

# Red Slough Bird Surveys 2013

## Red Slough Bird Survey - Dec. 31

It was mostly clear and mild (50's) on the bird survey today. 68 species were found. Passerines were a bit scarce once the wind picked up in the afternoon. Here is my list for today:

### **Trumpeter Swan** - 2 (Ward Lake)

Wood Duck - 2

Gadwall - 3370

American Wigeon - 2

Mallard - 2350

Northern Shoveler - 21

Northern Pintail - 47

Green-winged Teal - 2530

Canvasback - 5

Ring-necked Duck - 34

Lesser Scaup - 1

Hooded Merganser - 6

Ruddy Duck - 7

Pied-billed Grebe - 19

### **Horned Grebe** - 1

Double-crested Cormorant - 15

Great Blue Heron - 16

Black Vulture - 4

Turkey Vulture - 14

Northern Harrier - 6

Red-tailed Hawk - 9

American Kestrel - 2

Virginia Rail - 3

American Coot - 385

Killdeer - 1

Greater Yellowlegs - 1

Wilson's Snipe - 9

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2

Mourning Dove - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 5

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker - 8

Eastern Phoebe - 9

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 21

Fish Crow - 3

Carolina Chickadee - 4

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 2

House Wren - 3

Winter Wren - 1

Sedge Wren - 1

Marsh Wren - 3

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2

Eastern Bluebird - 11  
Hermit Thrush - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 4  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 9  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 6  
Song Sparrow - 19  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 3  
White-throated Sparrow - 4  
White-crowned Sparrow - 24  
Northern Cardinal - 5  
Red-winged Blackbird - 23  
Eastern Meadowlark - 20  
Rusty Blackbird - 27  
Common Grackle - 315  
American Goldfinch - 1

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - Dec. 24th**

It was clear, cold, and windy on the bird survey today. Had another grand slam on the eastern wrens again. The survey started off slow but picked up as the day warmed. Here is my list for today:

#### **Trumpeter Swan - 2 adults (Ward Lake)**

Wood Duck - 4  
Gadwall - 3270  
American Wigeon - 4  
Mallard - 724  
Northern Shoveler - 24  
Northern Pintail - 35  
Green-winged Teal - 2250  
Canvasback - 16  
Ring-necked Duck - 360  
Hooded Merganser - 10  
Ruddy Duck - 6  
Pied-billed Grebe - 19  
**Horned Grebe - 1**  
American White Pelican - 36  
Double-crested Cormorant - 6  
Great Blue Heron - 10  
Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture - 22  
Bald Eagle - 2 adults  
Northern Harrier - 6  
Red-tailed Hawk - 16  
**Golden Eagle - 1 adult**  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 2  
American Coot - 565  
Killdeer - 129  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1

Least Sandpiper - 5  
Wilson's Snipe - 74  
Mourning Dove - 5  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker - 24  
Eastern Phoebe - 11  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 250  
Fish Crow - 4  
Carolina Chickadee - 9  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 4  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
American Pipit - 10  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 8  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
**Spotted Towhee** - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 9  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 3  
Fox Sparrow - 15  
Song Sparrow - 28  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 4  
Swamp Sparrow - 13  
White-throated Sparrow - 15  
White-crowned Sparrow - 34  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 29  
Red-winged Blackbird - 34  
Eastern Meadowlark - 44  
Rusty Blackbird - **95**  
Common Grackle - 1  
American Goldfinch - 3

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - Dec. 17**

It was clear and mild (60's) on the bird survey today. 73 species were found. Had a grand slam on the wrens that are native to eastern Oklahoma. Things were pretty slow today compared to last week. We are covered up in Song Sparrows this year but Savannah numbers are down. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose - 3  
Snow Goose - 3  
Canada Goose - 17

**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 adults (Ward Lake)

Gadwall - 3071

American Wigeon - 7

Mallard - 1356

Northern Shoveler - 14 (numbers have drastically dropped over the past 3 years.)

Northern Pintail - 17

Green-winged Teal - 415

Canvasback - 7

Redhead - 2

Ring-necked Duck - 112

Hooded Merganser - 6

Ruddy Duck - 5

Pied-billed Grebe - 15

Double-crested Cormorant - 107

Great Blue Heron - 14

Black Vulture - 7

Turkey Vulture - 17

Bald Eagle - 2 adults

Northern Harrier - 6

Red-tailed Hawk - 9

American Kestrel - 2

**Virginia Rail** - 3

American Coot - 440

Killdeer - 34

Greater Yellowlegs - 3

Wilson's Snipe - **490**

Mourning Dove - 14

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker - 12

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 8

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 1000

Fish Crow - 31

Carolina Chickadee - 5

Carolina Wren - 3

Bewick's Wren - 1

House Wren - 2

Winter Wren - 1

Sedge Wren - 1

Marsh Wren - 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 5

Eastern Bluebird - 1

American Robin - 1

Northern Mockingbird - 3

American Pipit - 24

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2

**Common Yellowthroat** - 1

**Spotted Towhee** - 2

Savannah Sparrow - 2

Le Conte's Sparrow - 1

Fox Sparrow - 5  
Song Sparrow - 30  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 3  
Swamp Sparrow - 12  
White-throated Sparrow - 8  
White-crowned Sparrow - 5  
Dark-eyed Junco - 6  
Northern Cardinal - 9  
Red-winged Blackbird - 4  
Eastern Meadowlark - 20  
**Rusty Blackbird** - 2  
Common Grackle - 34  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1  
American Goldfinch - 8

Odonates:

Variegated Meadowhawk - 2

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Dec. 10**

It was clear, calm, and cold on the bird survey yesterday. 82 species were found. Trumpeter Swans are back on Ward Lake. They are regular there now. Quite a few notable species were found including a Common Gallinule which is rare in winter here but I have had them in winter several times before but not in recent years. I stayed till dark to try for Short-eared Owl and was successful. Spotted one around 5:30 p.m. from Appleberry Lane looking east about 1/8 mile north of the intersection of Appleberry Ln. and Blackland Road. Here is my list:

Snow Goose - 46  
Ross's Goose - 9  
Canada Goose - 86  
**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 adults (Ward Lake)  
Wood Duck - 59  
Gadwall - 3220  
American Wigeon - 7  
Mallard - 545  
Blue-winged Teal - 5  
Northern Shoveler - 3  
Northern Pintail - 2  
Green-winged Teal - 91  
Canvasback - 31  
Ring-necked Duck - 331  
Bufflehead - 1 male  
**Common Goldeneye** - 1  
Hooded Merganser - 13  
Ruddy Duck - 6  
Pied-billed Grebe - 37  
**Horned Grebe** - 1  
Great Blue Heron - 13

Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 18  
Bald Eagle - 2 imm.  
Northern Harrier - 12  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 17  
American Kestrel - 1  
**Merlin** - 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 1  
American Coot - 470  
Killdeer - 2  
Greater Yellowlegs - 3  
Wilson's Snipe - 2  
Mourning Dove - 17  
**Short-eared Owl** - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 8  
Eastern Phoebe - 11  
Loggerhead Shrike - 3  
Blue Jay - - 1  
American Crow - 139  
Fish Crow - 7  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 3  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 3  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Hermit Thrush - 2  
American Robin - 10  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
American Pipit - 1  
Cedar Waxwing - 11  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 17  
Pine Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
**Spotted Towhee** - 1 male  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 12

Le Conte's Sparrow - 2  
Fox Sparrow - 12  
Song Sparrow - 21  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 4  
Swamp Sparrow - 22  
White-throated Sparrow - 18  
White-crowned Sparrow - 9  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 17  
Red-winged Blackbird - 75  
Eastern Meadowlark - 45  
Common Grackle - **100,000+**  
American Goldfinch - 13

Mammals:

Striped Skunk  
Virginia Opossum  
Nutria  
White-tailed Deer  
River Otter

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Dec. 4**

The bird survey today started off in thick fog but soon cleared up to be a windy, partly cloudy, warm day. Temperature probably reach around 80 degrees. Butterflies were flying. Here is my list for today:

Gadwall - 341  
American Wigeon - 1  
Mallard - 299  
Northern Shoveler - 11  
Northern Pintail - 3  
Green-winged Teal - 455  
Ring-necked Duck - 324  
Hooded Merganser - 17  
Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
American White Pelican - 4  
Double-crested Cormorant - 6  
Great Blue Heron - 11  
Black Vulture - 18  
Turkey Vulture - 92  
Bald Eagle - 1 imm.  
Northern Harrier - 7  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk - 21  
American Kestrel - 1  
**Merlin - 1**  
American Coot - 305  
Killdeer - 36

Greater Yellowlegs - 3  
Wilson's Snipe - 36  
Mourning Dove - 2  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 5  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 7  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 325  
Fish Crow - 30  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 2  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
American Robin - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
Cedar Waxwing - 5  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 5  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 11  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 2  
Fox Sparrow - 4  
Song Sparrow - 17  
Swamp Sparrow - 14  
White-throated Sparrow - 14  
White-crowned Sparrow - 6  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Red-winged Blackbird - 11  
Eastern Meadowlark - 20  
**Rusty Blackbird** - 3  
American Goldfinch - 14

**Odonates:**

Variegated Meadowhawk - lots still flying!

**Herps:**

American Alligators  
Red-eared Sliders  
Graham's Crayfish Snake  
Cajun Chorus Frogs - singing  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### Red Slough Bird Survey - Nov. 13

Berlin Heck and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 70 species. Ken Williams and Robert Bastarache came down and joined us at noon to help with a Yellow Rail rope drag. We found a Yellow Rail almost immediately as soon as we started dragging but failed to locate anymore during an hour and a half of rope dragging. We did find plenty of Le Conte's Sparrows. The Tree Swallows today were the latest I have ever had them at Red Slough. A lot of waterfowl came in over night with the cold front. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck - 11  
Gadwall - 1065  
American Wigeon - 2  
Mallard - 202  
Blue-winged Teal - 1  
Northern Shoveler - 13  
Northern Pintail - 5  
Green-winged Teal - 165  
Redhead - 6  
Ring-necked Duck - 93  
Hooded Merganser - 3  
Ruddy Duck - 12  
Pied-billed Grebe - 2  
**Eared Grebe** - 1  
American White Pelican - 8  
Double-crested Cormorant - 6  
Great Blue Heron - 13  
Great Egret - 1  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture - 8  
Bald Eagle - 2  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 16  
American Kestrel - 2  
**Yellow Rail** - 1  
American Coot - 160  
Killdeer - 7  
Greater Yellowlegs - 14  
Wilson's Snipe - 25  
Ring-billed Gull - 2  
Mourning Dove - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker - 15  
Eastern Phoebe - 6  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 14  
Fish Crow - 10  
**Tree Swallow** - 12  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Carolina Wren - 2  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2

American Robin - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
American Pipit - 1  
Cedar Waxwing - 3  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 13  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 5  
Savannah Sparrow - 26  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 41  
Fox Sparrow - 11  
Song Sparrow - 13  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow - 9  
White-throated Sparrow - 23  
White-crowned Sparrow - 6  
Dark-eyed Junco - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 5  
Red-winged Blackbird - 85  
Eastern Meadowlark - 27  
Common Grackle - 2  
American Goldfinch - 29

Odonates:

Variiegated Meadowhawk - (lots still flying after temps dipping into the 20's last night!)

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Nov. 5**

It was overcast, cool, and windy on the bird survey today. 70 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 8  
Gadwall - 280  
Mallard - 7  
Blue-winged Teal - 3  
Northern Pintail - 1  
Green-winged Teal - 200  
Ring-necked Duck - 75  
Pied-billed Grebe - 2  
American White Pelican - 72  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
Great Blue Heron - 7  
Great Egret - 1  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 12  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 3  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk - 5  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 2

American Coot - 28  
Killdeer - 6  
Wilson's Snipe - 17  
Mourning Dove - 5  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 10 (including one **Red-shafted**)  
Eastern Phoebe - 8  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1  
American Crow - 39  
Fish Crow - 2  
**Tree Swallow** - 10  
Carolina Chickadee - 9  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 3  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren - 3  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 5  
Eastern Bluebird - 8  
American Robin - 115  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
American Pipit - 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 4  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Chipping Sparrow - 1  
Field Sparrow - 7  
Vesper Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 10  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow - 23  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 5  
Swamp Sparrow - 29  
White-throated Sparrow - 14  
White-crowned Sparrow - 6  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Red-winged Blackbird - 215  
Eastern Meadowlark - 3  
American Goldfinch - 13

**Odonates:**

Familiar Bluet  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Variegated Meadowhawk

## Herps:

Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Good birding!

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## Red Slough Bird Survey - October 30

The first couple hours of the bird survey today it was calm and overcast and was the period that I found most of the Passerines listed below. Then the clouds broke, the sun came out, and it turned extremely (!!!) windy. The Passerines disappeared and about all I could find after this was water birds and soaring birds. 53 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 11  
Gadwall - 200  
Mallard - 13  
Blue-winged Teal - 16  
**Cinnamon Teal** - 1 male  
Northern Shoveler - 9  
Northern Pintail - 1  
Green-winged Teal - 100  
Redhead - 10  
Ring-necked Duck - 45  
Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
American White Pelican - 38  
Double-crested Cormorant - 4  
Great Blue Heron - 5  
Great Egret - 2  
**Dark Ibis sp.** - 1  
Black Vulture - 6  
Turkey Vulture - 25  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 2  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 3  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 5  
Red-tailed Hawk - 5  
American Kestrel - 2  
Killdeer - 139  
Greater Yellowlegs - 2  
Least Sandpiper - 4  
Mourning Dove - 4  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 8  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 6  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 170  
Fish Crow - 1  
**Tree Swallow** - 10 (new late date.)  
Carolina Chickadee - 2  
Carolina Wren - 2  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 2  
Marsh Wren - 1

Eastern Bluebird - 4  
**Spotted Towhee** - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 7  
Song Sparrow - 2  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 3  
Swamp Sparrow - 10  
White-throated Sparrow - 5  
White-crowned Sparrow - 3  
Red-winged Blackbird - 105  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Familiar Bluet  
Southern Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Eastern River Cooter  
Black Ratsnake  
Western Cottonmouth  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Oct. 23**

Its was clear, mild, and a little windy on the bird survey today. 68 species were found. Sparrow numbers are increasing. A few ducks starting to come in to what little water we have. I scared a small 2.5 foot gator off the bank today and it swam a little ways out into the lake and climbed up on a Lotus pad, which held him half out of the water in the sunlight. A Pied-billed Grebe closeby saw him swimming out from the bank and rushed over to the gator. I watched wondering if it was going to peck the little gator or something. The grebe swam right up to within a foot of the resting gator who now had his eyes closed and soaking up the sun. The grebe just sat there and looked at him but did nothing. Eventually he backed off about a foot and went to resting himself but kept his eyes open. 45 minutes later they were still sitting beside each other. I don't know how long the grebe stayed there as I took a hike down the levee for an hour and when I returned they both were in different locations. I will post a pic of them in a little while on the pbase site. See link below. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 25  
Gadwall - 74  
American Wigeon - 8  
Blue-winged Teal - 7  
Northern Shoveler - 2  
Northern Pintail - 2  
Green-winged Teal - 85  
Ring-necked Duck - 21

Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
American White Pelican - 200  
Double-crested Cormorant - 8  
Great Blue Heron - 12  
Great Egret - 6  
Snowy Egret - 1  
Black Vulture - 20  
Turkey Vulture - 46  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 2  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk - 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
Killdeer - 6  
**American Avocet** - 3  
Greater Yellowlegs - 4  
Least Sandpiper - 4  
Mourning Dove - 4  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker - 20  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 15  
Blue Jay - 7  
American Crow - 40  
Fish Crow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee - 11  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren - 9  
Bewick's Wren - 2  
House Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 9  
Eastern Bluebird - 7  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
American Pipit - 31  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Nashville Warbler - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 12  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 3  
Vesper Sparrow - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 173  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
**Nelson's Sparrow** - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 3  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 9  
Swamp Sparrow - 28  
White-throated Sparrow - 15

Northern Cardinal - 12  
Indigo Bunting - 4  
Red-winged Blackbird - 95  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1

**Odonates:**

Familiar Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Eastern River Cooter  
Little Brown Skink  
Green Treefrog

**Mammals:**

Gray Squirrel  
Mink  
White-tailed Deer

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Oct. 18**

It was mostly cloudy and mild with a little wind on the survey today. Migration was going strong. All kinds of small passerines were flying by overhead of which a lot went unidentified because they were silhouettes against the clouds. Lots of sparrows today and the flickers and crows were really moving. Was surprised to find spoonbills still present providing a new late date for Red Slough and probably for the state too. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 47  
Gadwall - 4  
Blue-winged Teal - 38  
Northern Shoveler - 11  
Green-winged Teal - 57  
Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
American White Pelican - 140  
Double-crested Cormorant - 36  
American Bittern - 1  
Great Blue Heron - 8  
Great Egret - 10  
Snowy Egret - 4  
**Roseate Spoonbill** - 2 (second year birds)  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture - 20  
Bald Eagle - 1 imm.  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk - 2  
Virginia Rail - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 1 adult  
American Coot - 14  
Killdeer - 14  
**American Avocet** - 4  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 1  
Long-billed Dowitcher - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 27  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe - 11  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow - 215  
Fish Crow - 6  
Horned Lark - 1  
Tree Swallow - 8  
Barn Swallow - 35  
Carolina Chickadee - 6  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 11  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Nashville Warbler - 3  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
**Spotted Towhee** - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
**Clay-colored Sparrow** - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 34  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 7  
Swamp Sparrow - 16  
White-throated Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 12  
Indigo Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 1  
Red-winged Blackbird - 31  
Meadowlark species - 2

**Odonates:**

Familiar Bluet

Common Green Darner  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Eastern River Cooter  
Little Brown Skink  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
American Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Sep. 23**

It was clear, mild, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 58 species were found. Ran into two feeding groups of migrant passerines today. We got 2.8 inches of rain last Friday. We need a lot more! Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 33  
Blue-winged Teal - 26  
Northern Shoveler - 3  
Northern Pintail - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe - 5  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
Great Blue Heron - 18  
Great Egret - 20  
Snowy Egret - 2  
Green Heron - 3  
**White Ibis** - 1 imm.  
Turkey Vulture - 18  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 5  
Sora - 3  
**Purple Gallinule** - 2 juv. (unit 21)  
**Common Gallinule** - 1 juv. (Pintail Lake)  
Killdeer - 2  
Least Sandpiper - 4  
Mourning Dove - 4  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1  
Eastern Screech-Owl - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 4  
Alder Flycatcher - 1  
Least Flycatcher - 3

Eastern Phoebe - 8  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 4  
Bell's Vireo - 1  
Warbling Vireo - 2  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow - 23  
Tree Swallow - 1  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 9  
**Cave Swallow** - 4 (3 adult plumaged birds & 1 juv.; Otter Lake)  
Barn Swallow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee - 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 14  
Marsh Wren - 9  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Gray Catbird - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 2  
Northern Parula - 2  
Yellow Warbler - 1  
Magnolia Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 9  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 9  
Indigo Bunting - 22  
Red-winged Blackbird - 22

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Little Brown Skink  
Southern Leopard Frog

Good birding!

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## Red Slough Bird Survey - Sep. 17

It was overcast and mild on the bird survey today. 63 species were found. Finally we are getting some migrant passerines coming through. Ran into a feeding flock on the backside of Lotus Lake with some warblers and vireos, etc. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 90  
Blue-winged Teal - 26  
Green-winged Teal - 4  
Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 5  
Great Egret - 7  
Snowy Egret - 18  
Green Heron - 6  
**White Ibis** - 7  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 18  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 4  
**Purple Gallinule** - 2  
**Common Moorhen** - 4  
Killdeer - 13  
Spotted Sandpiper - 1  
Solitary Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper - 72  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 2  
Mourning Dove - 8  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 7  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Alder Flycatcher - 1  
Least Flycatcher - 3  
Eastern Phoebe - 4  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 7  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 2  
Warbling Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 9  
Tree Swallow - 1  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 3  
Cliff Swallow - 20  
**Cave Swallow** - 4 (unit 21)  
Barn Swallow - 13  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 12  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 (**New early date for RS**)  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4

Gray Catbird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
European Starling - 6  
Northern Parula - 1  
Black-throated Green Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Black-and-white Warbler - 1  
Northern Waterthrush - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 9  
Wilson's Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 1  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 6  
Indigo Bunting - 12  
Dickcissel - 2  
Red-winged Blackbird - 14  
Baltimore Oriole - 1

**Odonates:**

Southern Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Little Brown Skink  
Green Treefrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Sep. 5**

It was clear and hot on the survey today. 46 species were found. This has been the slowest fall migration I can remember. Very few migrants around today. A lot of birds seemed to have left early this year. I could find no swallows on Red Slough today when there have been swarms of them all over the reservoirs up until at least this past Monday.

Wood Duck - 39  
Blue-winged Teal - 32  
Pied-billed Grebe - 5

Great Blue Heron - 13  
Great Egret - 10  
Snowy Egret - 33  
**Tricolored Heron** - 1 juv.  
Green Heron - 8  
**White Ibis** - 1  
**Wood Stork** - 1  
Black Vulture - 2  
Turkey Vulture - 13  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
**Purple Gallinule** - 4 (1 adult & 3 juv.)  
**Common Gallinule** - 3  
Killdeer - 14  
Solitary Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper - 1  
Mourning Dove - 7  
Eastern Screech-Owl - 1  
**Whip-poor-will** - 1 (flushed off Mudline Road at daybreak.)  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 5  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Alder Flycatcher - 3 (also numerous silent "Traill's" type empids that were probably Alders.)  
Least Flycatcher - 6  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 2  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 8  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 21  
Fish Crow - 19 (migrating flock)  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Carolina Wren - 13  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 10  
Indigo Bunting - 4  
Red-winged Blackbird - 17

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer

Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Little Brown Skink  
Green Treefrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Aug. 27**

It was partly cloudy and warm on the bird survey today. 49 species were found. Birds, especially passerines, were scarce compared to normal. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 42  
Pied-billed Grebe - 1  
Great Blue Heron - 8  
Great Egret - 11  
Snowy Egret - 100  
Little Blue Heron - 3  
**Tricolored Heron** - 2 immatures  
Cattle Egret - 56  
Green Heron - 12  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1 adult  
**White Ibis** - 15  
Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture - 12  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
**Purple Gallinule** - 6 (2 adults & 4 juveniles.)  
Killdeer - 10  
Spotted Sandpiper - 2  
Solitary Sandpiper - 3  
Least Sandpiper - 4  
Mourning Dove - 13  
Chimney Swift - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 8  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 5  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Alder Flycatcher - 5  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Eastern Kingbird - 7  
White-eyed Vireo - 5  
American Crow - 13  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow - 15

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Bank Swallow - 2  
Cliff Swallow - 50  
**Cave Swallow** - 11 (9 juveniles & 2 adult plumaged birds.)  
Barn Swallow - 6  
Carolina Chickadee - 6  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 15  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Indigo Bunting - 2  
Dickcissel - 11  
Red-winged Blackbird - 31  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
River Cruiser species  
Flag-tailed Spinyleg  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
"red" Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

Red-eared Slider  
Little Brown Skink  
Green Treefrog  
Bronze Frog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Aug. 20**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the survey today. 49 species were found. Very few birds are still singing. Mainly White-eyed Vireos and Carolina Wrens. If you want to see Cave Swallows, Otter Lake is the place and you will need a scope. Wood Storks were feeding early in the unit 27A ditch on the way into Otter Lake. When they flushed they went and roosted in the trees on Otter Lake. Here is my list for today:

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

Wood Duck - 35

Pied-billed Grebe - 5

Great Blue Heron - 13

Great Egret - 18

Snowy Egret - 29

Little Blue Heron - 1

**Tricolored Heron - 1 imm.**

Cattle Egret - 1

Green Heron - 5

**White Ibis - 19**

**Wood Stork - 5**

Turkey Vulture - 21

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 4

Red-tailed Hawk - 2

**Common Gallinule - 5**

Killdeer - 4

Spotted Sandpiper - 1

Solitary Sandpiper - 7

Least Sandpiper - 2

Mourning Dove - 13

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Alder Flycatcher - 7

Eastern Phoebe - 4

Great Crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 4

White-eyed Vireo - 3

American Crow - 5

Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow - 22

Cliff Swallow - 125

**Cave Swallow - 41 (including 2 adult plumaged birds.)**

Barn Swallow - 3

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 6

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5

Gray Catbird - 2

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Prothonotary Warbler - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat - 1

Northern Cardinal - 7

Indigo Bunting - 4

Dickcissel - 2

Red-winged Blackbird - 72

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner

Regal Darner

Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Black Saddlebags  
"red" Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Southern Painted Turtle  
Red-eared Slider  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bronze Frog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Aug. 14**

It was mostly overcast and windy on the bird survey today. 55 species were found. Starting to get a few more migrants passing through. Here is my list for today:

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** - 1 (Lotus Lake)

Wood Duck - 37  
Great Blue Heron - 12  
Great Egret - 7  
Snowy Egret - 20  
Little Blue Heron - 3  
Cattle Egret - 2  
Green Heron - 14  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2

**White Ibis** - 20

**Roseate Spoonbill** - 1 (Otter Lake)

**Wood Stork** - 2 (Unit 27A over the levee from Otter Lake.)

Black Vulture - 7  
Turkey Vulture - 160  
Mississippi Kite - 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Killdeer - 4

**American Avocet** - 2

Spotted Sandpiper - 5  
Least Sandpiper - 22  
Mourning Dove - 28  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 2  
Great Horned Owl - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 10  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Alder Flycatcher - 6 (Lots of silent "Traill's types around, probably mostly Alders.)  
Least Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 2

Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 8  
White-eyed Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 3  
American Crow - 6  
Fish Crow - 1  
Purple Martin - 3  
Tree Swallow - 10  
Cliff Swallow - 6  
**Cave Swallow** - 8 juveniles  
Barn Swallow - 10  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 15  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4  
Yellow Warbler - 1  
Prairie Warbler - 1  
Northern Waterthrush - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 5  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Lark Sparrow - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 8  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting - 15  
Dickcissel - 5  
Red-winged Blackbird - 97  
Common Grackle - 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Royal River Cruiser  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Bronze Frog

Good birding!

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## Red Slough Bird Survey - Aug. 6

It was mostly clear and hot on the survey today. 51 species were found. About the only birds still singing are Indigo Buntings and White-eyed Vireos. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 19  
Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
**Anhinga** - 1  
**Least Bittern** - 3 nestlings  
Great Blue Heron - 6  
Great Egret - 13  
Snowy Egret - 18  
Little Blue Heron - 6  
Cattle Egret - 1  
Green Heron - 7  
**White Ibis** - 1 imm.  
**Plegadis species** - 1  
**Roseate Spoonbill** - 1 (2nd year bird)  
Black Vulture - 11  
Turkey Vulture - 63  
Mississippi Kite - 3  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 1  
Mourning Dove - 29  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3  
Chimney Swift - 2  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 7  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Alder Flycatcher - 4 (Feeding on Roughleaf Dogwood berries.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 5  
Eastern Kingbird - 4  
White-eyed Vireo - 6  
Bell's Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 12  
Fish Crow - 3  
Purple Martin - 11  
Tree Swallow - 6  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2  
Cliff Swallow - 76  
**Cave Swallow** - 15 juveniles  
Barn Swallow - 33  
Carolina Chickadee - 2  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 10  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 10  
Northern Cardinal - 9  
Indigo Bunting - 16

Painted Bunting - 1 (still singing; time for the adults to be leaving!)  
Dickcissel - 12  
Red-winged Blackbird - 175  
Common Grackle - 5

**Odonates:**

Common Green darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Roseate skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Bronze Frog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - July 22, 2013**

It was partly cloudy, warm, and windy on the bird survey today. Least Bitterns are putting on a show as I have 4 nests located in various stages from adults sitting on eggs to fledglings hanging out near nest waiting for food. Cave Swallows seem to be getting more common every year. I found juvenile Caves at 3 different locations today all at least a mile apart. They are associating with swarms of other swallows, mostly juveniles. At one location which was along Mudline Road by one of the bridges that Barn Swallows are nesting under, there was a small group of Cave Swallows landing on a nearby mudflat and digging mud like they were nest building, but they were juveniles so I guess they were just practicing. Its that time of year when things have slowed way down. We still need rain real bad. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 8  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 2  
**Anhinga** - 1  
**Least Bittern** - 6 (2 adults, 2 fledglings, and 2 nestlings in cattails near nest.)  
Great Blue Heron - 11

Great Egret - 14  
Snowy Egret - 25  
Little Blue Heron - 5  
Cattle Egret - 24  
Green Heron - 6  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
**White Ibis** - 90  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture - 13  
Mississippi Kite - 11  
Red-tailed Hawk - 1  
Killdeer - 2  
Spotted Sandpiper - 2  
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper - 36  
Stilt Sandpiper - 1  
Mourning Dove - 22  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1  
Chimney Swift - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Eastern Kingbird - 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
Fish Crow - 2  
Purple Martin - 11  
Tree Swallow - 41 (mostly juveniles; have one pair still feeding young in nest box.)  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2  
Cliff Swallow - 24  
**Cave Swallow** - 6 juveniles (conservative count; there was probably twice this many but they are hard to count when mixed with the other swallows.)  
Barn Swallow - 26  
Carolina Wren - 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 1 (first summer record for RS!)  
Prothonotary Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 4  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 3  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Indigo Bunting - 5  
Painted Bunting - 1  
Dickcissel - 16  
Red-winged Blackbird - 39  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 2  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2  
Orchard Oriole - 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Blue-fronted Dancer

Prince Baskettail  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - July 2, 2013**

It was partly cloudy, warm, with some wind on the survey today. 59 species were found. I found an older juvenile Cave Swallow in with a mixed species group of juvenile swallows that were perching in dead stems along one of the levees. Most of the highlighted birds on my list can be seen traveling west on the white gravel road from the north parking lot then turning south at the Pintail Lake observation platform and continuing south to Push Creek. Here is my list for today:

#### **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck - 4**

Wood Duck - 23

#### **Neotropic Cormorant - 8**

#### **Anhinga - 2**

#### **Least Bittern - 4 (another nest found today.)**

Great Blue Heron - 11

Great Egret - 16

Snowy Egret - 4

Little Blue Heron - 8

Cattle Egret - 38

Green Heron - 3

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1

#### **White Ibis - 66**

Black Vulture - 25

Turkey Vulture - 14

Mississippi Kite - 5

#### **Purple Gallinule - 1**

#### **Common Gallinule - 3**

#### **Least Tern - 1**

Mourning Dove - 20

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

#### **Willow Flycatcher - 2**

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Great Crested Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 6

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 5

White-eyed Vireo - 3

Bell's Vireo - 5

American Crow - 16  
Fish Crow - 1  
Purple Martin - 20  
Tree Swallow - 56  
Cliff Swallow - 5  
**Cave Swallow** - 1 (older juvenile; plumage approaching closely to adult plumage.)  
Barn Swallow - 22  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Gray Catbird - 1  
European Starling - 7  
Prothonotary Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 7  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 10  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 17  
Painted Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 30  
Red-winged Blackbird - 46  
Eastern Meadowlark - 5  
Common Grackle - 10  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2  
Orchard Oriole - 7

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Prince Baskettail  
Jade Clubtail  
Flag-tailed Spinyleg  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - June 27**

It was clear, hot, and humid on the bird survey today. 57 species were found. Got a new high count for the year on Neotropic Cormorants today. I checked on the nesting Willow Flycatchers today and found the nest torn in half. It actually looked like they may be borrowing material from it to build another nest somewhere nearby. I didn't see the adults but it was mid day and windy and I was only there for a couple minutes. I will check back on them when I have more time. I checked on the two new Willow Flycatcher territories that I found a few weeks ago and the birds were still present. One is in unit 26 where we used to have a colony of WIFL's before we had a wildfire. The other is in unit 12 just west of Bittern Lake. I saw a probable Cave Swallow today in with a flock of Cliff Swallows at Otter Lake. Unfortunately he kept flying SW and never gave me another look. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 9  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 8  
**Anhinga** - 3  
**Least Bittern** - 2  
Great Blue Heron - 10  
Great Egret - 24  
Snowy Egret - 1  
Little Blue Heron - 9  
Cattle Egret - 24  
Green Heron - 2  
**White Ibis** - 36  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture - 21  
Mississippi Kite - 19  
**Purple Gallinule** - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 2  
**Black-necked Stilt** - 2  
Mourning Dove - 18  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 6  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Acadian Flycatcher - 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 2  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 3  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
White-eyed Vireo - 7  
Bell's Vireo - 4  
Red-eyed Vireo - 3  
American Crow - 6  
Fish Crow - 1  
Purple Martin - 17  
Tree Swallow - 8  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2  
Cliff Swallow - 22  
Barn Swallow - 5  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 10  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 5  
Common Yellowthroat - 8  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 12  
Summer Tanager - 8

Field Sparrow - 3  
Northern Cardinal - 16  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 29  
Painted Bunting - 12  
Dickcissel - 36  
Red-winged Blackbird - 32  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Common Grackle - 13  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1  
Orchard Oriole - 2

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Orange Bluet  
Skimming Bluet  
Cyrano Darner  
**Regal Darner**  
Prince Baskettail  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - June 18**

It was partly cloudy, warm, and humid on the bird survey today. Worked a bit of a different route today so missed some things and got lower numbers on others. Here is my list for today:

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck - 5**  
Wood Duck - 18  
Hooded Merganser - 7  
Pied-billed Grebe - 2  
**Neotropic Cormorant - 6**  
**Anhinga - 1**  
**Least Bittern - 3** (2 sitting on nests)  
Great Blue Heron - 15  
Great Egret - 31  
Snowy Egret - 1  
Little Blue Heron - 2  
Cattle Egret - 6  
Green Heron - 3  
**White Ibis - 121**  
Black Vulture - 1

Turkey Vulture - 18  
Mississippi Kite - 3  
**Purple Gallinule** - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 1  
American Coot - 2  
Mourning Dove - 15  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2  
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Acadian Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 6  
White-eyed Vireo - 12  
Bell's Vireo - 4  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 16  
Fish Crow - 3  
Purple Martin - 4  
Tree Swallow - 20  
Cliff Swallow - 41  
Barn Swallow - 53  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Prairie Warbler - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 7  
Common Yellowthroat - 11  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 10  
Summer Tanager - 3  
Northern Cardinal - 13  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 13  
Painted Bunting - 7  
Dickcissel - 19  
Red-winged Blackbird - 58  
Common Grackle - 19  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 9  
Orchard Oriole - 6

**Odonates:**

**Elegant Spreadwing**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Swamp Darner

**Regal Darner**

Jade Clubtail  
Stillwater Clubtail

**Mocha Emerald**

Prince Baskettail  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great Blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Carolina Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - June 11**

It was mostly clear, hot, and a bit windy on the survey today. 63 species were found. Ran into two birders from Papua New Guinea and invited them to join me. They got many lifer's. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 7  
Wood Duck - 10  
Pied-billed Grebe - 4 (1 with single tiny chick.)  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 7  
**Anhinga** - 2  
**Least Bittern** - 3 (One sitting on nest.)  
Great Blue Heron - 6  
Great Egret - 13  
Snowy Egret - 3  
Little Blue Heron - 4  
Cattle Egret - 2  
**White Ibis** - 440  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture - 12  
Mississippi Kite - 5  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 2  
**Common Gallinule** - 3  
American Coot - 4  
**Least Tern** - 2  
Mourning Dove - 14  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3  
Barred Owl - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 4 (pair at nest and two birds singing at 2 new locations.)

Eastern Phoebe - 4  
Eastern Kingbird - 6  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4  
White-eyed Vireo - 4  
Bell's Vireo - 3  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 2  
Fish Crow - 1  
Purple Martin - 8  
Tree Swallow - 28  
Barn Swallow - 20  
Carolina Chickadee - 8  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4  
Eastern Bluebird - 8  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 6  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 9  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 10  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 18  
Indigo Bunting - 14  
Painted Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 27  
Red-winged Blackbird - 20  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 24  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 4  
Orchard Oriole - 6

**Odonates:**

Prince Baskettail  
Jade Clubtail  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Black-shouldered Spinylegs  
Regal Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - June 6**

It was mild and overcast with thunderstorms on the bird survey today. 66 species were found. We have received close to 6 inches of rain over the past couple of weeks and it has really helped our drought conditions a lot. Some of our wetlands actually have a fair bit of water in them now. Numerous notable birds were found today. Here is my list:

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

Wood Duck - 18

Hooded Merganser - 10

Pied-billed Grebe - 2

**Neotropic Cormorant - 5**

**Anhinga - 4**

**Least Bittern - 3** (several nests seen)

Great Blue Heron - 5

Great Egret - 27

Little Blue Heron - 9

Cattle Egret - 153

Green Heron - 5

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1

**White Ibis - 177**

**Roseate Spoonbill - 1** (Seen first in unit 15, then seen again later at the east end of unit 16)

Black Vulture - 7

Turkey Vulture - 5

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

**Purple Gallinule - 6** (1 carrying nesting material)

**Common Moorhen - 2**

American Coot - 5

Killdeer - 3

**Least Tern - 3**

Mourning Dove - 28

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 9

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 4

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

**Willow Flycatcher - 3** (1 building a nest.)

Eastern Phoebe - 4

Eastern Kingbird - 6

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 6

White-eyed Vireo - 5

Bell's Vireo - 4

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

American Crow - 11

Fish Crow - 1

Purple Martin - 5

Tree Swallow - 38 (young starting to fledge)

Barn Swallow - 15

Carolina Chickadee - 9  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 7  
Common Yellowthroat - 16  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 9  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Blue Grosbeak - 3  
Indigo Bunting - 20  
Painted Bunting - 7  
Dickcissel - 41  
Red-winged Blackbird - 62  
Common Grackle - 25  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 5  
Orchard Oriole - 8

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Fragile Forktail  
Jade Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Carolina Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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