

## Red Slough Bird Surveys 2014

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

It was overcast, mild, and windy on the bird survey today. 65 species were found. Not much of note today. Warmed up into the low 60's and the chorus frogs started calling. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 5  
Gadwall – 1,040  
American Wigeon - 5  
Mallard – 441  
Northern Shoveler - 55  
Northern Pintail - 25  
Green-winged Teal - 277  
Ring-necked Duck – 186  
Hooded Merganser - 6  
Ruddy Duck - 23  
Pied-billed Grebe - 17  
Double-crested Cormorant - 30  
Great Blue Heron – 5  
Black Vulture - 10  
Turkey Vulture – 27  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier – 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2  
Cooper's Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 6  
American Kestrel – 1  
**Virginia Rail - 2**  
American Coot - 406  
Killdeer – 6  
Greater Yellowlegs - 2  
Mourning Dove - 13  
Belted Kingfisher - 4  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 7  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 7  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 9  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 10  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow - 146  
Fish Crow – 52  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren – 6  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 2

Sedge Wren – 5  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 9  
Northern Mockingbird – 4  
Brown Thrasher – 2  
Cedar Waxwing - 18  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 16  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 2  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 16  
Swamp Sparrow – 12  
White-throated Sparrow - 12  
White-crowned Sparrow – 21  
Northern Cardinal - 19  
Red-winged Blackbird - 174  
Eastern Meadowlark – 5  
American Goldfinch – 2

**Herps:**

Red-eared Slider  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Good birding!

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

It was partly cloudy, cold, and windy on the bird survey today. 69 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Gadwall – 584  
American Wigeon - 4  
Mallard – 269  
Northern Shoveler – 100  
Northern Pintail - 6  
Green-winged Teal - 115  
Ring-necked Duck – 295  
Hooded Merganser - 2  
Ruddy Duck - 18  
Pied-billed Grebe - 32  
Double-crested Cormorant - 5

Great Blue Heron – 4  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 15  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 4  
Red-tailed Hawk – 11  
American Kestrel – 1  
American Coot - 392  
Killdeer – 116  
Least Sandpiper – 6  
Rock Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 57  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 6  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 5  
Northern Flicker – 6  
Eastern Phoebe – 9  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow - 640  
Fish Crow – 3  
Carolina Chickadee – 10  
Tufted Titmouse – 3  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren - 5  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 5  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 6  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
Brown Thrasher – 1  
European Starling – 1  
American Pipit – 4  
Cedar Waxwing - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 10  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 4  
Fox Sparrow - 6  
Song Sparrow – 13  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 8  
White-throated Sparrow – 14  
**Harris' Sparrow** - 1  
White-crowned Sparrow – 20  
Northern Cardinal - 12

Red-winged Blackbird - 51  
Eastern Meadowlark – 4  
Western Meadowlark - 3  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 2  
Brewer's Blackbird – 17  
Common Grackle - 130  
American Goldfinch – 11

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

It started off cold with dense fog, then turned warm and partly cloudy on the survey today. 72 species were found. The first 3 hours of the survey I had to deal with dense fog with a visibility of around 60 ft. This was not suitable for counting ducks on the wetlands and lakes so I decided to work the shrubby and wooded ditches along Mudline and Blackland Roads. This paid off with a good variety of sparrows and other passerines. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 2  
Gadwall – 1560  
American Wigeon - 1  
Mallard – 1395  
Northern Shoveler - 53  
Northern Pintail - 14  
Green-winged Teal – 324  
Ring-necked Duck – 260  
Hooded Merganser - 16  
Ruddy Duck - 13  
Pied-billed Grebe - 31  
Double-crested Cormorant - 14  
Great Blue Heron – 5  
Black Vulture - 17  
Turkey Vulture – 39  
Bald Eagle – 2  
Northern Harrier – 9  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Cooper's Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk – 10  
American Coot - 106  
Killdeer – 2  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Wilson's Snipe – 4  
Rock Dove - 2  
Mourning Dove - 25  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 7  
Downy Woodpecker - 7  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 12

Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe – 9  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow - 170  
Fish Crow – 33  
Carolina Chickadee – 16  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren – 3  
Bewick's Wren – 2  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren – 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Hermit Thrush – 1  
American Robin - 41  
Northern Mockingbird – 2  
Brown Thrasher – 5  
European Starling - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 9  
Common Yellowthroat – 1  
**Spotted Towhee** - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 4  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 14  
Fox Sparrow - 5  
Song Sparrow – 22  
Swamp Sparrow – 9  
White-throated Sparrow – 23  
**Harris' Sparrow** - 3  
White-crowned Sparrow – 23  
Dark-eyed Junco – 31 (including 1 “Oregon” race.)  
Northern Cardinal - 35  
Red-winged Blackbird – 15  
Eastern Meadowlark - 3  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 5  
Common Grackle - 2610  
American Goldfinch – 15

Good birding!

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

It was cold, turning mild, and partly cloudy on the bird survey today. 67 species were found. The adult Golden Eagle put on quite a show for me today at Lotus Lake soaring over the

lake and stooping once on a duck unsuccessfully. The duck plunged under the water with a big splash just before the eagle reached him. I observed the eagle being harassed by a crow while perched in a tree, then in flight by a Red-tailed Hawk, and a Northern Harrier. It then harassed a juvenile Bald Eagle in flight and chased it out of the area. Most of the time it just soared in the sky with Turkey Vultures blending in with them amazingly well. Also had 6 wren species. The Bewick's Wren being the hardest one of the 6 to get. We get the eastern (brown backed) form here as compared to the gray-backed birds that occur not far to the west of us. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 13  
Gadwall – 540  
American Wigeon - 3  
Mallard – 833  
Northern Shoveler - 38  
Northern Pintail - 45  
Green-winged Teal – 325  
Canvasback - 6  
Ring-necked Duck – 195  
Common Goldeneye - 2  
Hooded Merganser - 8  
Ruddy Duck - 8  
Pied-billed Grebe - 16  
Double-crested Cormorant - 5  
Great Blue Heron – 14  
Black Vulture - 12  
Turkey Vulture – 25  
Bald Eagle – 1 imm.  
Northern Harrier - 7  
Cooper's Hawk – 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 9  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 185  
Killdeer – 2  
Wilson's Snipe – 13  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 4  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 5  
Downy Woodpecker - 6  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 3  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3  
Eastern Phoebe – 10  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow - 74  
Fish Crow – 5  
Carolina Chickadee - 6  
Carolina Wren – 8  
Bewick's Wren – 1

House Wren - 2  
Winter Wren - 2  
Sedge Wren – 4  
Marsh Wren - 5  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 4  
Hermit Thrush – 2  
American Robin - 15  
Northern Mockingbird – 3  
Brown Thrasher – 4  
American Pipit - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 24  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Vesper Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 8  
Fox Sparrow - 4  
Song Sparrow – 18  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow – 12  
White-throated Sparrow - 6  
White-crowned Sparrow – 7  
Northern Cardinal - 6  
Red-winged Blackbird - 170  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 27  
American Goldfinch – 52

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Cajun Chorus Frog – singing

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – November 26<sup>th</sup>**

It was partly cloudy, cold, and windy on the bird survey today. 60 species were found. The winds made the passerines scarce. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 9  
Gadwall – 1,180  
American Wigeon - 1  
Mallard – 1,145  
Northern Shoveler - 38  
Northern Pintail - 40  
Green-winged Teal - 236

Ring-necked Duck – 105  
Hooded Merganser - 10  
Ruddy Duck - 8  
Pied-billed Grebe - 25  
Double-crested Cormorant - 8  
Great Blue Heron – 15  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 19  
Bald Eagle – 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 7  
Cooper's Hawk – 1 (eating a coot.)  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 3  
American Kestrel – 1  
American Coot - 164  
Killdeer – 375  
Wilson's Snipe – 1  
Ring-billed Gull - 1  
Mourning Dove - 5  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 6  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe – 13  
Loggerhead Shrike - 3  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 140  
Fish Crow – 29  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 4  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 16  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Savannah Sparrow – 9  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow – 15  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow – 12  
White-throated Sparrow - 3  
White-crowned Sparrow – 2  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 5  
Red-winged Blackbird - 410  
Eastern Meadowlark – 10

**Rusty Blackbird** – 15  
American Goldfinch – 10

Good birding!

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

It was cold, clear, and windy on the bird survey today. 66 species were found. Temps dropped down to 17 degrees last night and there was some ice around on the lakes and wetlands. Highlight of the day was finding a Rock Wren feeding on the ground on a mowed levee. I was able to get some decent pics and will post them later. After finding this bird I realized I only needed 3 more wren species to make it a 7 wren day; so I made a little extra effort and easily found the 3 wrens I needed. I regularly find 6 wren species at Red Slough in the fall and winter but usually only find all six on the same day once or twice a year, so it was a fun accomplishment to get 7 species today. Also had the adult Golden Eagle soaring over the reservoirs again today. This second cold front that came through Sunday night apparently pushed a bunch of our ducks further south as well as a lot of our passerines. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 91  
Gadwall – 407  
Mallard – 974  
Blue-winged Teal - 1  
Northern Shoveler - 34  
Northern Pintail - 29  
Green-winged Teal - 330  
Ring-necked Duck – 97  
Hooded Merganser - 75  
Ruddy Duck - 3  
Pied-billed Grebe - 15  
Double-crested Cormorant - 78  
Great Blue Heron – 19  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture – 7  
Bald Eagle – 3 (2 adults & 1 imm.)  
Northern Harrier - 6  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 5  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel – 1  
American Coot - 125  
Wilson's Snipe – 6  
Bonaparte's Gull - 6  
Ring-billed Gull - 10  
Mourning Dove - 6  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 7  
Eastern Phoebe - 8  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow - 10  
Fish Crow – 3  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Carolina Wren – 2  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
House Wren – 2  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren – 1  
**Rock Wren** – 1 (New species for RS!)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4  
Eastern Bluebird – 1  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
American Pipit – 2  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 24  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee – 1  
Chipping Sparrow - 1  
Field Sparrow - 3  
Savannah Sparrow – 9  
LeConte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow - 15  
Swamp Sparrow – 12  
White-throated Sparrow - 4  
White-crowned Sparrow – 5  
Dark-eyed Junco - 5  
Northern Cardinal - 3  
Red-winged Blackbird - 140  
Eastern Meadowlark – 1  
Common Grackle – 380  
American Goldfinch – 3

Good birding!

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

It was partly cloudy, cold and windy on the bird survey today. Temps dropped down to 29 degrees last night and the high today was in the low forties. Amazingly, 70 species were found. The cold front moved a lot of ducks down our way. Black-bellied Whistling Ducks are lingering for a new late date for RS. Also, a late Black-throated Green Warbler was a surprise as it fed in a wind blown willow on one of the lake levees. I saw an adult Golden Eagle twice

today as it harassed the mass of ducks on Pintail and Lotus lakes. Then a large flock of crows dropped down from high in the sky and harassed the eagle in flight for about 15 minutes. The first Rusty Blackbirds of the season have shown up. I seldom see Lesser Scaups at Red Slough anymore so a small flock on Otter Lake was a treat. I heard two flocks of Snow Geese migrating up high but they must have really been up there as I couldn't see them. Here is my list for today:

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 16**

Snow Goose – 5  
Canada Goose - 10  
Wood Duck - 25  
Gadwall – 1,445  
American Wigeon - 6  
Mallard – 1,036  
Northern Shoveler - 44  
Northern Pintail - 7  
Green-winged Teal - 720  
Ring-necked Duck – 568  
Lesser Scaup – 4  
Ruddy Duck - 9  
Pied-billed Grebe - 18  
Double-crested Cormorant - 45  
Great Blue Heron – 7  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture – 18  
Bald Eagle – 1 subadult  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk – 4  
**Golden Eagle** – 1 adult  
American Kestrel – 1  
American Coot - 180  
Killdeer – 34  
Greater Yellowlegs – 2  
Wilson's Snipe – 39  
Ring-billed Gull - 1  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker – 6  
Eastern Phoebe - 6  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow - 122  
Fish Crow – 4  
Carolina Chickadee - 2  
Carolina Wren - 3  
House Wren – 1

Winter Wren - 2  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6  
Eastern Bluebird – 2  
American Robin – 80  
Northern Mockingbird – 1  
American Pipit - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 1  
**Black-throated Green Warbler – 1**  
Eastern Towhee – 2  
Field Sparrow - 7  
Savannah Sparrow – 4  
LeConte's Sparrow - 3  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow - 15  
Swamp Sparrow – 7  
White-throated Sparrow - 6  
White-crowned Sparrow - 8  
Northern Cardinal - 7  
Red-winged Blackbird - 200  
Eastern Meadowlark – 12  
**Rusty Blackbird – 6**  
Common Grackle – 175  
American Goldfinch – 11

Good birding!

David Arbour

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – November 3**

It was mostly overcast, cool, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 59 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 26  
Gadwall – 571  
American Wigeon - 8  
Mallard - 2  
Blue-winged Teal – 4  
Northern Shoveler - 1  
Northern Pintail - 4  
Green-winged Teal - 38  
Ring-necked Duck – 50  
Redhead - 1  
Hooded Merganser - 2  
Pied-billed Grebe - 16  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Great Blue Heron - 8  
Great Egret – 2  
**White Ibis** – 2 juv.  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture - 17  
Northern Harrier - 4  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk - 5  
American Kestrel – 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 10  
American Coot - 301  
Killdeer – 6  
Greater Yellowlegs – 8  
Least Sandpiper – 20  
Long-billed Dowitcher - 3  
Wilson's Snipe - 32  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker – 8  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 4  
Loggerhead Shrike – 1  
Blue Jay - 1  
American Crow - 10  
Fish Crow - 2  
Carolina Wren - 1  
House Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 2  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 17  
Vesper Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow – 4  
LeConte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow - 7  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow - 21  
White-crowned Sparrow - 17  
Northern Cardinal - 6  
Red-winged Blackbird - 46  
Eastern Meadowlark - 36

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Eastern Pondhawk

## Herps:

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

Good birding!

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## Red Slough Bird Survey – September 23

It was partly cloudy, mild, and a little windy on the survey today. 74 species were found. A lot of migrants were around plus a number of lingering breeders still. A few ducks and hawks starting to migrate through. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 1  
Wood Duck – 38  
Gadwall - 1  
Blue-winged Teal – 86  
Northern Shoveler - 1  
Northern Pintail - 4  
Pied-billed Grebe – 47  
**Anhinga** - 2  
**Least Bittern** - 1  
Great Blue Heron - 12  
Great Egret - 22  
Snowy Egret - 34  
Little Blue Heron – 13  
Green Heron – 3  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
**White Ibis** – 91  
**Wood Stork** – 8  
Black Vulture - 8  
Turkey Vulture – 29  
Northern Harrier - 1  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 5  
Broad-winged Hawk – 1  
Red-tailed Hawk – 1  
**Peregrine Falcon** – 1 adult  
Sora - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** – 2  
**Common Gallinule** – 11 adults and immatures (also 1 downy young.)  
Killdeer – 30

**American Avocet** – 1  
Solitary Sandpiper – 4  
Spotted Sandpiper - 4  
Semipalmated Sandpiper -1  
Least Sandpiper - 97  
Forster's Tern - 1  
Mourning Dove – 15  
Chimney Swift - 1  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-headed Woodpecker – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 6  
Hairy Woodpecker – 1  
Northern Flicker - 9  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 2  
Least Flycatcher - 5  
Eastern Phoebe – 9  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 4  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 4 (still singing)  
Warbling Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo – 1  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow – 25  
Tree Swallow - 250  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 13  
Cliff Swallow – 1  
**Cave Swallow** - 4  
Barn Swallow - 14  
Carolina Chickadee – 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren – 11  
Marsh Wren - 9  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1  
Gray Catbird – 7  
Brown Thrasher – 12  
Nashville Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 10  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 10  
Red-winged Blackbird – 95  
American Goldfinch – 2

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail

Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared slider  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey – September 16**

Chuck McGowen (OK) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 66 species. It was partly cloudy and quite warm. A lot of migrants were moving through and a walk around the backside of Pintail Lake was very productive for them. Here is our list for today:

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

Wood Duck – 41  
Blue-winged Teal – 206  
Northern Pintail - 3  
Pied-billed Grebe – 14  
Double-crested Cormorant - 2

***Anhinga* - 2**

***Least Bittern* - 1**

Great Blue Heron - 10  
Great Egret - 32  
Snowy Egret - 18  
Little Blue Heron – 8  
Green Heron – 12  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 7

***White Ibis* – 24**

***Wood Stork* – 7**

Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture – 14  
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

***Purple Gallinule* – 6 (3 adults and 3 imm.)**

**Common Gallinule** – 33 adults and immatures (also 3 downy young.)

Killdeer – 2

Greater Yellowlegs - 1

Lesser Yellowlegs – 4

Solitary Sandpiper – 1

Long-billed Dowitcher – 1

Wilson's Snipe - 1

Black Tern - 7

Mourning Dove – 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Red-headed Woodpecker – 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 5

Pileated Woodpecker – 3

Olive-sided Flycatcher – 2

Alder Flycatcher – 1

Least Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 5

White-eyed Vireo – 11

Red-eyed Vireo – 1

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow – 8

Fish Crow - 1

Tree Swallow - 11

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 5

Cliff Swallow – 7

Barn Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee – 5

Tufted Titmouse - 3

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1

Gray Catbird – 3

Brown Thrasher - 5

**Cedar Waxwing** – 1 (early!)

Northern Parula – 1

Yellow Warbler - 2

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat – 2

Northern Cardinal – 14

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting - 8

Dickcissel - 2

Red-winged Blackbird – 148

Baltimore Oriole - 3

### **Odonates:**

Blue-fronted Dancer

Common Green Darner

Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
"red" Saddlebags species

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – September 9**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the survey today. 59 species were found. There were 4 juvenile Wood Storks roosting in the dead trees on Otter Lake and one of them flew into the Anhinga nest, which had already fledged out two young last month, and started playing around adjusting sticks and basically practicing nest building. I've seen them (juveniles) carrying sticks around trying to find a place to put them in the dead trees on this lake in past years. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 32  
Wood Duck – 47  
Blue-winged Teal – 41  
Pied-billed Grebe – 12  
**Anhinga** - 5  
**Least Bittern** - 4  
Great Blue Heron - 6  
Great Egret - 21  
Snowy Egret - 146  
Little Blue Heron – 10  
Green Heron – 7  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
**White Ibis** – 160  
**Wood Stork** - 4  
Turkey Vulture – 13  
**Common Gallinule** – 18  
American Coot – 1  
Semipalmated Plover - 2  
Killdeer – 55  
Greater Yellowlegs - 2  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 7  
Solitary Sandpiper – 13  
Spotted Sandpiper – 3  
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 10  
Least Sandpiper – 280

Pectoral Sandpiper – 22  
Stilt Sandpiper – 6  
Black Tern - 3  
Mourning Dove – 11  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 5  
Belted Kingfisher – 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 3  
Least Flycatcher - 2  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo – 6  
Bell's Vireo - 2  
American Crow – 17  
Purple Martin - 2  
Tree Swallow - 200  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 5  
Bank Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow – 5  
**Cave Swallow** – 1 (Otter Lake)  
Barn Swallow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee – 3  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 5  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 6  
Gray Catbird – 1  
Yellow Warbler – 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 8  
Indigo Bunting - 5  
Dickcissel - 1  
Red-winged Blackbird – 30  
Baltimore Oriole - 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
**Striped Saddlebags**  
Black Saddlebags  
Red Saddlebags

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – September 5**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the survey today. 71 species were found. Still a lot of good wetland birds to be found as well as some migrant passerines still. The Hercule's-club trees were swarming with birds eating their seeds as well as what few Rough-leaved Dogwood berries were left. It's a mystery to me why insect eaters like flycatchers and vireos will eat the dry hard seeds of the Hercule's-club as there is no fruit around the seed and the seeds are very hard to crack as I have tasted them. So what benefit does an insect eating bird that presumably doesn't use grit, get from such a hard seed? Here is my list for today:

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

Wood Duck – 37

Gadwall – 1

Blue-winged Teal – 95

Northern Shoveler - 5

Ring-necked Duck – 1 male

Pied-billed Grebe - 16

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

***Anhinga*** – 4

American Bittern - 1

***Least Bittern*** - 2

Great Blue Heron - 9

Great Egret - 48

Snowy Egret - 112

Little Blue Heron – 16

***Tricolored Heron*** – 1 juv.

Green Heron – 15

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 6

***White Ibis*** – 337

***Wood Stork*** - 2

Black Vulture - 2

Turkey Vulture – 52

Red-shouldered Hawk – 5

Sora - 2

***Purple Gallinule*** – 1 juv.

***Common Gallinule*** – 18

American Coot – 1

Semipalmated Plover - 1

Killdeer – 67

Greater Yellowlegs - 1

Lesser Yellowlegs – 6

Solitary Sandpiper – 7

Spotted Sandpiper – 5

Western Sandpiper - 10  
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 12  
Least Sandpiper – 247  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 23  
Stilt Sandpiper – 3  
Black Tern - 5  
Mourning Dove – 10  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 10  
Belted Kingfisher – 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Alder Flycatcher – 8  
Least Flycatcher - 4  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 12  
Warbling Vireo - 1  
American Crow – 16  
Tree Swallow - 15  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 7  
Cliff Swallow – 7  
Barn Swallow - 2  
Carolina Chickadee – 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1  
Gray Catbird – 1  
Yellow Warbler – 2  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 7  
Indigo Bunting - 1  
Dickcissel - 1  
Red-winged Blackbird – 1  
Orchard Oriole - 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
***Striped Saddlebags***

Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – August 26**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 70 species were found. Lots of good birds found today! Good variety of shorebirds using mudflats in units 5 & 27B. After being absent all last week, the Wood Storks showed up in force today in unit 27A where we are doing a drawdown. A male Mottled duck was seen in unit 27B hanging out with some drake Mallards in eclipse plumage. This is the first of this species I have seen in at least two years at RS. A Ruddy Turnstone was a surprise as I have only seen this species at RS 2 or 3 times before and the last time was during Hurricane Gustav. Haven't seen a Purple Gallinule in a couple weeks and the Neotropic Cormorants were a no-show today. The Hooded Merganser sighting today was a new late record for the species at RS. Usually they are gone by mid summer. Here is my list for today:

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

Wood Duck – 52

Gadwall – 1

Mallard – 3

***Mottled Duck*** – 1 male

Blue-winged Teal – 34

Ring-necked Duck – 1 male

Hooded Merganser - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 24

Double-crested Cormorant - 3

***Anhinga*** – 12

***Least Bittern*** - 2

Great Blue Heron - 21

Great Egret - 60

Snowy Egret - 148

Little Blue Heron – 21

***Tricolored Heron*** – 1 juv.

Green Heron – 17

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 17

***White Ibis*** – 164

***White-faced Ibis*** – 1

***Wood Stork*** - 60

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture – 16

Red-shouldered Hawk – 4

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

***Common Gallinule*** – 11

American Coot - 2  
Killdeer – 49  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 2  
Solitary Sandpiper – 22  
Spotted Sandpiper - 3  
**Ruddy Turnstone** – 1 (very rare at RS)  
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 3  
Least Sandpiper – 45  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 19  
Stilt Sandpiper - 2  
Wilson's Snipe – 4  
**Least Tern** – 5  
Mourning Dove - 25  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 6  
Belted Kingfisher – 5  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
"Traill's" Flycatcher – 1  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 5  
Bell's Vireo – 2  
Red-eyed Vireo - 4  
American Crow – 7  
Tree Swallow - 30  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 5  
Bank Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow – 10  
**Cave Swallow** - 1  
Barn Swallow - 5  
Carolina Chickadee – 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Cardinal – 5  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 6  
Dickcissel - 2  
Red-winged Blackbird – 9

### **Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer

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

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

### **Red Slough Bird Survey – August 21**

It was partly cloudy to overcast today on the bird survey. 61 species were found. I ran into a birder (Chuck McGowen) from Broken Bow who joined me on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the survey. Shorebird numbers have picked up and the first teal of the season have arrived. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck – 29  
Gadwall – 1  
Blue-winged Teal - 5  
Pied-billed Grebe - 5  
**Neotropic Cormorant** – 1  
Double-crested Cormorant - 3  
**Anhinga** – 11  
Great Blue Heron - 15  
Great Egret - 47  
Snowy Egret - 77  
Little Blue Heron – 30  
**Tricolored Heron** – 1 adult  
Green Heron – 18  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 9  
**White Ibis** - 71  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture – 16  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 6  
**Common Gallinule** – 7  
Killdeer – 20  
Spotted Sandpiper - 5  
Solitary Sandpiper – 17  
Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Lesser Yellowlegs – 1  
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 1  
Least Sandpiper – 41  
Pectoral Sandpiper – 26

Wilson's Snipe – 1  
Forster's Tern – 1  
**Least Tern** – 14 (including numerous juveniles.)  
Mourning Dove - 36  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 4  
Great-horned Owl - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1  
Belted Kingfisher – 2  
Downy Woodpecker – 1  
Alder Flycatcher - 14  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 2  
Eastern Kingbird – 4  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
White-eyed Vireo - 2  
Bell's Vireo – 4  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow – 15  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 12  
Cliff Swallow – 57  
Barn Swallow - 1  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Carolina Wren - 10  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler – 1  
Northern Waterthrush - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 2  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Northern Cardinal – 14  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 5  
Dickcissel - 6  
Red-winged Blackbird - 2  
Common Grackle – 1

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
**Striped Saddlebags** - 2  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

## **Red Slough Bird Survey – August 12**

John Ault (Lawton, OK) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 62 species. It was partly cloudy and warm but with a hint of Fall in the air. The young Anhinga chicks seem to have doubled in size since last week. A few Passerine migrants were present today. Shorebird numbers are very low so far. Here is our list for today:.

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

Wood Duck – 14

Pied-billed Grebe - 5

### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 2**

***Anhinga*** – 10 (2 young in the Otter Lake nest.)

### ***Least Bittern* - 5**

Great Blue Heron - 26

Great Egret - 52

Snowy Egret - 112

Little Blue Heron – 26

Cattle Egret - 1

Green Heron – 10

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 6

### ***White Ibis* - 85**

### ***Wood Stork* – 5**

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture – 10

Mississippi Kite - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

***Purple Gallinule*** – 1 adult (also 1 small downy chick.)

***Common Gallinule*** – 9 (also 3 downy chicks.)

Killdeer - 1

Solitary Sandpiper – 5

Greater Yellowlegs - 1

Lesser Yellowlegs – 1

Least Sandpiper - 2

Mourning Dove - 9

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 5

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 6

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 2

***Olive-sided Flycatcher*** – 1 (very early!)

Alder Flycatcher - 4

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 6

White-eyed Vireo - 5

Bell's Vireo – 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

American Crow – 2

Purple Martin – 1

Tree Swallow - 9

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1

Cliff Swallow – 35  
**Cave Swallow - 3**  
Barn Swallow - 13  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Carolina Wren - 9  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Northern Mockingbird – 2  
Yellow Warbler - 7  
Prothonotary Warbler - 4  
Common Yellowthroat - 6  
Yellow-breasted Chat – 1  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 7  
Indigo Bunting - 24  
Painted Bunting – 2 juveniles  
Dickcissel - 3  
Red-winged Blackbird - 26  
Common Grackle – 3  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Fragile Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
**Striped Saddlebags - 1**  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Stinkpot  
Watersnake species  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good Birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – August 7**

It was partly cloudy and warm on the survey today. 58 species were found. The wader hotspot right now is unit 30. Also, there are a few shorebirds here to. Alder Flycatchers are back and feeding on the Roughleaf Dogwood berries on the Bittern Lake levees. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 22  
Hooded Merganser - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe - 13  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 2  
**Anhinga** – 12 (there are now young in the Otter Lake nest.)  
**Least Bittern** - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 19  
Great Egret - 88  
Snowy Egret - 178  
Little Blue Heron – 39  
**Tricolored Heron** – 1 immature  
Green Heron – 7  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 5  
**White Ibis** - 250  
**Wood Stork** - 5  
Turkey Vulture – 8  
Mississippi Kite - 4  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 3  
**Common Gallinule** – 7 (also two downy chicks.)  
Killdeer - 1  
Solitary Sandpiper – 6  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 3  
Mourning Dove - 32  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3  
Great-horned Owl - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 8  
Belted Kingfisher – 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker – 3  
Hairy Woodpecker – 1  
Pileated Woodpecker – 2  
Alder Flycatcher - 3  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 1 (on nesting territory.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 3

White-eyed Vireo - 5  
Bell's Vireo - 2  
American Crow – 5  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 10  
Cliff Swallow - 10  
Barn Swallow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Carolina Wren - 14  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 7  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 13  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting - 23  
Painted Bunting – 2 juveniles (adults are apparently gone now.)  
Dickcissel - 16  
Red-winged Blackbird - 52  
Common Grackle - 8

**Odonates:**

Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
Carolina Saddlebags

Good Birding!

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## **Red Slough Bird Survey - July 29**

Hubert Hervey and I surveyed birds on Tuesday and found 62 species. The weather was partly cloudy and fairly mild. Here is our list:

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

Wood Duck – 27

Mallard – 4

Blue-winged Teal – 1

Hooded Merganser - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 15

### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 4**

***Anhinga*** – 10 (1 still sitting on nest.)

### ***Least Bittern* - 2**

Great Blue Heron - 23

Great Egret - 43

Snowy Egret - 62

Little Blue Heron – 36

### ***Tricolored Heron*** – 1 juvenile

Cattle Egret - 6

Green Heron - 13

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 21

### ***White Ibis* - 115**

***Wood Stork*** – 33 (Saw 60+ on Monday.)

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture – 8

Mississippi Kite - 1

***Purple Gallinule*** - 2 adults (and 1 black downy chick.)

### ***Common Gallinule* - 12**

Killdeer - 1

Mourning Dove - 17

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

### ***Willow Flycatcher* - 1**

Eastern Phoebe - 5

Great Crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 4

White-eyed Vireo - 6

Bell's Vireo – 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

American Crow - 4

Fish Crow - 3

Tree Swallow – 27

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 3

### ***Cave Swallow*** - 3 juveniles

Cliff Swallow - 18

Barn Swallow - 25

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 3  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 6  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Prothonotary Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 15  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 4  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 10  
Blue Grosbeak - 5  
Indigo Bunting - 25  
Painted Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 21  
Red-winged Blackbird - 26  
Common Grackle - 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Swift River Cruiser  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

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

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - July 22**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 63 species were found. Anyone wishing to see the Wood Storks can view them from the east levee of Lotus Lake looking east into unit 27B. There is a dead tree they like to roost in during the day there. There are often Neotropic Cormorants in the tree with them. They also like to feed and rest in the water below this tree too. For the best view of this tree, walk east on the south levee of unit 27B about 100 yards from the SE corner of Lotus Lake. The best way to get to this area on foot would be to walk west from the middle parking area into Bittern Lake then cross the foot bridge near the NW corner of Bittern Lake. Also, the best place to find the Cave Swallows is at the first bridge on Mudline Road north of Push Creek. They like to roost with the Barn Swallows in a dead tree on the west side of the bridge. Here is my list for today:

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

Wood Duck - 5

Pied-billed Grebe - 24

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 5**

*Anhinga* - 16

#### ***Least Bittern* - 2**

Great Blue Heron - 26

Great Egret - 114

Snowy Egret - 67

Little Blue Heron - 29

Green Heron - 20

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 36

#### ***White Ibis* - 187**

#### ***Wood Stork* - 26**

Black Vulture - 11

Turkey Vulture - 11

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

***Purple Gallinule* - 2 adults (also brood of at least 3 black downy chicks.)**

#### ***Common Gallinule* - 5**

American Coot - 1

Killdeer - 25

Spotted Sandpiper - 3

Solitary Sandpiper - 9

Semipalmated Sandpiper - 2

Least Sandpiper - 4

Pectoral Sandpiper - 3

Mourning Dove - 33

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 7

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2

Belted Kingfisher - 3

Downy Woodpecker - 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 1 (with cowbird chick in tow; new breeding location.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 6  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 7  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
White-eyed Vireo - 2  
Bell's Vireo - 2  
American Crow - 7  
Fish Crow - 5  
Purple Martin - 8  
Tree Swallow - 78  
**Cave Swallow** - 5 juveniles  
Barn Swallow - 50  
Carolina Chickadee - 1  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 12  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 3  
Northern Cardinal - 13  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting - 12  
Painted Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 26  
Red-winged Blackbird - 41  
Common Grackle - 6  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 3

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

David Arbour  
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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - July 15**

It was partly cloudy and warm on the bird survey today. 71 species were found. Shorebirds are starting to come back through. Looking through the large flocks of juvenile swallows that were perching in trees and bushes around the wetlands produced 3 juvenile Cave Swallows. Also finding a pair of Green-winged Teal seemed really odd. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 1  
Wood Duck - 34  
Gadwall - 1  
Mallard - 4  
Blue-winged Teal - 1  
Green-winged Teal - 2 (pair)  
Pied-billed Grebe - 10  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 6  
**Anhinga** - 12  
**Least Bittern** - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 22  
Great Egret - 39  
Snowy Egret - 55  
Little Blue Heron - 52  
**Tricolored Heron** - 1 adult  
Cattle Egret - 10  
Green Heron - 10  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 9  
**White Ibis** - 48  
**Wood Stork** - 5  
Turkey Vulture - 14  
Mississippi Kite - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 4 adults (also 4 downy chicks)  
**Common Gallinule** - 19 (also 3 downy chicks)  
American Coot - 1  
Killdeer - 10  
Solitary Sandpiper - 4  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 1  
Least Sandpiper - 4  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 2  
**Least Tern** - 2  
Mourning Dove - 18  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 7

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 10  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 7  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 9  
Bell's Vireo - 3  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 7  
Fish Crow - 4  
Purple Martin - 6  
Tree Swallow - 115  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 3  
Cliff Swallow - 3  
**Cave Swallow** - 3  
Barn Swallow - 45  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 4  
Northern Mockingbird - 3  
Prothonotary Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 7  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 6  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 20  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting - 17  
Painted Bunting - 7  
Dickcissel - 42  
Red-winged Blackbird - 63  
Common Grackle - 14  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1  
Orchard Oriole - 4

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Mocha Emerald  
Jade Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Slaty Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
"red" Saddlebags species

**Herps:**

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

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - July 8**

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 64 species were found. Here is my list for today:

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

Canada Goose - 7

Wood Duck - 23

Pied-billed Grebe - 10

***Neotropic Cormorant* - 5**

***Anhinga* - 15 (1 on a nest.)**

***Least Bittern* - 4**

Great Blue Heron - 37

Great Egret - 101

Snowy Egret - 36

Little Blue Heron - 39

***Tricolored Heron* - 1 adult**

Cattle Egret - 3

Green Heron - 8

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 15

**White Ibis** - 169

**Wood Stork** - 7

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture - 37

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

**King Rail** - 1

**Purple Gallinule** - 3 (observed pair building a nest.)

**Common Gallinule** - 13 (also 3 small downy chicks.)

American Coot - 1

Killdeer - 4

Lesser Yellowlegs - 2

**Least Tern** - 2

Mourning Dove - 31

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 9

Belted Kingfisher - 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 1

**Willow Flycatcher** - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 9

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1

White-eyed Vireo - 2

Bell's Vireo - 3

American Crow - 5

Fish Crow - 1

Purple Martin - 9

Tree Swallow - 65

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2

Cliff Swallow - 4

Barn Swallow - 27

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Carolina Wren - 11

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird - 2

Prothonotary Warbler - 2

Kentucky Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 9

Yellow-breasted Chat - 9

Summer Tanager - 1

Northern Cardinal - 19

Blue Grosbeak - 5

Indigo Bunting - 18

Painted Bunting - 6

Dickcissel - 47

Red-winged Blackbird - 48

Common Grackle - 4

Brown-headed Cowbird - 13

Orchard Oriole - 7

### **Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Rambur's Forktail  
Blue-fronted Dancer  
Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Jade Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

### **Herps:**

American Alligator  
Three-toed Box Turtle  
Red-eared Slider  
Softshell Turtle species  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - July 3**

It was partly cloudy to overcast and warm on the bird survey today. 65 species were found. I searched for the Cave Swallows I saw yesterday but could not relocate them. Unit 27B is the hotspot for waders and is best viewed from the east levee of Lotus Lake. Swarms of herons, egrets, storks, and ibis are currently feeding here. The Neotropic Cormorants and Least Terns are hanging out here also. Interestingly the Eastern Towhee that I reported from the past two days was still present and singing today. This bird should not be here on the Gulf Coastal Plain this time of year! Here is my list for today:

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

Canada Goose - 7  
Wood Duck - 31

Mallard - 4  
Hooded Merganser - 5  
Pied-billed Grebe - 7  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 4  
**Anhinga** - 17 (one sitting on nest in Otter Lake.)  
**Least Bittern** - 4 adults (also 1 downy young sitting in cattails).  
Great Blue Heron - 28  
Great Egret - 97  
Snowy Egret - 25  
Little Blue Heron - 25  
Cattle Egret - 1  
Green Heron - 10  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 4  
**White Ibis** - 119  
**Wood Stork** - 8  
Turkey Vulture - 8  
Mississippi Kite - 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 15  
American Coot - 1  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 1  
**Least Tern** - 6  
Mourning Dove - 15  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Acadian Flycatcher - 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 2 (also found a nest with young: 1 cowbird chick and 1 or 2 flycatcher young.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 3  
Eastern Kingbird - 8  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
White-eyed Vireo - 5  
Bell's Vireo - 5  
American Crow - 7  
Fish Crow - 1  
Purple Martin - 2  
Tree Swallow - 19  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 9  
Cliff Swallow - 6  
Barn Swallow - 80  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Prothonotary Warbler - 3  
Common Yellowthroat - 8  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 12

Summer Tanager - 1  
***Eastern Towhee*** - 1  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 15  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Indigo Bunting - 12  
Painted Bunting - 12  
Dickcissel - 47  
Red-winged Blackbird - 40  
Common Grackle - 11  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 9  
Orchard Oriole - 7

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Rambur's Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Jade Clubtail  
Flag-tailed Spinyleg  
Halloween 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  
Yellow-bellied Watersnake  
Southern Leopard frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bull Frog

Also saw a Bobcat.

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - June 24**

It was partly cloudy and hot, with a slight wind on the survey today. 66 species were found. Its good to be seeing Wood Storks once again. I saw an unusual sight today. I was watching a juvenile Pied-billed Grebe in Pintail Lake when he suddenly ran across the water and took flight. It circled around the lake a couple times then headed over to unit 27B. I seldom see these guys in flight as I think they mainly fly at night, but this was in the middle of the day. The first of the returning shorebirds, a single Lesser Yellowlegs, flew over me calling this morning. Least Bitterns are very active right now flying back and forth feeding their young. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 7  
Wood Duck - 19  
Mallard - 1 male  
Blue-winged Teal - 2 males  
Hooded Merganser - 2  
Pied-billed Grebe - 8  
Neotropic Cormorant - 4  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
Anhinga - 21 (one sitting on nest.)  
Least Bittern - 10 (including 3 near fledging young hanging out in cattails.)  
Great Blue Heron - 18  
Great Egret - 32  
Snowy Egret - 20  
Little Blue Heron - 32  
Cattle Egret - 2  
Green Heron - 13  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
White Ibis - 84 Wood Stork - 3 (adult & 2 juveniles)  
Black Vulture - 6  
Turkey Vulture - 6  
Mississippi Kite - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Purple Gallinule - 2  
Common Gallinule - 10 adults (also 12 chicks in two broods.)  
American Coot - 1  
Killdeer - 1  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 1  
Least Tern - 2  
Mourning Dove - 19  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 10  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Willow Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 3  
White-eyed Vireo - 8  
Bell's Vireo - 4

American Crow - 14  
Fish Crow - 4  
Purple Martin - 23 (staging on Otter Lake.)  
Tree Swallow - 51  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 10  
Barn Swallow - 18  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 11  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 3  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 4  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 13  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 8  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Lark Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 18  
Blue Grosbeak - 4  
Indigo Bunting - 12  
Painted Bunting - 6  
Dickcissel - 40  
Red-winged Blackbird - 35  
Common Grackle - 20  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 6  
Orchard Oriole - 5

Odonates:

Rambur's Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Sulphur-tipped Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Widow Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
"red" Saddlebags species

Herps:

American Alligator  
Softshell turtle species  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - June 17**

Matt Jung (OK), Lonnie Gamble (OK), and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 57 species. It was warm, mostly overcast, and a bit windy. Overall, things were a bit slow. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck - 28  
Hooded Merganser - 30 (5 different broods; all old enough to fly.)  
Pied-billed Grebe - 5  
Neotropic Cormorant - 5  
Anhinga - 17 (one pair nest building on Otter Lake.)  
Least Bittern - 1 female (also 2 downy chicks climbing around in cattails.)  
Great Blue Heron - 5  
Great Egret - 40  
Snowy Egret - 35  
Little Blue Heron - 32  
Green Heron - 5  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
White Ibis - 63  
Black Vulture - 1  
Turkey Vulture - 13  
Mississippi Kite - 5  
Purple Gallinule - 2  
Common Gallinule - 7  
Least Tern - 3  
Mourning Dove - 7  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 2  
Great Horned Owl - 1  
Chimney Swift - 2  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Willow Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 5  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4  
White-eyed Vireo - 4  
Bell's Vireo - 7  
American Crow - 6  
Fish Crow - 3  
Purple Martin - 12  
Tree Swallow - 27  
Cliff Swallow - 10  
Barn Swallow - 12  
Carolina Chickadee - 1  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Prothonotary Warbler - 5  
Common Yellowthroat - 9  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 9  
Lark Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 9  
Indigo Bunting - 12  
Painted Bunting - 6  
Dickcissel - 41  
Red-winged Blackbird - 34  
Common Grackle - 29  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 17  
Orchard Oriole - 6

Odonates:

Lilypad Forktail  
Blue-fronted Dancer  
Common Green Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Jade Clubtail  
Four-spotted Pennant  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Red Saddlebags  
Carolina Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - June 10**

It was cloudy to partly cloudy, mild, with a little wind on the survey today. 67 species were found. We received 2.55 inches of rain yesterday and there was some flooding on parts of the area. I found half a dozen new Least Bittern nests today and another probable Purple Gallinule's nest, and a Common Gallinule's Nest. New young of the year were out everywhere. Saw a Common Gallinule with 2 large fuzzy black chicks. Saw a lot of half grown Pied-billed Grebes and lots of newly fledged Tree Swallows. A brood of Hooded Mergansers in unit 5 I've been watching for weeks were flying around today. Saw an Orchard Oriole fledgling that was fresh out of the nest. The Least Bitterns nest that I watched them building 2 or 3 weeks ago had some downy young in it today. I had one pair of Black-bellied Whistling Ducks sitting on a water control structure in Pintail Lake that allowed me to get quite close to them and get some photos. One of the birds had a metal band on its right leg. I will have a photo of them up in a little bit on the Red Slough Photo gallery site. Here is my list for today:

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

Wood Duck - 15

Gadwall - 1

Mallard - 3

Hooded Merganser - 8

Pied-billed Grebe - 18

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 3**

***Anhinga*** - 11

#### ***Least Bittern*** - 6 (3 birds sitting on nests.)

Great Blue Heron - 4

Great Egret - 19

Snowy Egret - 5

Little Blue Heron - 16

Green Heron - 1

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2

Turkey Vulture - 11

Mississippi Kite - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 1  
**King Rail** - 1  
**Purple Gallinule** - 4  
**Common Gallinule** - 12  
**Least Tern** - 5  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2  
Mourning Dove - 30  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 7  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 2 (Birds on breeding territory at 2 different locations.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Great-crested Flycatcher - 2  
Eastern Kingbird - 7  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 9  
White-eyed Vireo - 5  
Bell's Vireo - 7  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 7  
Fish Crow - 5  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow - 53  
Barn Swallow - 13  
Carolina Chickadee - 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 11  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 4  
Gray Catbird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Prairie Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 7  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 12  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 11  
Summer Tanager - 2  
Lark Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 20  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 14  
Painted Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 40  
Red-winged Blackbird - 40  
Common Grackle - 31  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 7  
Orchard Oriole - 12

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lily pad Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Regal Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Jade Clubtail  
Halloween Pennant  
Eastern Pondhawk  
**Great Pondhawk**  
Slaty Skimmer  
Spangled Skimmer  
Golden-winged Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
Carolina Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Painted Turtle  
Southern Black Racer  
Speckled Kingsnake  
Yellow-bellied Watersnake  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - June 3**

I conducted a mostly afternoon bird survey today at Red Slough starting at 11:30 a.m. and going till 6:30 p.m. I put more effort in surveying woodland birds and shrub/scrub birds than wetland birds for a change. It was partly cloudy and hot and being in the woods in the heat of the day gave shelter from the sun although the mosquitos and deer flies were out in force. The biggest surprise of the day was when I went to check and see if the Willow Flycatchers were back on their territories in unit 20. While there I thought I heard a Brown-headed Nuthatch and thought surely not, as the habitat was an isolated grove of willows out in the middle of a very large field. There was the odd medium-sized pine tree scattered around but nothing I would call BHNU habitat. Well I kept hearing the call so I went searching and what I found was a dead snag with a hole near the top with two near fledging sized young BHNU's sticking there heads out and an adult bird feeding them. They were as big as the adult and will probably fledge tomorrow morning. I also found a Purple Gallinule sitting on a nest. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 7  
Blue-winged Teal - 7  
Hooded Merganser - 6  
Pied-billed Grebe - 4  
Neotropic Cormorant - 1  
Anhinga - 4  
Least Bittern - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 3  
Great Egret - 28  
Snowy Egret - 7  
Little Blue Heron - 10  
Green Heron - 4  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
White Ibis - 40  
Black Vulture - 2  
Turkey Vulture - 9  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Purple Gallinule - 2 (one sitting on nest.) Common Moorhen - 2 Killdeer - 1 Mourning Dove - 16  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 9 Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 4 Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4 Downy  
Woodpecker - 2 Hairy Woodpecker - 1 Acadian Flycatcher - 1 Willow Flycatcher - 1 Eastern  
Phoebe - 4 Eastern Kingbird - 3 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 8 White-eyed Vireo - 4 Bell's Vireo -  
9 Red-eyed Vireo - 3 Blue Jay - 1 American Crow - 7 Fish Crow - 5 Purple Martin - 1 Tree  
Swallow - 23 Barn Swallow - 41 Carolina Chickadee - 8 Tufted Titmouse - 3 Brown-headed  
Nuthatch - 3 Carolina Wren - 6 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5 Northern Mockingbird - 5 Pine  
Warbler - 4 Prairie Warbler - 2 Black-and-white Warbler - 1 Prothonotary Warbler - 7 Kentucky  
Warbler - 1 Common Yellowthroat - 10 Yellow-breasted Chat - 17 Summer Tanager - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 19 Blue Grosbeak - 5 Indigo Bunting - 18 Painted Bunting - 3 Dickcissel - 39  
Red-winged Blackbird - 17 Common Grackle - 27 Brown-headed Cowbird - 3 Orchard Oriole - 3  
Baltimore Oriole - 2

Odonates:

Citrine Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Orange Bluet  
Cyrano Darner  
Arrowhead Spiketail

Prince Baskettail  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Dasher  
Blue-faced Meadowhawk  
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

Red-eared Slider  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Green Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - May 27**

It was overcast and rainy on the bird survey today. It rained moderately for the first half of the survey then sporadically after that, finally almost clearing the last hour of the survey. I was stuck surveying from inside my truck during the rainy periods. Still managed to find a good variety. The Least Bittern's nest was still active with the male sitting on it. I also found a probable Purple Gallinule's nest under construction. Anhingas are courting and I'm unsure where they are going to nest this year. Either Otter Lake or Pintail Lakes as that's where they are hanging out. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 15  
Gadwall - 1  
Mallard - 5  
Blue-winged Teal - 17  
Hooded Merganser - 16  
Pied-billed Grebe - 8  
Neotropic Cormorant - 2  
Anhinga - 13  
Least Bittern - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 10  
Great Egret - 27  
Snowy Egret - 7

Little Blue Heron - 13  
Green Heron - 7  
Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2  
White Ibis - 131  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 5  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
King Rail - 1  
Purple Gallinule - 3  
Common Gallinule - 7  
American Coot - 1  
Killdeer - 1  
Least Tern - 2  
Black Tern - 36  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 4  
Mourning Dove - 34  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 8  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Willow Flycatcher - 1  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 2  
Eastern Kingbird - 4  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 5  
White-eyed Vireo - 9  
Bell's Vireo - 2  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 9  
Fish Crow - 2  
Tree Swallow - 38  
Cliff Swallow - 80  
Barn Swallow - 13  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 12  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Cedar Waxwing - 40  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Prairie Warbler - 2  
American Redstart - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 3  
Common Yellowthroat - 16  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 13  
Summer Tanager - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 22  
Blue Grosbeak - 1  
Indigo Bunting - 19  
Painted Bunting - 7

Dickcissel - 45  
Red-winged Blackbird - 36  
Common Grackle - 28  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 14  
Orchard Oriole - 4

Odonates:

Lilypad Forktail  
Orange Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Swamp Darner  
Prince Baskettail  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Great Pondhawk  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator  
Western Spiny Softshell  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Black Racer  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Gray Treefrog  
Green Treefrog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - May 20**

It was mostly overcast and windy on the bird survey today. 75 species were found. Big news today was the return of the White Ibis'. There were about 300 feeding in unit 5 this afternoon. Still a few migrant passerines around. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 2 (pair with 5 goslings)  
Wood Duck - 14  
Mallard - 3  
Blue-winged Teal - 27  
Hooded Merganser - 22 (includes 3 broods of mostly grown young.)  
Pied-billed Grebe - 4 (in addition, one female had 4 tiny young.)  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 1  
**Anhinga** - 16  
**American Bittern** - 1  
**Least Bittern** - 2 (pair at nest; male sitting on nest.)  
Great Blue Heron - 14  
Great Egret - 28  
Snowy Egret - 8  
Little Blue Heron - 27  
Cattle Egret - 4  
Green Heron - 3  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1  
**White Ibis** - 300  
Black Vulture - 4  
Turkey Vulture - 18  
Mississippi Kite - 21  
**Purple Gallinule** - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 14  
American Coot - 3  
Spotted Sandpiper - 6  
White-rumped Sandpiper - 10  
**Short-billed Dowitcher** - 1  
**Least Tern** - 10  
Black Tern - 11  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 35  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 4  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Acadian Flycatcher - 1  
Alder Flycatcher - 2  
Willow Flycatcher - 1  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 14  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 8  
White-eyed Vireo - 9  
Bell's Vireo - 5  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
American Crow - 6  
Fish Crow - 8  
Tree Swallow - 17  
Bank Swallow - 4  
Cliff Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 13  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 5  
Carolina Wren - 10  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 3

Cedar Waxwing - 55  
Yellow Warbler - 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Prairie Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 4  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 13  
Wilson's Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 11  
Summer Tanager - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 17  
Indigo Bunting - 9  
Painted Bunting - 3  
Dickcissel - 55  
Red-winged Blackbird - 37  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 35  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 12  
Orchard Oriole - 4

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Lilypad Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Spangled Skimmer  
Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Common Whitetail  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher  
Black Saddlebags  
Red Saddlebags

**Herps:**

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

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - May 13**

Mark Peterson and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 85 species. It was cold, windy, and overcast with periods of misting rain. Not much in the way of migrants but we did find a nice male Lazuli Bunting. We received 1.5 inches of rain last Thursday and 3.4 inches last night and the place was flooding everywhere. The north parking area was completely under water and the ditches were swollen. The new rock spillway between Otter and Pintail Lakes had water flowing through like a river. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose - 4  
Wood Duck - 15  
Blue-winged Teal - 42  
Hooded Merganser - 19 (5 adults & 14 older young (two broods).  
Pied-billed Grebe - 9 (including a brood of 4 newly hatched young.)  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 5  
**Anhinga** - 16  
**Least Bittern** - 4 (including pair nest building.)  
Great Blue Heron - 12  
Great Egret - 12  
Snowy Egret - 3  
Little Blue Heron - 19  
Cattle Egret - 1  
Green Heron - 4  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 4  
Black Vulture - 9  
Turkey Vulture - 8  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
**Purple Gallinule** - 3  
**Common Gallinule** - 15  
American Coot - 13  
Spotted Sandpiper - 1  
Solitary Sandpiper - 2  
Greater Yellowlegs - 2  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 11  
Least Sandpiper - 2  
White-rumped Sandpiper - 15  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 1  
Stilt Sandpiper - 3  
Wilson's Phalarope - 2  
**Least Tern** - 5  
Black Tern - 3  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 4  
Mourning Dove - 88  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 2  
Chimney Swift - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 6  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 4  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 2

Alder Flycatcher - 1  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 1 (Returning breeder on nesting territory.)  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 17  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4  
White-eyed Vireo - 13  
Bell's Vireo - 3  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow - 4  
Fish Crow - 4  
Purple Martin - 7  
Tree Swallow - 13  
Bank Swallow - ~100  
Cliff Swallow - 165  
Barn Swallow - 58  
Carolina Chickadee - 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 9  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 3  
Cedar Waxwing - 87  
Yellow Warbler - 3  
Prairie Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 8  
Common Yellowthroat - 15  
Wilson's Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 10  
Savannah Sparrow - 2  
**Song Sparrow** - 1 (about a month late for this area in leaving; seen & heard singing.)  
Northern Cardinal - 24  
Blue Grosbeak - 3  
**Lazuli Bunting** - 1 adult male  
Indigo Bunting - 7  
Painted Bunting - 5  
Dickcissel - 39  
Bobolink - 1  
Red-winged Blackbird - 35  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Common Grackle - 23  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 14  
Orchard Oriole - 7  
Baltimore Oriole - 1

**Odonates** (Too cold for them to be flying.):

Eastern Pondhawk  
Blue Dasher

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad - calling  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog - calling  
Cajun Chorus Frog - calling

Green Treefrog - calling  
Bronze Frog - calling  
Bullfrog - calling

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - May 8**

Terry Mitchel, Berlin Heck, and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 80 species. It was overcast and windy becoming rainy by the end of the survey.

Canada Goose - 6  
Wood Duck - 28  
Gadwall - 3  
Blue-winged Teal - 37  
Hooded Merganser - 15 (including 11 half-grown young.)  
Pied-billed Grebe - 5  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 4  
Double-crested Cormorant - 1  
**Anhinga** - 6  
American Bittern - 1  
**Least Bittern** - 5  
Great Blue Heron - 10  
Great Egret - 32  
Snowy Egret - 22  
Little Blue Heron - 38  
Green Heron - 3  
Black Vulture - 2  
Turkey Vulture - 10  
**King Rail** - 1  
Sora - 13  
**Purple Gallinule** - 3  
**Common Moorhen** - 8  
American Coot - 6  
Spotted Sandpiper - 1  
Greater Yellowlegs - 3  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 13  
White-rumped Sandpiper - 30  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 10  
Wilson's Snipe - 2  
Wilson's Phalarope - 5  
Black Tern - 4  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 36  
Chimney Swift - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Willow Flycatcher - 1  
Least Flycatcher - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Eastern Kingbird - 10  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 2  
Bell's Vireo - 3  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 2  
Fish Crow - 3  
Tree Swallow - 26  
Bank Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow - 8  
Barn Swallow - 13  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren - 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Cedar Waxwing - 10  
Yellow Warbler - 10  
Prothonotary Warbler - 4  
Northern Waterthrush - 2  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 13  
Wilson's Warbler - 1  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 6  
Savannah Sparrow - 11  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
White-crowned Sparrow - 1  
Northern Cardinal - 13  
Blue Grosbeak - 3  
Indigo Bunting - 6  
Painted Bunting - 4  
Dickcissel - 108  
Red-winged Blackbird - 51  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 23  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 12  
Orchard Oriole - 8  
Baltimore Oriole - 1

**Odonates:**

Swamp Spreadwing  
Fragile Forktail  
Blue-fronted Dancer  
Stillwater Clubtail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Slaty Skimmer  
Great-blue Skimmer

Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
Blue Corporal  
Eastern Amberwing  
Blue Dasher

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Western Cottonmouth  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - April 28**

It was mild, overcast turning to partly cloudy, and windy on the bird survey today. 93 species were found. In spite of the wind, birds were everywhere. A lot of new returning migrants have suddenly showed up since last week. We haven't had this much water in four years and the place is really coming back to life!

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

Canada Goose - 6

Wood Duck - 18

Gadwall - 15

American Wigeon - 2

Blue-winged Teal - 75

Northern Shoveler - 6

Lesser Scaup - 2

Hooded Merganser - 4

Pied-billed Grebe - 22

***Neotropic Cormorant* - 2**

Double-crested Cormorant - 7

***Anhinga* - 6**

American Bittern - 2

***Least Bittern* - 7**

Great Blue Heron - 12

Great Egret - 40

Snowy Egret - 3

Little Blue Heron - 7

Cattle Egret - 13

Green Heron - 5

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 2

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 2

***Dark Ibis sp.* - 12**

Black Vulture - 6  
Turkey Vulture - 16  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2  
Broad-winged Hawk - 1  
**King Rail** - 2 (pair interacting together.)  
Sora - 15  
**Purple Gallinule** - 2 (pair on unit 21)  
**Common Gallinule** - 12  
American Coot - 28  
Greater Yellowlegs - 4  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 23  
Least Sandpiper - 2  
White-rumped Sandpiper - 1  
Wilson's Phalarope - 152 (units 5 & 27B)  
Franklin's Gull - 23  
Ring-billed Gull - 1  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 18  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 4  
Eastern Kingbird - 19  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 7  
White-eyed Vireo - 11  
Bell's Vireo - 5  
Red-eyed Vireo - 1  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 4  
Fish Crow - 5  
Tree Swallow - 38  
Cliff Swallow - 8  
Barn Swallow - 17  
Carolina Chickadee - 2  
Tufted Titmouse - 3  
Carolina Wren - 10  
Sedge Wren - 2  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Gray Catbird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Nashville Warbler - 1  
Yellow Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Prairie Warbler - 3  
Prothonotary Warbler - 6  
Kentucky Warbler - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 14  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 14  
Summer Tanager - 8  
Savannah Sparrow - 12

Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 5  
White-throated Sparrow - 1  
White-crowned Sparrow - 8  
Northern Cardinal - 14  
Indigo Bunting - 8  
Painted Bunting - 3  
Dickcissel - 78  
Red-winged Blackbird - 27  
Common Grackle - 27  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 13  
Orchard Oriole - 14  
American Goldfinch - 3

**Odonates:**

Southern Spreadwing  
Elegant Spreadwing  
Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Lily pad Forktail  
Vesper Bluet  
Orange Bluet  
Skimming Bluet  
Familiar Bluet  
Swamp Darner  
Common Green Darner  
Cyrano Darner  
Slender Baskettail  
Clubtail species  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Eastern Amberwing  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Band-winged Dragonlet  
Blue Dasher  
Spot-winged Glider  
Red Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - April 22**

Deborah Cohen (AR), Nancy Baker (AR), and I surveyed birds at Red Slough today. 91 species were found. It was mostly clear and hot. Migration is moving along pretty good now. Here is our list for today:

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

Canada Goose - 1

Wood Duck - 5

Gadwall - 26

American Wigeon - 4

Mallard - 2

Blue-winged Teal - 180

Northern Shoveler - 22

Hooded Merganser - 2

Pied-billed Grebe - 38

#### ***Neotropic Cormorant* - 3**

Double-crested Cormorant - 8

#### ***Anhinga* - 4**

American Bittern - 6

Great Blue Heron - 7

Great Egret - 12

Little Blue Heron - 3

Green Heron - 2

Turkey Vulture - 13

Osprey - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 2

Red-tailed Hawk - 3

***King Rail*** - 2 (Same location that Doug Wood found them this past weekend.)

Sora - 6

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

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

American Coot - 171

#### ***Black-necked Stilt* - 2**

Solitary Sandpiper - 2

Greater Yellowlegs - 14

Lesser Yellowlegs - 73

Pectoral Sandpiper - 1

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1

Mourning Dove - 24

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 5

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Great Crested Flycatcher - 3  
Eastern Kingbird - 10  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 5  
White-eyed Vireo - 9  
Bell's Vireo - 1  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Warbling Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 3  
Blue Jay - 14  
American Crow - 6  
Fish Crow - 4  
Tree Swallow - 70  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 3  
Barn Swallow - 11  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 5  
Carolina Wren - 15  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Swainson's Thrush - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Nashville Warbler - 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 4  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 1  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Prairie Warbler - 1  
Black-and-white Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 6  
Northern Waterthrush - 1  
Kentucky Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 15  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 5  
Summer Tanager - 3  
Savannah Sparrow - 16  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 6  
Swamp Sparrow - 2  
White-throated Sparrow - 12  
White-crowned Sparrow - 20  
Northern Cardinal - 23  
Blue Grosbeak - 2  
Red-winged Blackbird - 25  
Common Grackle - 10  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 15  
Orchard Oriole - 5  
Baltimore Oriole - 1  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Southern Spreadwing  
Elegant Spreadwing  
Fragile Forktail  
Citrine Forktail  
Orange Bluet  
Familiar Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Baskettail species  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Common Whitetail  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Blue Dasher  
Red Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Stinkpot  
Western Mudsnake  
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bronze Frog  
Bullfrog

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - April 15**

Mark Peterson (OK) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 79 species. It was clear and started off cold and calm and turned mild and windy. New returning migrants are showing up daily. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose - 6  
Wood Duck - 9  
Gadwall - 122  
American Wigeon - 2  
Blue-winged Teal - 110  
Northern Shoveler - 32  
Ring-necked Duck - 5  
Hooded Merganser - 8  
Pied-billed Grebe - 24  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 2  
Double-crested Cormorant - 17  
**Anhinga** - 2  
American Bittern - 4  
Great Blue Heron - 3  
Great Egret - 12  
Little Blue Heron - 5  
Green Heron - 1  
Black Vulture - 7  
Turkey Vulture - 19  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk - 4  
**Purple Gallinule** - 1  
**Common Gallinule** - 4  
American Coot - 265  
Greater Yellowlegs - 25  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 40  
Least Sandpiper - 2  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 10  
Wilson's Snipe - 1  
Wilson's Phalarope - 6  
Mourning Dove - 6  
Chimney Swift - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 8  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 3  
Eastern Kingbird - 7  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 5  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 9  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 12  
Fish Crow - 13  
Tree Swallow - 149  
Bank Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow - 390  
Barn Swallow - 15  
Carolina Chickadee - 6  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren - 11  
Sedge Wren - 5  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5

Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1  
Black-and-white Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 7  
Common Yellowthroat - 11  
Yellow-breasted Chat - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 5  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 2  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 4  
Swamp Sparrow - 11  
White-throated Sparrow - 5  
White-crowned Sparrow - 9  
Northern Cardinal - 19  
Red-winged Blackbird - 26  
Eastern Meadowlark - 5  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** - 1 male  
Common Grackle - 17  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 5  
Orchard Oriole - 4  
American Goldfinch - 1

**Odonates:**

Southern Spreadwing  
Fragile Forktail  
Familiar Bluet  
Common Green Darner  
Mantled Baskettail  
Slender Baskettail  
Common Baskettail  
Eastern Pondhawk  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Band-winged Dragonlet  
Wandering Glider  
Black Saddlebags  
Red Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Black Racer  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Green Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Bullfrog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - April 8**

It was partly cloudy, mild, and very windy with a light shower on the bird survey today. 76 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 4  
Wood Duck - 10  
Gadwall - 350  
American Wigeon - 11  
Mallard - 2  
Blue-winged Teal - 210  
Northern Shoveler - 58  
Northern Pintail - 2  
Green-winged Teal - 2  
Ring-necked Duck - 6  
Lesser Scaup - 3  
Hooded Merganser - 20  
Pied-billed Grebe - 34  
American White Pelican - 11  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 2  
Double-crested Cormorant - 16  
**Anhinga** - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 6  
Great Egret - 1  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture - 48  
Osprey - 1  
Bald Eagle - 1 imm.  
Northern Harrier - 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 1  
American Coot - 170  
American Golden-Plover - 7  
Killdeer - 1  
Greater Yellowlegs - 17  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 15  
Least Sandpiper - 4  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 23  
Wilson's Snipe - 10  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 23  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4  
Pileated Woodpecker - 3

Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 11  
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1  
Red-eyed Vireo - 2  
Blue Jay - 6  
American Crow - 9  
Fish Crow - 6  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow - 97  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1  
Bank Swallow - 1  
Cliff Swallow - 108  
Barn Swallow - 12  
Carolina Chickadee - 2  
Tufted Titmouse - 10  
Carolina Wren - 7  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 9  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Black-and-white Warbler - 1  
Prothonotary Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 3  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 14  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 3  
White-throated Sparrow - 5  
White-crowned Sparrow - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 15  
Red-winged Blackbird - 15  
Eastern Meadowlark - 7  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2  
American Goldfinch - 4

**Odonates:**

Southern Spreadwing  
Fragile Forktail  
Skimming Bluet  
Familiar Bluet  
Orange/Vesper Bluet (juvenile)  
Common Green Darner  
Slender Baskettail  
Mantled Baskettail  
Common Whitetail  
Blue Corporal  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Red Saddlebags  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Red-eared Slider  
Little Brown Skink  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Spring Peeper  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey – April 2**

It was overcast, mild, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. Things have really picked up since last week. 79 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 4  
Wood Duck - 21  
Gadwall - 145  
American Wigeon - 4  
Mallard - 4  
Blue-winged Teal - 411  
Northern Shoveler - 90  
Northern Pintail - 1  
Green-winged Teal - 1  
Ring-necked Duck - 9  
Lesser Scaup - 7  
Hooded Merganser - 34  
Pied-billed Grebe - 20  
**Neotropic Cormorant** - 3  
Double-crested Cormorant - 3  
**Anhinga** - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 10  
Great Egret - 4  
Snowy Egret - 1  
Little Blue Heron - 9  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 17  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 2  
Red-tailed Hawk - 2  
**Common Moorhen** - 2

American Coot - 195  
American Golden-Plover - 71  
Killdeer - 4  
Solitary Sandpiper - 2  
Greater Yellowlegs - 36  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 6  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 13  
Wilson's Snipe - 32  
**Franklin's Gull** - 32  
Mourning Dove - 21  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 2  
Pileated Woodpecker - 5  
Eastern Phoebe - 3  
Eastern Kingbird - 5  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
White-eyed Vireo - 12  
Blue Jay - 7  
American Crow - 13  
Fish Crow - 3  
Tree Swallow - 91  
Cliff Swallow - 1  
Barn Swallow - 15  
Carolina Chickadee - 7  
Tufted Titmouse - 11  
Carolina Wren - 15  
Sedge Wren - 2  
Marsh Wren - 2  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 4  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 11  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher - 5  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 4  
Yellow-throated Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler - 3  
Black-and-white Warbler - 2  
Louisiana Waterthrush - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 6  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Field Sparrow - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 15  
Song Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow - 9  
White-throated Sparrow - 7  
White-crowned Sparrow - 3  
Northern Cardinal - 32  
Red-winged Blackbird - 155  
Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Common Grackle - 22  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 5

**Odonates:**

Southern Spreadwing  
Common Green Darner  
Blue Corporal  
Common Whitetail  
Variegated Meadowhawk  
Black Saddlebags

**Herps:**

American Alligator  
Southern Painted Turtla  
Missouri River Cooter  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour  
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**Red Slough Bird Survey - March 26**

The bird survey started off sunny, cold and windy and by noon it was overcast, cool, and windy. 71 species were found. Migration is starting to pick up a bit. There is nice habitat in unit 5 for shorebirds and a few are starting to show up there. I saw a migrating flock of 12 Great-blue Herons flying in a close line, high up, heading north. Too cold today for dragonflies. I wonder where the Am. Bitterns are at? Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 3  
Wood Duck - 20  
Gadwall - 390  
American Wigeon - 48  
Mallard - 2  
Blue-winged Teal - 327  
Northern Shoveler - 42

Northern Pintail - 4  
Green-winged Teal - 2  
Ring-necked Duck - 49  
Lesser Scaup - 1  
Hooded Merganser - 37  
Pied-billed Grebe - 17  
**Neotropic Cormorant - 1**  
Double-crested Cormorant - 7  
Great Blue Heron - 18  
Great Egret - 2  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 20  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 2  
American Coot - 196  
American Golden-Plover - 1  
Killdeer - 6  
Greater Yellowlegs - 31  
Lesser Yellowlegs - 3  
Pectoral Sandpiper - 36  
Wilson's Snipe - 145  
Mourning Dove - 17  
Great Horned Owl - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 4  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe - 4  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
White-eyed Vireo - 6  
Blue Jay - 9  
American Crow - 43  
Fish Crow - 4  
Purple Martin - 1  
Tree Swallow - 46  
Barn Swallow - 12  
Carolina Chickadee - 9  
Tufted Titmouse - 5  
Carolina Wren - 11  
Bewick's Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 7  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Northern Parula - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 36  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Black-and-white Warbler - 2

Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 5  
Savannah Sparrow - 10  
Song Sparrow - 8  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow - 1  
White-throated Sparrow - 10  
White-crowned Sparrow - 12  
Northern Cardinal - 33  
Red-winged Blackbird - 190  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Common Grackle - 6  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail

Good birding!

David Arbour  
De Queen, AR

**Red Slough Bird Survey - March 19**

It started off mostly clear, cold and windy on the survey today but then the wind slowed down a bit and it warmed up nicely in the afternoon. 65 species were found. Migration is at least two weeks behind. I was lucky to find a couple species of returning warblers and 4 species of swallows. I also had a pair of Pine Warblers building a nest in a pine tree near Otter Lake. Good numbers of Blue-winged Teal are present. Lots of butterflies were out and Southern Twayblade Orchids are blooming. Here is my list for today.

Canada Goose - 10  
Wood Duck - 21  
Gadwall - 414  
Mallard - 11  
Blue-winged Teal - 206  
Northern Shoveler - 60  
Northern Pintail - 3  
Green-winged Teal - 26  
Ring-necked Duck - 25  
Hooded Merganser - 13  
Pied-billed Grebe - 30  
Double-crested Cormorant - 13  
Great Blue Heron - 5  
Black Vulture - 25  
Turkey Vulture - 26  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult

Northern Harrier - 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk - 5  
American Coot - 220  
Greater Yellowlegs - 18  
Wilson's Snipe - 95  
Mourning Dove - 2  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker - 7  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 14  
Fish Crow - 2  
Purple Martin - 3  
Tree Swallow - 25  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2  
Cliff Swallow - 8  
Barn Swallow - 11  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 8  
Bewick's Wren - 2 (1 singing)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6  
Eastern Bluebird - 2  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 15  
**Yellow-throated Warbler** - 1  
Pine Warbler - 2 (**Pair building a nest.**)  
**Black-and-white Warbler** - 1 male  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 5  
Song Sparrow - 4  
Swamp Sparrow - 2  
White-throated Sparrow - 12  
White-crowned Sparrow - 5  
Northern Cardinal - 10  
Red-winged Blackbird - 9  
Eastern Meadowlark - 2  
Western Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 8  
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2  
American Goldfinch - 8

**Odonates:**

Fragile Forktail  
Common Green Darner  
Variegated Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

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

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey –March 11**

It was partly cloudy, warm, and windy on the bird survey today. 70 species were found. I was joined by a couple birders from Texas (Mike Dillon & Joe Stuckey). It was a beautiful spring day! Migrants are slowly starting to trickle in. Here is our list for today:

Snow Goose - 13  
Canada Goose - 12  
Wood Duck - 8  
Gadwall - 587  
American Wigeon - 5  
Mallard - 265  
Blue-winged Teal - 98  
Northern Shoveler - 80  
Northern Pintail - 7  
Green-winged Teal - 74  
Canvasback - 1  
Ring-necked Duck - 278  
Hooded Merganser - 21  
Pied-billed Grebe - 14  
American White Pelican - 7  
Double-crested Cormorant - 19  
Great Blue Heron - 9  
Black Vulture - 2  
Turkey Vulture - 26  
Northern Harrier - 8  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2

Red-tailed Hawk - 13  
American Kestrel - 3  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 295  
American Golden-Plover - 10  
Killdeer - 16  
Greater Yellowlegs - 4  
Wilson's Snipe - 80  
Mourning Dove - 68  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 7  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 12  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 3  
Loggerhead Shrike - 4  
Blue Jay - 2  
American Crow - 26  
Fish Crow - 8  
Tree Swallow - 23  
Barn Swallow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee - 12  
Tufted Titmouse - 6  
Carolina Wren - 4  
Bewick's Wren - 1 singing  
Marsh Wren - 4  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 4  
Northern Mockingbird - 3  
Brown Thrasher - 3  
American Pipit - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 17  
Pine Warbler - 3  
Vesper Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 24  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 3  
Song Sparrow - 15  
Swamp Sparrow - 3  
White-throated Sparrow - 27  
White-crowned Sparrow - 5  
Northern Cardinal - 25  
Red-winged Blackbird - 41  
Eastern Meadowlark - 14  
Western Meadowlark - 1  
Rusty Blackbird - 4  
Common Grackle - 4  
American Goldfinch - 4

**Odonates:**

Common Green Darner  
Variegated Meadowhawk

**Herps:**

Snake species  
Red-eared Slider  
Southern Painted Turtle  
Mississippi Mud Turtle  
Eastern Gray Treefrog  
Spring Peeper  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Blanchard's Cricket Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Feb. 18 is it spring?**

It was a beautiful spring-like day (partly cloudy & 70ish) and a little windy. Butterflies were flying, turtles basking, and the Red Maples and elms were blooming. Frogs were calling everywhere. 67 species of birds were found. Tree Swallows are back and already checking out the nest boxes. Pied-billed Grebes were calling also. If your tired of winter and need a spring fix you better get down here before the next cold front comes. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 1  
**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 (Ward Lake)  
Wood Duck - 21  
Gadwall - 1070  
American Wigeon - 3  
Mallard - 997  
Blue-winged Teal - 1  
Northern Shoveler - 40  
Northern Pintail - 68  
Green-winged Teal - 75  
Ring-necked Duck - 261  
Hooded Merganser - 14  
Ruddy Duck - 2  
Pied-billed Grebe - 6  
Double-crested Cormorant - 13

Great Blue Heron - 3  
Black Vulture - 39  
Turkey Vulture - 42  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Red-tailed Hawk - 16  
American Kestrel - 2  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 471  
Killdeer - 31  
Greater Yellowlegs - 15  
Least Sandpiper - 23  
Wilson's Snipe - 7  
Mourning Dove - 7  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 3  
Hairy Woodpecker - 4  
Northern Flicker - 14  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 3  
Loggerhead Shrike - 2  
Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow - 190  
Fish Crow - 5  
**Tree Swallow** - 3  
Carolina Chickadee - 10  
Brown Creeper - 1  
Carolina Wren - 3  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
European Starling - 1  
American Pipit - 2  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 4  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 3  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 2  
Song Sparrow - 23  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 10  
White-throated Sparrow - 3  
White-crowned Sparrow - 3  
Dark-eyed Junco - 3  
Northern Cardinal - 15  
Red-winged Blackbird - 41

Eastern Meadowlark - 6  
Common Grackle - 85

**Herps:**

Red-eared Slider  
Spring Peeper  
Cajun Chorus Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog

**Butterflies:**

Little Yellow  
Question Mark  
Eastern Comma

also saw a probable Snout.

Good birding!

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**Red Slough Bird Survey - Feb. 12**

It started off cold (20's) and overcast on the bird survey today but the sun came out around noon and it warmed up close to 50 degrees. A Cardinal and a Titmouse were singing their spring songs today. Also heard a chorus frog calling. Spring is almost here! Here is my list for today:

Snow Goose - 40  
Ross's Goose - 2  
Canada Goose - 6  
**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 adults (Ward Lake)  
Wood Duck - 9  
Gadwall - 1381  
Mallard - 711  
Northern Shoveler - 17  
Northern Pintail - 37  
Green-winged Teal - 60  
Canvasback - 6  
Ring-necked Duck - 37  
Hooded Merganser - 11  
Pied-billed Grebe - 15  
Double-crested Cormorant - 4  
Great Blue Heron - 4  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 16  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 4  
Red-tailed Hawk - 16  
**Golden Eagle** - 1 adult (unit 38)

American Kestrel - 2  
Virginia Rail - 2  
American Coot - 280  
Killdeer - 70  
Greater Yellowlegs - 6  
Least Sandpiper - 17  
Mourning Dove - 57  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 11  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 11  
Blue Jay - 3  
American Crow - 120  
Fish Crow - 5  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 3  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 2  
Marsh Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher - 3  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 5  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 4  
Song Sparrow - 29  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 4  
Swamp Sparrow - 7  
White-throated Sparrow - 5  
White-crowned Sparrow - 14  
Northern Cardinal - 25  
Red-winged Blackbird - 14  
Eastern Meadowlark - 30  
Western Meadowlark - 1  
Common Grackle - 6  
American Goldfinch - 1  
House Sparrow - 1

**Other finds:**

Cajun Chorus Frog - 1 calling

Good birding!

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## Red Slough Bird Survey - Feb. 5

It was miserably cold and windy today on the bird survey. 58 species were found. Spent a lot of time in the woods trying to avoid the wind. Land birds were scarce. Terry Stuart (ODWC technician) reports seeing the **Golden Eagle** (I missed it.) this morning at Bittern Lake trying to steal food from a Red-tailed Hawk. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose - 6  
Canada Goose - 14  
**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 (Ward Lake)  
Wood Duck - 7  
Gadwall - 516  
Mallard - 748  
Northern Shoveler - 23  
Northern Pintail - 27  
Green-winged Teal - 396  
Ring-necked Duck - 43  
Hooded Merganser - 7  
Pied-billed Grebe - 3  
Double-crested Cormorant - 4  
Great Blue Heron - 3  
Black Vulture - 5  
Turkey Vulture - 13  
Bald Eagle - 4 (3 adults & 1 immature)  
Northern Harrier - 7  
Red-tailed Hawk - 11  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 294  
Wilson's Snipe - 1  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1  
Mourning Dove - 6  
Belted Kingfisher - 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 5  
Northern Flicker - 8  
Pileated Woodpecker - 1  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Blue Jay - 5  
American Crow - 216  
Carolina Chickadee - 4  
Tufted Titmouse - 4  
Carolina Wren - 3  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
Brown Thrasher - 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2  
Savannah Sparrow - 2  
Fox Sparrow - 4  
Song Sparrow - 11  
Swamp Sparrow - 2  
White-throated Sparrow - 39  
White-crowned Sparrow - 15  
Dark-eyed Junco - 6  
Northern Cardinal - 23  
Red-winged Blackbird - 1400  
Eastern Meadowlark - 3  
Rusty Blackbird - 1  
Common Grackle - 27  
American Goldfinch - 4

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - Jan. 31**

It was cool, overcast, and a bit windy on the survey today. 70 species were found. Surveyed some different areas today and found more Passerines than I have been seeing lately. The swans were at the south end of Ward Lake offering great views. They are normally at the north end away from the road. Here is my list for today:

Snow Goose - 6  
Ross's Goose - 12  
**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 adults (Ward Lake)  
Wood Duck - 19  
Gadwall - 2815  
American Wigeon - 7  
Mallard - 2730  
Northern Shoveler - 34  
Northern Pintail - 102  
Green-winged Teal - 2279  
Ring-necked Duck - 131  
Hooded Merganser - 7  
Ruddy Duck - 1  
Pied-billed Grebe - 4  
Double-crested Cormorant - 3  
Great Blue Heron - 3  
Black Vulture - 3  
Turkey Vulture - 9  
Bald Eagle - 1 adult  
Northern Harrier - 10  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 6  
American Kestrel - 1  
Virginia Rail - 1  
American Coot - 538

Greater Yellowlegs - 1  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 18  
Pileated Woodpecker - 2  
Eastern Phoebe - 2  
Blue Jay - 8  
American Crow - 54  
Carolina Chickadee - 2  
Tufted Titmouse - 2  
Carolina Wren - 2  
House Wren - 1  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 3  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Eastern Bluebird - 1  
Hermit Thrush - 1  
Northern Mockingbird - 2  
Brown Thrasher - 2  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Field Sparrow - 3  
Savannah Sparrow - 40  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 6  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 28  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 15  
White-throated Sparrow - 21  
White-crowned Sparrow - 6  
Dark-eyed Junco - 9  
Northern Cardinal - 45  
Red-winged Blackbird - 65  
Eastern Meadowlark - 24  
Rusty Blackbird - 8  
Common Grackle - 66  
American Goldfinch - 12  
House Sparrow - 1

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - Jan. 22**

It was mostly sunny and mild on the bird survey today. 68 species were found. Passerine numbers are way down since the big cold front (Arctic Vortex) a couple weeks ago which probably pushed a lot of them further south. The Trumpeter Swans continue at Ward Lake and

they even flew low over 3 different parties of duck hunters at Red Slough one day last week. Glad they weren't shot! We had one killed at Red Slough last winter by hunters. The Golden Eagle is still hanging around units 27B, 38, and 40. Heres my list for today:

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

Gadwall - 2000

American Wigeon - 7

Mallard - 2200

Northern Shoveler - 21

Northern Pintail - 345

Green-winged Teal - 4000

Ring-necked Duck - 382

Hooded Merganser - 9

Ruddy Duck - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 20

Double-crested Cormorant - 9

Great Blue Heron - 4

Turkey Vulture - 12

Northern Harrier - 4

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 10

**Golden Eagle** - 1 adult (unit 27B)

American Kestrel - 2

Virginia Rail - 1

American Coot - 450

Killdeer - 4

Greater Yellowlegs - 7

Wilson's Snipe - 7

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2

Mourning Dove - 9

Belted Kingfisher - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker - 8

Eastern Phoebe - 8

Loggerhead Shrike - 2

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 17

Fish Crow - 6

Horned Lark - 10

Carolina Chickadee - 4

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 3

House Wren - 1

Sedge Wren - 3

Marsh Wren - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3

Eastern Bluebird - 2

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Brown Thrasher - 2  
American Pipit - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2  
Pine Warbler - 1  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 2  
Field Sparrow - 6  
Savannah Sparrow - 12  
Fox Sparrow - 7  
Song Sparrow - 27  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2  
Swamp Sparrow - 7  
White-throated Sparrow - 19  
White-crowned Sparrow - 20  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 13  
Red-winged Blackbird - 83  
Eastern Meadowlark - 30  
Rusty Blackbird - 3  
Common Grackle - 2  
American Goldfinch - 2

Good birding!

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#### Red Slough Bird Survey - Jan. 13

It was mostly clear, mild, and windy on the survey today. 61 species were found. Passerines were hard to come by, especially the insectivores. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 5  
Gadwall - 1552  
Mallard - 800  
Northern Shoveler - 14  
Northern Pintail - 18  
Green-winged Teal - 4000  
Ring-necked Duck - 205  
Hooded Merganser - 5  
Ruddy Duck - 2  
Pied-billed Grebe - 24  
Double-crested Cormorant - 9  
Great Blue Heron - 7  
Black Vulture - 14  
Turkey Vulture - 25  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 15  
American Kestrel - 1  
American Coot - 340  
Killdeer - 1  
Wilson's Snipe - 104

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker - 6  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow - 133  
Fish Crow - 8  
Horned Lark - 4 (rarely seen at Red Slough!)  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Eastern Bluebird - 5  
American Robin - 408  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
European Starling - 5  
Cedar Waxwing - 5  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 6  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 11  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 6  
White-throated Sparrow - 13  
White-crowned Sparrow - 28  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Red-winged Blackbird - 590  
Eastern Meadowlark - 19  
Rusty Blackbird - 7  
Common Grackle - 11  
American Goldfinch - 8

Other finds:

Cajun Chorus Frog - 1 calling  
American Bird Grasshopper - 1

Good birding!

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It was mostly clear, mild, and windy on the survey today. 61 species were found. Passerines were hard to come by, especially the insectivores. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 5  
Gadwall - 1552  
Mallard - 800  
Northern Shoveler - 14  
Northern Pintail - 18  
Green-winged Teal - 4000  
Ring-necked Duck - 205  
Hooded Merganser - 5  
Ruddy Duck - 2  
Pied-billed Grebe - 24  
Double-crested Cormorant - 9  
Great Blue Heron - 7  
Black Vulture - 14  
Turkey Vulture - 25  
Northern Harrier - 5  
Cooper's Hawk - 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1  
Red-tailed Hawk - 15  
American Kestrel - 1  
American Coot - 340  
Killdeer - 1  
Wilson's Snipe - 104  
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2  
Mourning Dove - 1  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 4  
Hairy Woodpecker - 2  
Northern Flicker - 6  
Eastern Phoebe - 1  
Blue Jay - 4  
American Crow - 133  
Fish Crow - 8  
Horned Lark - 4 (rarely seen at Red Slough!)  
Carolina Chickadee - 5  
Tufted Titmouse - 1  
Carolina Wren - 6  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1  
Eastern Bluebird - 5  
American Robin - 408  
Northern Mockingbird - 1  
European Starling - 5  
Cedar Waxwing - 5  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Field Sparrow - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 6  
Fox Sparrow - 1  
Song Sparrow - 11

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1  
Swamp Sparrow - 6  
White-throated Sparrow - 13  
White-crowned Sparrow - 28  
Dark-eyed Junco - 2  
Northern Cardinal - 11  
Red-winged Blackbird - 590  
Eastern Meadowlark - 19  
Rusty Blackbird - 7  
Common Grackle - 11  
American Goldfinch - 8

Other finds:

Cajun Chorus Frog - 1 calling  
American Bird Grasshopper - 1

Good birding!

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### **Red Slough Bird Survey - Jan. 7**

It was sunny, cold and windy on the bird survey today. Temperatures got down to around 10 degrees last night and 11 degrees the night before. All the wetlands and reservoirs had a thick layer of ice except in a few small pockets where the ducks kept the water open. In these small pockets of unfrozen water, thousands of ducks were crammed together with numerous coots and grebes. Passerine numbers were down. Possibly due to birds being pushed further south by the cold front. Here is my list for today:

**Trumpeter Swan** - 2 adults (Ward Lake)  
Wood Duck - 114  
Gadwall - 2770  
American Wigeon - 3  
Mallard - 3630  
Northern Shoveler - 35  
Northern Pintail - 176  
Green-winged Teal - 3000  
Redhead - 16  
Ring-necked Duck - 85  
Hooded Merganser - 13  
Ruddy Duck - 4  
Pied-billed Grebe - 71  
Great Blue Heron - 9  
Turkey Vulture - 16  
Bald Eagle - 2 adults  
Northern Harrier - 7  
Red-shouldered Hawk - 3  
Red-tailed Hawk - 13  
American Kestrel - 1  
American Coot - 275  
Killdeer - 7  
Wilson's Snipe - 6

Mourning Dove - 52  
Belted Kingfisher - 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1  
Downy Woodpecker - 1  
Northern Flicker - 13  
Eastern Phoebe - 8  
Loggerhead Shrike - 1  
American Crow - 1438  
Fish Crow - 3  
Carolina Chickadee - 3  
Carolina Wren - 2  
Winter Wren - 1  
Sedge Wren - 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3  
Eastern Bluebird - 3  
American Robin - 45  
Northern Mockingbird - 4  
Brown Thrasher - 1  
American Pipit - 1  
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 3  
Common Yellowthroat - 1  
Eastern Towhee - 1  
Savannah Sparrow - 9  
Le Conte's Sparrow - 1  
Fox Sparrow - 7  
Song Sparrow - 40  
Lincoln's Sparrow - 5  
Swamp Sparrow - 4  
White-throated Sparrow - 8  
White-crowned Sparrow - 32  
Lapland Longspur - 20  
Northern Cardinal - 8  
Red-winged Blackbird - 45  
Eastern Meadowlark - 3  
Rusty Blackbird - 24  
Common Grackle - 21  
American Goldfinch - 2

Good birding!