 1  
Killdeer - 1  
Greater Yellowlegs – 54  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 12  
Upland Sandpiper – 1  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 7  
Franklin's Gull - 3  
Mourning Dove – 5  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Eastern Kingbird – 2  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 5  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow – 2  
Fish Crow – 6  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 48  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 19  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse – 7  
Carolina Wren – 7  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 9  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler – 3  
Black-and-White Warbler – 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 4  
Common Yellowthroat – 9  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 12  
LeConte's Sparrow - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 5  
White-throated Sparrow - 6  
White-crowned Sparrow – 21  
Northern Cardinal - 14  
Red-winged Blackbird – 106  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2

Common Grackle - 12  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 14  
American Goldfinch – 4

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Familiar Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Baskettail species  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Variegated Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared slider  
Missouri River Cooter  
Southern Painted Turtle  
Little Brown Skink  
Eastern Fence Lizard  
Green Treefrog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

**Other notable sightings:**

Monarch butterfly - 2

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

It was mostly cloudy, mild, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 81 species were found. Lots of new returning migrants have showed up! Everything is greening up real nice and Redbuds and Dogwoods are blooming. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 1  
Wood Duck - 16  
Gadwall – 65  
American Wigeon - 4  
Mallard – 2

Blue-winged Teal - 73  
Northern Shoveler - 53  
Green-winged Teal - 1  
Ring-necked Duck – 9  
Lesser Scaup - 2  
Hooded Merganser - 69  
Ruddy Duck – 4  
Pied-billed Grebe – 54  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant – 21  
American Bittern – 3  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Great Egret – 11  
Snowy Egret – 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
Black Vulture - 9  
Turkey Vulture – 28  
Northern Harrier – 1  
**King Rail** - 1  
Virginia Rail – 4  
**Common Gallinule** - 2  
American Coot – 515  
American Golden-Plover - 4  
Greater Yellowlegs – 18  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 2  
Wilson's Snipe – 2  
Mourning Dove – 13  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 5  
Downy Woodpecker – 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 3  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 1  
Loggerhead Shrike – 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 8  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow – 6  
Fish Crow – 14  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow – 53  
Barn Swallow - 6  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse – 11  
Carolina Wren – 10  
House Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 6

Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird – 2  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 8  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler – 7  
Black-and-White Warbler – 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 1  
Louisiana Waterthrush - 2  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 4  
LeConte's Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 2  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 6  
White-throated Sparrow - 22  
White-crowned Sparrow – 11  
Northern Cardinal - 18  
Red-winged Blackbird – 164  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 14  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 4  
American Goldfinch – 3

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Baskettail species  
Blue Corporal  
Variegated Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared slider  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Western Black Ratsnake  
Western Cottonmouth  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – March 25<sup>th</sup>**

The bird survey started with thunderstorms then turned mostly clear, windy and hot (80's). 74 species were found. Plenty of returning migrants showing up. Seven species of warblers were found. Spring has sprung. Leaves are coming out. Redbuds are blooming. Dragonflies and butterflies are out. Here is my list for today:

Snow Geese – 2  
Canada Goose - 7  
Wood Duck - 27  
Gadwall – 36  
American Wigeon - 6  
Mallard – 3  
Blue-winged Teal - 31  
Northern Shoveler - 88  
Northern Pintail - 1  
Green-winged Teal - 3  
Ring-necked Duck – 63  
Lesser Scaup - 37  
Hooded Merganser - 22  
Ruddy Duck – 50  
Pied-billed Grebe – 35  
Double-crested Cormorant – 19  
American Bittern – 1 calling  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Great Egret – 1  
Little-blue Heron - 1  
Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture – 11  
Northern Harrier – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 1  
Small falcon species - 1  
Virginia Rail – 2  
**Common Gallinule** - 2  
American Coot – 370  
American Golden-Plover - 21  
Greater Yellowlegs - 20  
Wilson's Snipe – 19  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 4  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Northern Flicker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 2  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 10  
Fish Crow – 6  
Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow – 40  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2  
Barn Swallow - 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 11  
Tufted Titmouse – 6  
Carolina Wren – 13  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren – 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
Cedar Waxwing – 13  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 30  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler – 4  
Black-and-White Warbler – 3  
Louisiana Waterthrush - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 11  
Song Sparrow – 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 4  
White-throated Sparrow - 14  
White-crowned Sparrow – 16  
Northern Cardinal - 20  
Red-winged Blackbird – 76  
Common Grackle - 45  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 2  
American Goldfinch – 18

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Common Green Darner

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Yellow-bellied Watersnake  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Spring Peeper  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour

**Red Slough Bird Survey – March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Berlin Heck and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 72 species. It was partly cloudy and very warm (mid 80's). Really the only thing of note birdwise was a flock of 30 Lesser Scaups which is probably the most we have ever had of this declining species. Barn Swallows are back! Lots of herps out. Here is our list for today:

Snow Geese – 71  
Canada Goose - 8  
Wood Duck - 10  
Gadwall – 575  
Mallard – 32  
Blue-winged Teal - 24  
Northern Shoveler - 84  
Northern Pintail - 4  
Green-winged Teal - 32  
Ring-necked Duck – 149  
Lesser Scaup - **30**  
Hooded Merganser - 3  
Ruddy Duck – 42  
Wild Turkey - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe – 24  
American White Pelican - 2  
Double-crested Cormorant - 57  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Black Vulture - 20  
Turkey Vulture – 38  
Northern Harrier – 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 2  
Virginia Rail - 7  
American Coot - 236  
Killdeer – 3  
Greater Yellowlegs -1  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 2  
Wilson's Snipe – 17  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 6  
Northern Flicker – 5  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 4  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow – 14  
Fish Crow – 4  
Tree Swallow – 14  
Barn Swallow - 2

Carolina Chickadee – 5  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 7  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
American Robin – 10  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 8  
Pine Warbler - 5  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 6  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 6  
White-throated Sparrow - 10  
White-crowned Sparrow – 10  
Northern Cardinal - 13  
Red-winged Blackbird - 45  
Eastern Meadowlark – 3  
Common Grackle – 1  
Brown-headed Cowbird – 1  
American Goldfinch – 15

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail – lots emerging!

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Mississippi Mud Turtle  
Yellow-bellied Watersnake  
Broad-banded Watersnake  
Diamondback Watersnake  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Spring Peeper  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bullfrog

(Yesterday I saw: softshell turtle species, Black Ratsnake, Graham's Crayfish Snake, and Common Snapping Turtle.)

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – March 10<sup>th</sup>**

John Ault, Berlin Heck, and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 71 species. The weather was overcast and mild, with fog early. We received 2.4 inches of rain yesterday and with conditions saturated from last week's rains and snows, has resulted in flooding all over Red Slough. The north parking lot was under water and Blackland Road and Paschal Lane were mostly under water. Tree Swallows are back in force. Duck numbers are down and Blue-winged Teal are starting to move through. Here is our list for today:

Snow Geese – 90  
Ross' Geese - 2  
Canada Goose - 4  
Wood Duck - 7  
Gadwall – 575  
Mallard – 42  
Blue-winged Teal - 19  
Northern Shoveler - 83  
Northern Pintail - 74  
Green-winged Teal - 17  
Ring-necked Duck – 45  
Lesser Scaup - 8  
Hooded Merganser - 6  
Ruddy Duck - 43  
Pied-billed Grebe – 19  
American White Pelican - 1  
Double-crested Cormorant - 16  
Great Blue Heron – 10  
Black Vulture - 11  
Turkey Vulture – 39  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier – 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 6  
Virginia Rail - 6  
American Coot - 376  
Killdeer – 1  
Wilson's Snipe – 8  
Mourning Dove – 10  
Great-horned Owl - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 6  
Northern Flicker – 7  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Phoebe – 6  
Loggerhead Shrike – 4  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow – 11  
Fish Crow – 2  
**Tree Swallow - 20**  
Carolina Chickadee – 2  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 4  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 3  
Marsh Wren – 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2  
Hermit Thrush – 2  
American Robin – 5  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 1  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 2  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 5  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 7  
Swamp Sparrow – 3  
White-throated Sparrow - 5  
White-crowned Sparrow – 4  
Northern Cardinal - 4  
Red-winged Blackbird - 245  
Eastern Meadowlark – 9  
Western Meadowlark - 1  
**Rusty Blackbird – 17**  
Common Grackle – 2

**Herps:**

Cajun Chorus Frog  
Spring Peeper  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

It was calm, overcast, and cold (low 40's), with a light coating of snow on the ground, on the bird survey today. In spite of the poor weather, 81 species were found. I ran into Berlin Heck and his wife Pat near the end of my survey and they joined me for a while. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Geese – 150  
Snow Geese – 163  
Ross' Geese - 21  
Canada Goose - 1  
Wood Duck - 4  
Gadwall – 452  
American Wigeon - 1  
Mallard – 58  
Blue-winged Teal - 2  
Northern Shoveler - 28  
Northern Pintail - 65  
Green-winged Teal - 27  
Ring-necked Duck – 28  
Hooded Merganser - 15  
Ruddy Duck - 13  
Pied-billed Grebe – 12  
American White Pelican - 43  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
Great Blue Heron – 8  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture – 14  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier – 3  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 5  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel – 2  
**Merlin** – 1 adult  
Virginia Rail - 4  
American Coot - 335  
Killdeer – 8  
Greater Yellowlegs – 1  
**Pectoral Sandpiper** - 1  
Wilson's Snipe – 2  
Mourning Dove – 68  
Barred Owl - 2  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 4  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 7  
Eastern Phoebe – 2  
Loggerhead Shrike – 1  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1

Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow - 65  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse – 7  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 4  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
American Robin – 15  
**Gray Catbird** – 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 6  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 4  
Fox Sparrow - 5  
Song Sparrow – 5  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 2  
White-throated Sparrow - 4  
White-crowned Sparrow – 31  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 14  
Red-winged Blackbird - 255  
Eastern Meadowlark – 51  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 19  
Common Grackle - 4  
American Goldfinch – 9

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

It was partly cloudy and cool on the bird survey today. 74 species were found. I found another “Brewer’s” Duck today. It is a different looking individual than the one I found a few weeks ago. I managed to get some photos of it that I will post online later. Gray Catbird was another pleasant surprise. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose – 180  
Canada Goose - 13  
Wood Duck - 2

Gadwall – 464  
**“Brewer’s” Duck** - 1  
Mallard – 125  
Northern Shoveler - 41  
Northern Pintail - 31  
Green-winged Teal - 45  
Ring-necked Duck – 102  
Lesser Scaup - 2  
Hooded Merganser - 12  
Ruddy Duck - 6  
Pied-billed Grebe - 27  
Double-crested Cormorant - 3  
Great Blue Heron – 7  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 12  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 4  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 6  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel – 1  
**Merlin** – 1 adult  
Virginia Rail - 6  
American Coot - 312  
Killdeer – 29  
Greater Yellowlegs - 9  
Wilson's Snipe – 1  
Mourning Dove - 172  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 6  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 11  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 6  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 725  
Fish Crow – 11  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Winter Wren - 2  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Hermit Thrush – 2  
American Robin – 6  
**Gray Catbird** – 1 (1<sup>st</sup> winter record for RS)

Northern Mockingbird – 2  
Brown Thrasher – 8  
European Starling - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 5  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
Eastern Towhee – 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 38  
Fox Sparrow - 4  
Song Sparrow – 27  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 7  
White-throated Sparrow - 12  
White-crowned Sparrow – 29  
Dark-eyed Junco - 5  
Northern Cardinal - 15  
Red-winged Blackbird - 113  
Eastern Meadowlark – 8  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 9  
Common Grackle - 1  
American Goldfinch – 1

Good birding!

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#### **Red Slough Bird Survey – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

It was clear, mild (60's), with an east wind on the bird survey today. 71 species were found. Highlight was finding a very early Pectoral Sandpiper hanging out with some Killdeers and Least Sandpipers. Spring is starting here with daffodil's, elms, and Red Maples blooming now. Sand Plum buds are swelling and will soon bloom. Frogs are singing everywhere. Grebes are yodeling. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose - 29  
Canada Goose – 3  
Wood Duck - 4  
Gadwall – 1500  
Mallard – 144  
Northern Shoveler – 25  
Northern Pintail - 41  
Green-winged Teal - 5  
Ring-necked Duck – 120  
Hooded Merganser - 5  
Ruddy Duck - 12  
Pied-billed Grebe - 9  
Double-crested Cormorant - 11  
Great Blue Heron – 7  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture – 18

Northern Harrier – 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 8  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 2  
American Coot – 906  
Killdeer – 66  
Greater Yellowlegs – 12  
Least Sandpiper – 6  
**Pectoral Sandpiper** – 1 (very early!)  
Wilson's Snipe - 6  
Mourning Dove – 71  
Eurasian Collared-Dove – 2  
Belted Kingfisher – 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 6  
Downy Woodpecker – 5  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 12  
Eastern Phoebe – 6  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow - 560  
Fish Crow – 4  
Carolina Chickadee – 6  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Carolina Wren – 10  
Bewick's Wren – 1  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 4  
Sedge Wren – 2  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 4  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Brown Thrasher – 6  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 8  
Common Yellowthroat – 2  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 26  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow – 17  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 8  
White-throated Sparrow – 9  
White-crowned Sparrow – 9  
Northern Cardinal - 10  
Red-winged Blackbird - 99  
Eastern Meadowlark – 12

Common Grackle – 1  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 7  
American Goldfinch – 10  
House Sparrow – 1

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Painted Turtle  
Cajun Chorus Frogs – calling  
Southern Leopard Frogs – calling

**Other sightings:**

Checkered White (butterfly)  
Orange Sulphur (butterfly)

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

David Rymal (Houston, TX) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 79 species. It was partly cloudy, cool, with a slight wind. Here is our list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose – 80  
Snow Goose – 4  
Ross' Goose - 7  
Canada Goose – 8  
Wood Duck - 2  
Gadwall – 1155  
American Wigeon - 14  
Mallard – 285  
Northern Shoveler – 42  
Northern Pintail - 316  
Green-winged Teal - 1300  
Ring-necked Duck – 18  
Hooded Merganser - 12  
Ruddy Duck - 26  
Pied-billed Grebe - 15  
Double-crested Cormorant - 7  
Great Blue Heron – 9  
Black Vulture - 2  
Turkey Vulture – 11  
Bald Eagle – 2 adults  
Northern Harrier – 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Cooper's Hawk – 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 16  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 4  
American Coot – 470  
Killdeer – 122  
Greater Yellowlegs – 11  
Wilson’s Snipe - 3  
Ring-billed Gull - 1  
Mourning Dove – 30  
Eurasian Collared-Dove – 2  
**Barn Owl** – 1  
Great-horned Owl - 1  
Belted Kingfisher – 2  
Red-headed Woodpecker - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 4  
Northern Flicker – 10  
Eastern Phoebe – 8  
Loggerhead Shrike - 5  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow - 700  
Fish Crow – 9  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 8  
Marsh Wren – 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
European Starling - 17  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 3  
Common Yellowthroat – 3  
**Spotted Towhee** – 1  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 17  
LeConte’s Sparrow - 7  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow – 10  
Lincoln’s Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 6  
White-throated Sparrow – 5  
Harris’ Sparrow - 1  
White-crowned Sparrow – 32  
Northern Cardinal - 16  
Red-winged Blackbird - 425  
Eastern Meadowlark – 5

Western Meadowlark - 2  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 4  
American Goldfinch – 3  
**Pine Siskin** - 1  
House Sparrow – 1

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – January 27<sup>th</sup>**

It was clear and warm (mid 70's) today on the bird survey. 80 species and one hybrid were found. I surveyed more in wooded areas today than I normally do. Duck hunting season is over and the Mallards have scattered all over the area now making it difficult to get high counts like I do when the hunting pressure keeps them concentrated in the refuge area. The Gadwalls and Green-winged Teal are still mostly holding in the refuge area. The "Brewer's Duck" which is a Mallard X Gadwall hybrid was seen on Lotus Lake in with the Gadwalls. I actually saw him last week on the count too but forgot to mention him. A very nice looking bird. Here are my results from today:

Canada Goose – 4  
Wood Duck - 2  
Gadwall – 1365  
**"Brewer's Duck"** – 1 male  
American Wigeon - 5  
Mallard – 180  
Northern Shoveler – 39  
Northern Pintail - 41  
Green-winged Teal - 2000  
Ring-necked Duck – 109  
Hooded Merganser - 10  
Ruddy Duck - 9  
Pied-billed Grebe - 19  
Double-crested Cormorant - 5  
Great Blue Heron – 7  
Black Vulture - 10  
Turkey Vulture – 18  
Bald Eagle – 1 imm.  
Northern Harrier – 4  
Cooper's Hawk – 3  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 12  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - **14**  
American Coot – 1425  
Killdeer – 97  
Greater Yellowlegs – 12  
Ring-billed Gull - 1  
Mourning Dove – 17

Eurasian Collared-Dove – 3  
Belted Kingfisher – 3  
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 7  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 6  
Downy Woodpecker – 5  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 7  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 6  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow - 600  
Fish Crow – 5  
Carolina Chickadee – 10  
Tufted Titmouse – 4  
Brown Creeper - 2  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Bewick's Wren – 1  
Winter Wren - 2  
Sedge Wren – 3  
Marsh Wren – 5  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5  
Eastern Bluebird – 2  
Hermit Thrush – 6  
American Robin - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
European Starling - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 5  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat – 2  
**Spotted Towhee** – 2  
Eastern Towhee - 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 16  
LeConte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 7  
Song Sparrow – 21  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 7  
White-throated Sparrow –12  
White-crowned Sparrow – 24  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 6  
Red-winged Blackbird - 1750  
Eastern Meadowlark – 1  
**Rusty Blackbird** –21  
Brewer's Blackbird - 4  
Common Grackle - 3  
American Goldfinch – 3

House Sparrow – 3

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Missouri River Cooter  
Southern Painted Turtle  
Cajun Chorus Frogs – calling  
Spring Peeper - calling  
Southern Leopard Frogs – calling

**Also:**

Checkered White butterfly  
Question Mark butterfly

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – January 20<sup>th</sup>**

It was partly cloudy and mild with a little wind on the bird survey today. 69 species were found. Highlight of the day was hearing screaming calls and looking up to see an adult Golden Eagle soaring with an adult Bald Eagle. The Golden Eagle was the one screaming and apparently agitated and the Bald Eagle took the hint and left toward the southwest. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose – 90  
Canada Goose - 5  
Gadwall – 1600  
American Wigeon - 4  
Mallard – 715  
Northern Shoveler – 69  
Northern Pintail - 192  
Green-winged Teal - 1200  
Ring-necked Duck – 56  
Canvasback - 4  
Hooded Merganser - 5  
Ruddy Duck - 34  
Pied-billed Grebe - 25  
Double-crested Cormorant - 7  
Great Blue Heron – 7  
Black Vulture - 11  
Turkey Vulture – 65  
Bald Eagle – 2 adults  
Northern Harrier – 7  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 2

Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 9  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 4  
American Coot - 405  
Killdeer – 154  
Least Sandpiper - 5  
Mourning Dove – 13  
Eurasian Collared-Dove – 3  
Rock Pigeon - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 9  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 5  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 592  
Fish Crow – 17  
Carolina Chickadee – 8  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Carolina Wren – 6  
Bewick's Wren – 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 4  
Marsh Wren – 2  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 15  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow – 11  
Swamp Sparrow – 9  
White-throated Sparrow – 2  
White-crowned Sparrow – 17  
Northern Cardinal - 9  
Red-winged Blackbird - 109  
Eastern Meadowlark – 14  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 11  
Common Grackle - 40  
American Goldfinch – 2  
House Sparrow – 1

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling  
Southern Leopard Frog - calling

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – January 14<sup>th</sup>**

It was partly cloudy and cold on the bird survey today. 63 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose – 1  
Wood Duck - 1  
Gadwall – 1334  
American Wigeon - 30  
Mallard – 1336  
Blue-winged Teal - 1  
Northern Shoveler – 66  
Northern Pintail - 330  
Green-winged Teal - 512  
Ring-necked Duck – 155  
Hooded Merganser - 13  
Ruddy Duck - 31  
Pied-billed Grebe - 18  
Double-crested Cormorant - 7  
Great Blue Heron – 10  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 49  
Bald Eagle – 3 adults  
Northern Harrier – 6  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 4  
Red-tailed Hawk – 4  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 279  
Killdeer – 24  
Mourning Dove - 54  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 2  
Northern Flicker – 11  
Eastern Phoebe – 6  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 405  
Fish Crow – 7  
Carolina Chickadee – 5

Tufted Titmouse – 1  
Carolina Wren – 5  
Sedge Wren – 5  
Marsh Wren – 5  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5  
Eastern Bluebird - 6  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher – 6  
European Starling – 2  
American Pipit – 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4  
Eastern Towhee – 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 6  
Fox Sparrow - 3  
Song Sparrow – 22  
Swamp Sparrow – 18  
White-throated Sparrow – 5  
White-crowned Sparrow – 10  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 6  
Red-winged Blackbird - 227  
Eastern Meadowlark – 7  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 5  
Brewer's Blackbird – 1  
Common Grackle - 8  
American Goldfinch – 7

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – January 6<sup>th</sup>**

It was mostly clear with a light breeze today on the bird survey. It started off cold but warmed up into the 50's and the frogs started calling. We received 5+ inches of rain last Thursday and Friday which has finally put water in our wetlands, most of which have been dry. Duck numbers have increased again and the Golden Eagle has returned. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 1  
Gadwall – 2000  
American Wigeon - 13  
Mallard – 1607  
Blue-winged Teal - 1  
Northern Shoveler – 32  
Northern Pintail - 179  
Green-winged Teal - 408  
Ring-necked Duck – 325  
Hooded Merganser - 4  
Ruddy Duck - 14  
Pied-billed Grebe - 17

Double-crested Cormorant - 32  
Great Blue Heron – 18  
Black Vulture - 18  
Turkey Vulture – 29  
Northern Harrier - 3  
Cooper's Hawk – 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 6  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel – 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 327  
Killdeer – 1  
Wilson's Snipe – 7  
Ring-billed Gull - 1  
Rock Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 113  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 8  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 5  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 7  
American Crow - 275  
Fish Crow – 14  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse – 2  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren – 4  
Bewick's Wren – 1  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3  
Hermit Thrush – 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
European Starling – 84  
American Pipit – 5  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 7  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 2  
LeConte's Sparrow - 3

Fox Sparrow - 3  
Song Sparrow – 12  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 6  
White-throated Sparrow – 7  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Northern Cardinal - 9  
Red-winged Blackbird - 110  
Eastern Meadowlark – 14  
***Rusty Blackbird*** – 1  
American Goldfinch – 3

Good birding!

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