

LIFE LIST

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FORWARD

As I put together my birding pictures and notes from Florida and Illinois, I realized that I should include them into a new life list as I go forward. I have decided that my life list would include only those species that I have captured on my camera.

Actually in many cases the pictures allow me to better identify the birds because I am able to study the pictures to determine what I have captured specifically identifying the females which are sometimes the most difficult.

The next three pages show a copy of my original life list that I started keeping in 1960 in my original copy of Roger Tory Peterson's book.

Under each page in this eBook, I will attempt to list the date and time of each sighting and notes that I have made to help in the identification of the various species.

My Life List

✓ COMMON LOON 6/15/62
PACIFIC LOON
RED-THROATED LOON
HOLBOELL'S GREBE
HORNED GREBE
EARED GREBE
WESTERN GREBE
PIED-BILLED GREBE
SOOTY SHEARWATER
AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER
GREATER SHEARWATER
CORY'S SHEARWATER
FULMAR
LEACH'S PETREL
WILSON'S PETREL
WHITE PELICAN
✓ BROWN PELICAN 5/14/60
BLUE-FACED BOOBY
WHITE-BELLIED BOOBY
GANNET
EUROPEAN CORMORANT
D.-C. CORMORANT
MEXICAN CORMORANT
WATER-TURKEY
MAN-O'-WAR-BIRD
GREAT WHITE HERON
WÜRDEMANN'S H. (HYBRID)
✓ GREAT BLUE HERON 5/14/60
AMERICAN EGRET 6/25/60
✓ SNOWY EGRET 6/10/62
REDDISH EGRET
LOUISIANA HERON
LITTLE BLUE HERON
GREEN HERON
B.-C. NIGHT HERON
Y.-C. NIGHT HERON
AMERICAN BITTERN
LEAST BITTERN
✓ WOOD IBIS
✓ EASTERN GLOSSY IBIS
W.-F. GLOSSY IBIS
✓ WHITE IBIS
ROSEATE SPOONBILL
MUTE SWAN
WHISTLING SWAN
CANADA GOOSE
BRANT
WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
SNOW GOOSE
BLUE GOOSE
✓ FULVOUS TREE-DUCK
✓ MALLARD 3/22/60
BLACK DUCK
MOTTLED DUCK
GADWALL
EUROPEAN WIDGEON
BALDPATE
PINTAIL
EUROPEAN TEAL
GREEN-WINGED TEAL
BLUE-WINGED TEAL
SHOVELLER
WOOD DUCK
REDHEAD
RING-NECKED DUCK
CANVAS-BACK
✓ GREATER SCAUP DUCK 2/22/60
LESSER SCAUP DUCK
AMERICAN GOLDEN-EYE
BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE
BUFFLE-HEAD
OLD-SQUAW
HARLEQUIN DUCK
COMMON EIDER
KING EIDER
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER
SURF SCOTER
AMERICAN SCOTER
RUDDY DUCK
HOODED MERGANSER
✓ AMERICAN MERGANSER 2/22/60
R.-B. MERGANSER
✓ TURKEY VULTURE 3/23/60
✓ BLACK VULTURE
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE
MISSISSIPPI KITE
EVERGLADE KITE
GOSHAWK
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK
COOPER'S HAWK
RED-TAILED HAWK
HARLAN'S HAWK
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
BROAD-WINGED HAWK
SWAINSON'S HAWK
SHORT-TAILED HAWK
AM. ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK
GOLDEN EAGLE
✓ BALD EAGLE
MARSH HAWK
✓ OSPREY
AUDUBON'S CARACARA
GYRFALCON
DUCK HAWK
PIGEON HAWK
SPARROW HAWK
SPRUCE GROUSE
RUFFED GROUSE
WILLOW PTARMIGAN
ROCK PTARMIGAN

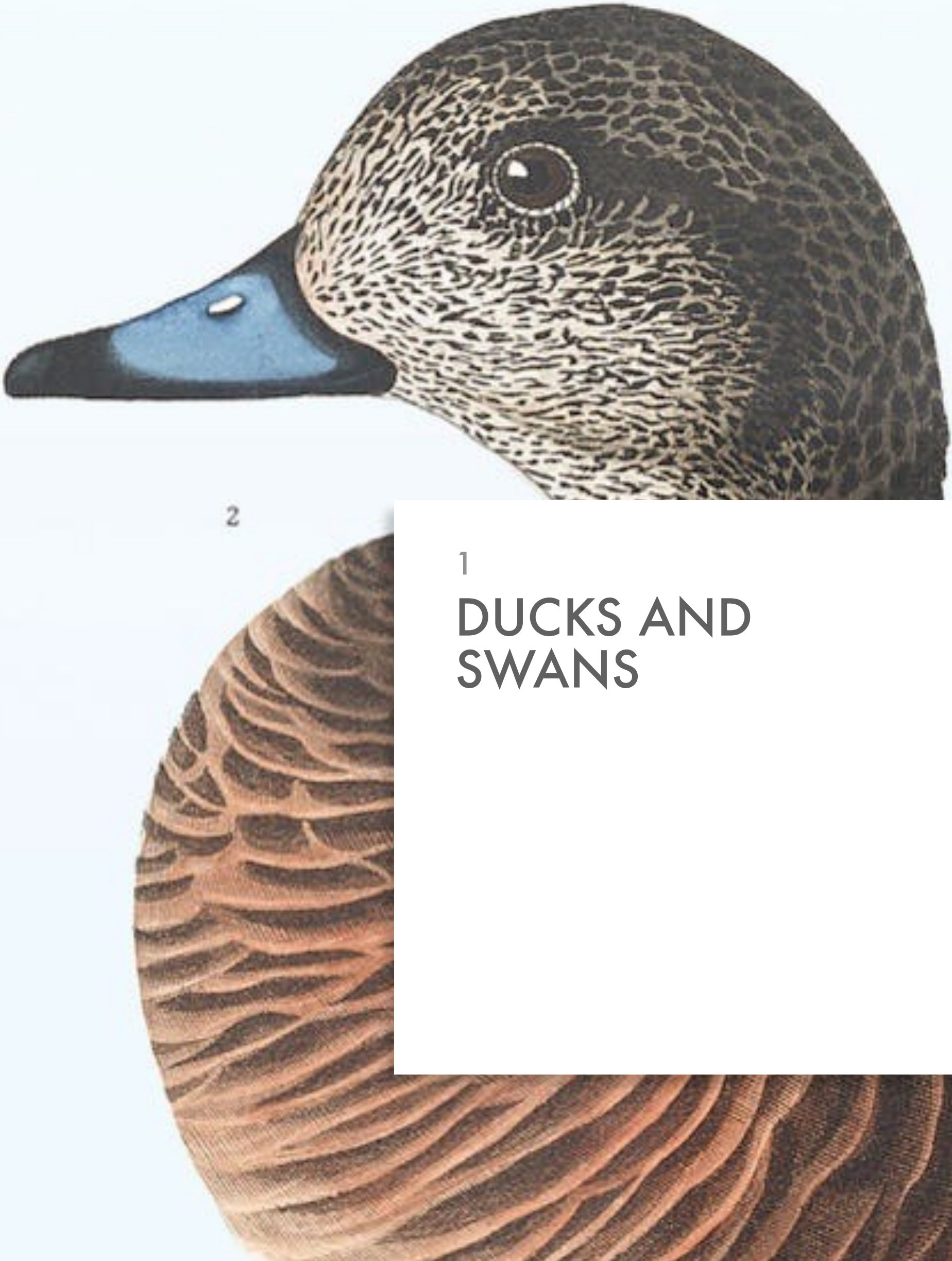
.....PRAIRIE CHICKEN
.....L. PRAIRIE CHICKEN
.....SHARP-TAILED GROUSE
...V..BOB-WHITE 6/14/60
.....HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE
.....RING-NECKED PHEASANT
.....WILD TURKEY
.....WHOOPING CRANE
.....SANDHILL CRANE
.....LIMPKIN
.....KING RAIL
.....CLAPPER RAIL
.....VIRGINIA RAIL
.....SORA
.....YELLOW RAIL
.....BLACK RAIL
.....PURPLE GALLINULE
.....FLORIDA GALLINULE
.....COOT
.....OYSTER-CATCHER
.....PIPING PLOVER
.....SNOWY PLOVER
.....SEMIPALMATED PLOVER
.....WILSON'S PLOVER
...V..KILLDEER 6/29/60
.....GOLDEN PLOVER
.....BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER
.....RUDDY TURNSTONE
...V..WOODCOCK 3/18/61
.....WILSON'S SNIPE
.....LONG-BILLED CURLEW
.....HUDSONIAN CURLEW
.....UPLAND PLOVER
.....SPOTTED SANDPIPER
.....SOLITARY SANDPIPER
...V..WILLET 6/10/62
.....GREATER YELLOW-LEGS
.....LESSER YELLOW-LEGS
.....KNOT
.....PURPLE SANDPIPER
.....PECTORAL SANDPIPER
.....W.-RUMPED SANDPIPER
.....BAIRD'S SANDPIPER
.....LEAST SANDPIPER
.....CURLEW SANDPIPER
.....RED-BACKED SANDPIPER
.....DOWITCHER
.....STILT SANDPIPER
.....SEMI. SANDPIPER
.....WESTERN SANDPIPER
.....BUFF-BR. SANDPIPER
.....MARBLED GODWIT
.....HUDSONIAN GODWIT
.....RUFF
.....SANDERLING
.....AVOCET
.....BLACK-NECKED STILT
.....RED PHALAROPE
.....WILSON'S PHALAROPE
.....NORTHERN PHALAROPE
...V..POMARINE JAEGER 6/14/62
.....PARASITIC JAEGER
.....LONG-TAILED JAEGER
.....NORTHERN SKUA
.....GLAUCOUS GULL
.....ICELAND GULL
.....GR. BLACK-BACKED GULL
...V..HERRING GULL 2/22/60
.....CALIFORNIA GULL
.....RING-BILLED GULL
.....BLACK-HEADED GULL
...V..LAUGHING GULL 6/19/60
.....FRANKLIN'S GULL
.....BONAPARTE'S GULL
.....LITTLE GULL
.....IVORY GULL
.....KITTIWAKE
.....SABINE'S GULL
.....GULL-BILLED TERN
.....FORSTER'S TERN
...V..COMMON TERN 6/19/62
.....ARCTIC TERN
.....ROSEATE TERN
.....SOOTY TERN
.....LEAST TERN
.....ROYAL TERN
.....CABOT'S TERN
.....CASPIAN TERN
.....BLACK TERN
.....NODDY
...V..BLACK SKIMMER 6/19/60
.....RAZOR-BILLED AUK
.....COMMON MURRE
.....BRÜNNICH'S MURRE
.....DOVEKIE
.....BLACK GUILLEMOT
.....PUFFIN
.....WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON
...V..ROCK DOVE 6/17/60
...V..MOURNING DOVE 2/23/60
.....GROUND DOVE
.....MANGROVE CUCKOO
...V..YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO 2/25/60
.....BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO
.....ROAD-RUNNER
.....SMOOTH-BILLED ANI
...V..BARN OWL
...V..SCREECH OWL 5-16-61
...V..HORNED OWL 5-16-61
...V..SNOWY OWL 5-14-61
.....HAWK OWL
.....BURROWING OWL
...V..BARRED OWL 5-16-61
.....GREAT GRAY OWL
...V..LONG-EARED OWL 5-16-61
...V..SHORT-EARED OWL 5-16-61
.....RICHARDSON'S OWL
...V..SAW-WHET OWL 5-16-61
...V..CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW 6/22/62
...V..WHIP-POOR-WILL 6/24/60
.....POOR-WILL
...V..NIGHTHAWK 5-15-60

...V..CHIMNEY SWIFT 5-6-60
...V..R.-THR. HUMMINGBIRD 6/7/60
...V..BELTED KINGFISHER 6/25/60
...V..FLICKER 3/20/60
.....RED-SHAFTED FLICKER
.....PILEATED WOODPECKER
...V..RED-BELLIED WOODP. 3/20/60
...V..RED-HEADED WOODP. 5/2/61
.....YELLOW-B. SAPSUCKER
...V..HAIRY WOODPECKER 7/28/61
...V..DOWNY WOODPECKER 2/22/60
.....RED-COCKADED WOODP.
.....ARCTIC THREE-T. WOODP.
.....AM. THREE-T.-WOODP.
...V..EASTERN KINGBIRD 5-8-60
.....GRAY KINGBIRD
.....WESTERN KINGBIRD
.....SCISSOR-T. FLYC.
.....CRESTED FLYCATCHER
.....PHŒBE
.....YELLOW-B. FLYCATCHER
.....ACADIAN FLYCATCHER
.....ALDER FLYCATCHER
.....LEAST FLYCATCHER
...V..WOOD PEWEE 5-7-60
.....OLIVE-SIDED FLYC.
.....VERMILION FLYCATCHER
...V..HORNED LARK 6/26/60
.....TREE SWALLOW
.....BANK SWALLOW
.....ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW
...V..BARN SWALLOW 5-7-60
.....CLIFF SWALLOW
...V..PURPLE MARTIN 6/25/60
.....CANADA JAY
...V..BLUE JAY 2/22/60
.....FLORIDA JAY
.....AMERICAN MAGPIE
.....RAVEN
...V..CROW 2/22/60
...V..FISH CROW 7/22/61
...V..BLACK-C. CHICKADEE 3/20/60
...V..CAROLINA CHICKADEE 3/19/60
.....BROWN-C. CHICKADEE
...V..TUFTED TITMOUSE 2/22/60
...V..WHITE-BR. NUTHATCH 2/22/60
.....RED-BR. NUTHATCH
.....BROWN-H. NUTHATCH
.....BROWN CREEPER
...V..HOUSE WREN 2/22/60
.....WINTER WREN
.....BEWICK'S WREN
.....CAROLINA WREN
.....LONG-B. MARSH WREN
.....SHORT-B. MARSH WREN
...V..MOCKINGBIRD 3/20/60
...V..CATBIRD 5-7-60
...V..BROWN THRASHER 4/25/60
...V..ROBIN 2/22/60
...V..WOOD THRUSH 5-12-60
.....HERMIT THRUSH
.....OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH
.....GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH
.....VEERY
.....EASTERN BLUEBIRD
.....BLUE-G. GNATCATCHER
.....GOLDEN-CR. KINGLET
.....RUBY-CR. KINGLET
.....AMERICAN PIPIT
.....SPRAGUE'S PIPIT
.....BOHEMIAN WAXWING
.....CEDAR WAXWING
.....NORTHERN SHRIKE
.....LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE
...V..STARLING 2/22/60
.....BLACK-CAPPED VIREO
.....WHITE-EYED VIREO
.....BELL'S VIREO
.....YELLOW-THR. VIREO
.....BLUE-HEADED VIREO
.....B.-WHISKERED VIREO
.....RED-EYED VIREO
.....PHILADELPHIA VIREO
.....WARBLING VIREO
.....B. AND WHITE WARBLER
.....PROTHONOTARY WARBLER
.....SWAINSON'S WARBLER
.....WORM-EATING WARBLER
.....GOLDEN-W. WARBLER
.....BLUE-W. WARBLER
.....BREWSTER'S W. (HYB.)
.....LAWRENCE'S W. (HYB.)
.....BACHMAN'S WARBLER
.....TENNESSEE WARBLER
.....ORANGE-CR. WARBLER
.....NASHVILLE WARBLER
.....PARULA WARBLER
...V..YELLOW WARBLER 5-17-60
.....MAGNOLIA WARBLER
...V..CAPE MAY WARBLER 5-14-60
...V..B.-THR. BLUE WARBLER 5-13-61
...V..MYRTLE WARBLER 5-12-61
...V..B.-THR. GREEN WARBLER 5-12-60
.....CERULEAN WARBLER
.....BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER
...V..Y.-THR. WARBLER 5-14-61
.....CHESTNUT-S. WARBLER
.....BAY-BREASTED WARBLER
.....BLACK-POLL WARBLER 5-14-61
.....PINE WARBLER
.....KIRTLAND'S WARBLER
.....PRAIRIE WARBLER
.....PALM WARBLER
.....OVEN-BIRD
.....N. WATER-THRUSH
.....LA. WATER-THRUSH
.....KENTUCKY WARBLER
.....CONNECTICUT WARBLER
.....MOURNING WARBLER
.....YELLOW-THROAT 5-21-61
.....YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT
.....HOODED WARBLER

..✓...WILSON'S WARBLER 5-17-60
..✓...CANADA WARBLER 5-21-60
.....AMERICAN REDSTART
..✓...HOUSE SPARROW 4/24/60
.....EUR. TREE SPARROW
.....BOBOLINK
...✓..MEADOWLARK 6/25/60
.....WESTERN MEADOWLARK
.....YELLOW-H. BLACKBIRD
..✓...RED-WING 3/20/60
.....ORCHARD ORIOLE
.....BALTIMORE ORIOLE
.....RUSTY BLACKBIRD
.....BREWER'S BLACKBIRD
.....BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE
...✓..PURPLE GRACKLE 5-8-60
.....BRONZED GRACKLE
..✓...COWBIRD 4/8/60
..✓...SCARLET TANAGER 7/26/61
.....SUMMER TANAGER
..✓...CARDINAL 2/22/60
.....ROSE-BR. GROSBEAK
.....BLUE GROSBEAK
..✓...INDIGO BUNTING 7/3/60
.....PAINTED BUNTING
.....DICKCISSEL
..✓...EVENING GROSBEAK 3/10/60
..✓...PURPLE FINCH 3/20/60
.....PINE GROSBEAK
.....BRITISH GOLDFINCH
.....HOARY REDPOLL
.....REDPOLL
.....PINE SISKIN
..✓...GOLDFINCH 3/20/60

.....RED CROSSBILL
.....WHITE-W. CROSSBILL
..✓...TOWHEE 7/28/61
.....LARK BUNTING
.....IPSWICH SPARROW
.....SAVANNAH SPARROW
.....GRASSHOPPER SPARROW
.....BAIRD'S SPARROW
.....LECONTE'S SPARROW
.....HENSLOW'S SPARROW
.....SHARP-TAILED SPARROW
.....SEASIDE SPARROW
.....DUSKY S. SPARROW
.....CAPE SABLE SPARROW
.....VESPER SPARROW
.....LARK SPARROW
.....PINE-WOODS SPARROW
...✓..SLATE-COLORED JUNCO 2/22/60
.....OREGON JUNCO
.....TREE SPARROW
.....CHIPPING SPARROW
.....CLAY-COLORED SPARROW
.....FIELD SPARROW
.....HARRIS'S SPARROW
.....WHITE-CR. SPARROW
..✓...WHITE-THR. SPARROW 2/22/60
.....FOX SPARROW
.....LINCOLN'S SPARROW
.....SWAMP SPARROW
...✓..SONG SPARROW 7/26/61
.....McCOWN'S LONGSPUR
.....LAPLAND LONGSPUR
.....SMITH'S LONGSPUR
.....CHESTNUT-C. LONGSPUR
.....SNOW BUNTING

Accidentals, Strays, and Others



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DUCKS AND SWANS



AMERICAN BLACK DUCK

The American Black Duck is very similar to the female Mallard but darker in plumage. The female Black Duck has a dark beak compared to the female Mallard. This was identified by its dark color and dark beak.

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (May 10, 2017)

American Black Duck call

GALLERY 1.1 American Black Duck



American Black Duck at Rollin's Savannah



BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK

Large duck with a brown back, a gray head with a dark crown and stripe down the back of the head. They show a pinkish beak and pink legs. The Black-Bellied Whistling Duck also shows a light band along the outer wings which is visible when on the ground or in flight. They are also easy to identify by their whistling call in flight.

Venice Rookery (Dec 9, 2015: Jan 19, 2016: Apr 14, 2016)

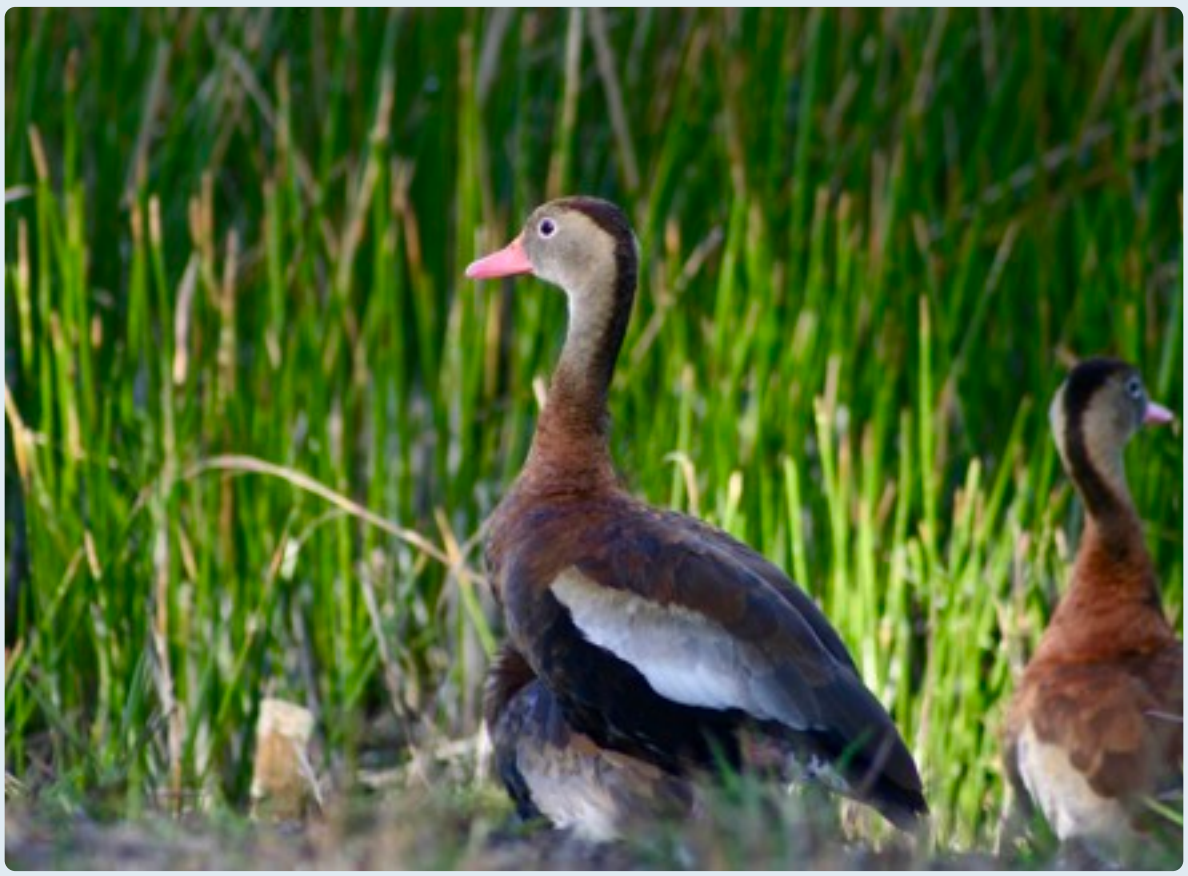
Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Black-Bellied Whistling Duck call

Gallery 1.2 Black-Bellied Whistling Duck



Adult Black-Bellied Whistling Duck at Ollie's Pond



BLUE-WINGED TEAL

The Blue-Winged Teal is a small duck which has a blue patch on the leading edge of the wing that is easily seen in flight. The male has a light crescent in front of the eye. The female has a less obvious white crescent.

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016, Jan 31, 2017: Apr 4, 2017)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Preserve (May 10, 2017)

Ackerman Park (Jan 9, 2018)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Blue-Winged Teal call

GALLERY 1.3 Blue-Winged Teal



Male Blue-Winged Teal at the Celery Fields



CINNAMON TEAL

The Cinnamon Teal has dark reddish brown plumage in the breeding male. It also has a reddish eye. The female is much plainer and similar to the female Blue-Winged Teal. This Cinnamon Teal was seen at the Celery Field and is very unusual in this area.

Celery Fields (Feb 12, 2019)

Cinnamon Teal call

Gallery 1.4 Cinnamon Teal



Cinnamon Teal at the Celery Fields



COMMON EIDER

The Common Eider is a large duck with a long wedge shaped head. The male is white on the back with a dark belly and a dark cap on the head. The female is dark brown with strong barring on the sides.

Acadia National Park (Jul 12, 2017)

Common Eider call

GALLERY 1.5 Common Eider



Common Eiders at Acadia National Park. Male has white sides and the female is darker brown.



GADWALL

The Gadwall is a brownish duck with a black rump and a white patch at the back of the wing. The belly is light with a brown mottled breast. It also has a dark beak in the male and a yellow beak in the female.

Celery Fields (Jan 13, 2017)

Rollins Savannah (Jun 12, 2018)

Gadwall call

GALLERY 1.6 Gadwall



Male Gadwall at Celery Fields



GREEN-WINGED TEAL

The Green-Winged Teal is a relatively small duck with a green patch on the wings. The male has a rufous head with a green ear patch. They also show a dark rump with yellow tail lights.

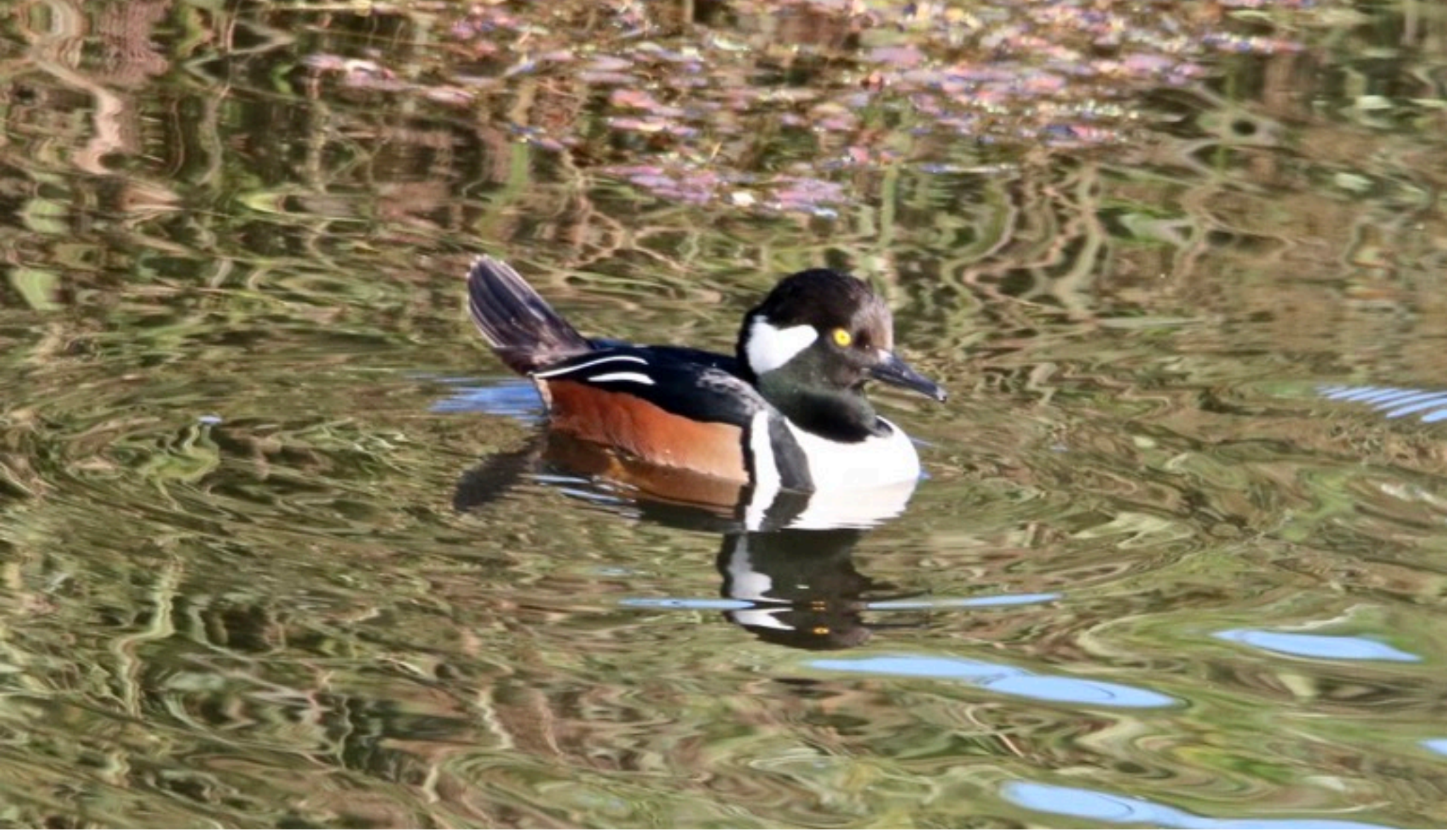
Celery Fields (Jan 20, 31, 2017)

Green-Winged Teal call

GALLERY 1.7 Green-Winged Teal



Male Green-Winged Teal at Celery Fields



HOODED MERGANSER

Small duck has a thin beak and dark head with a small crest. The female shows a brown back and a light colored breast and belly. The male has a more conspicuous head with a white patch.

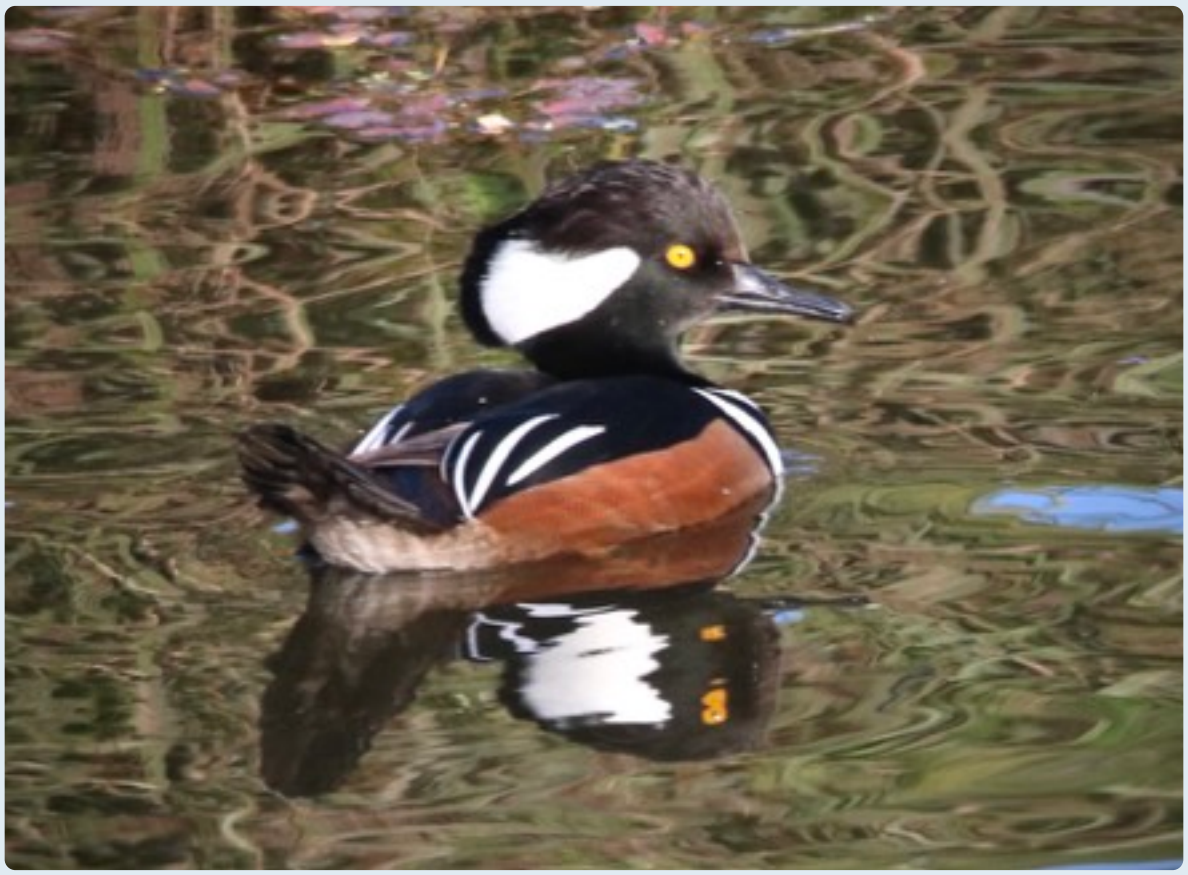
Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 5, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Celery Fields (Dec 30, 2016)

Montrose Point (Aug 30, 2018)

Hooded Merganser call

Gallery 1.8 Hooded Merganser



Male Hooded Merganser at the Celery Fields



GREATER SCAUP

The Greater Scaup has a black head which is more rounded that the Lesser Scaup, and a black tail with white in-between. The beak is blue. Difficult to distinguish from the Lesser Scaup.

Celery Fields (Jan 15, 2019)

Greater Scaup call

GALLERY 1.9 Greater Scaup



Greater Scaup (on the right) at the Celery Fields



LESSER SCAUP

The Lesser Scaup has a black head which is somewhat pointed and a black tail with white in-between The beak is blue.

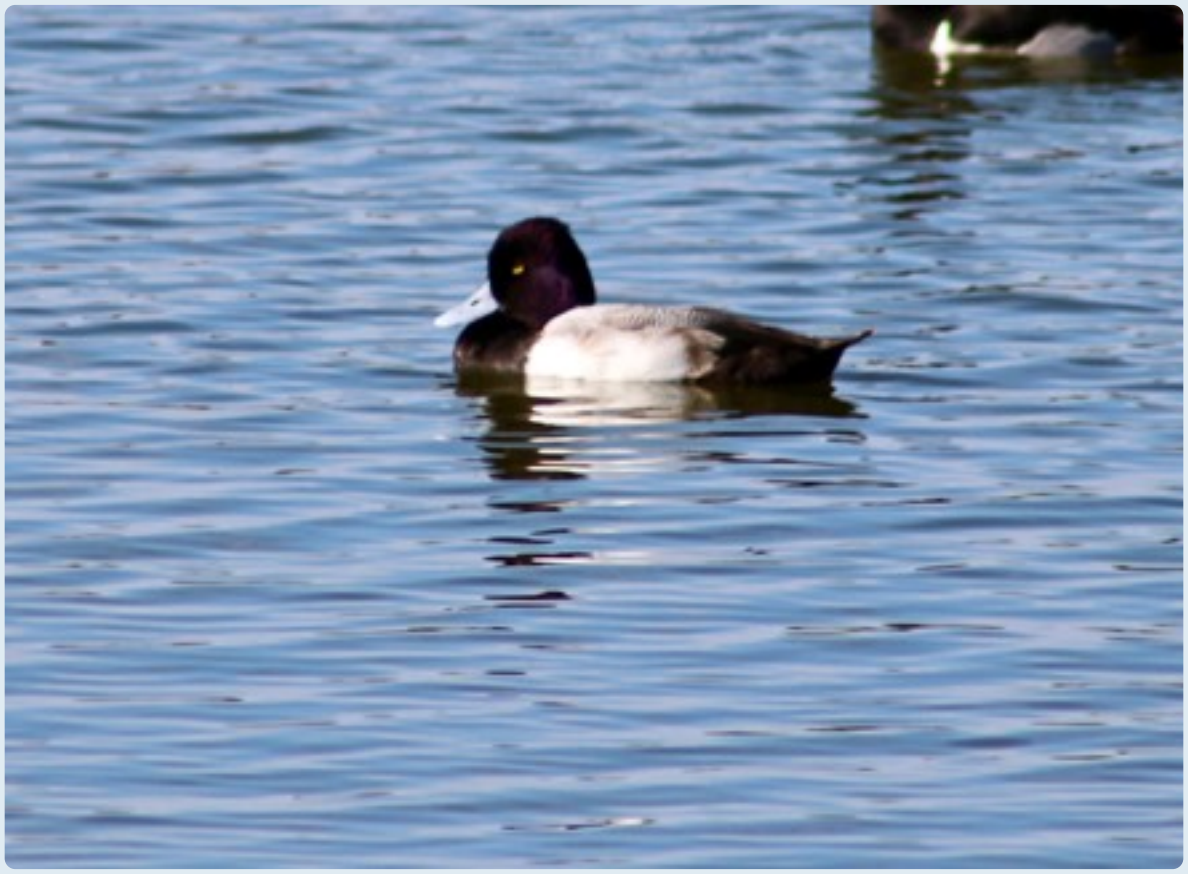
Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016: Mar 16, 2018)

Ackerman Park (Jan 9, 2018)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Lesser Scaup call

GALLERY 1.10 Lesser Scaup



Male Lesser Scaup at the Celery Fields



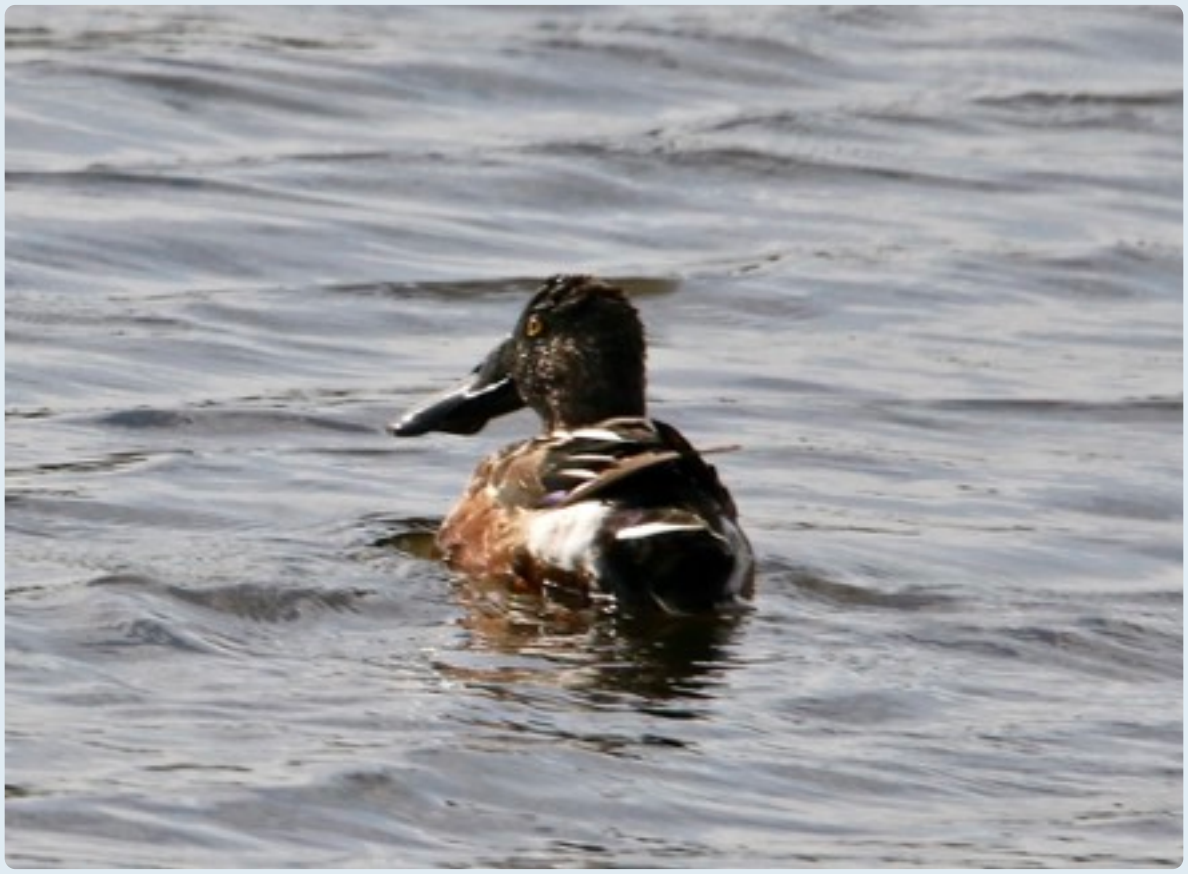
NORTHERN SHOVELER

The Northern Shoveler has a unique long broad beak. The head is dark green and the sides alternate white, rufous red, white and dark. The female is more brown but with the same unique beak.

Celery Fields (Jan 13, 2017: Mar 7, Apr 11, 2018)

Northern Shoveler call

Gallery 1.11 Northern Shoveler



Male Northern Shoveler at Palmer Lake



MALLARD

The common duck seen almost everywhere which is distinguished by a green head on the male with a white ring at the base of the neck. The beak is yellow. The female is brown and in many ways resembles a Mottled Duck.

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 24, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jun 14, 2016: Jul 15, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 5, 2016: Jul 29, 2016: May 10, 2017)

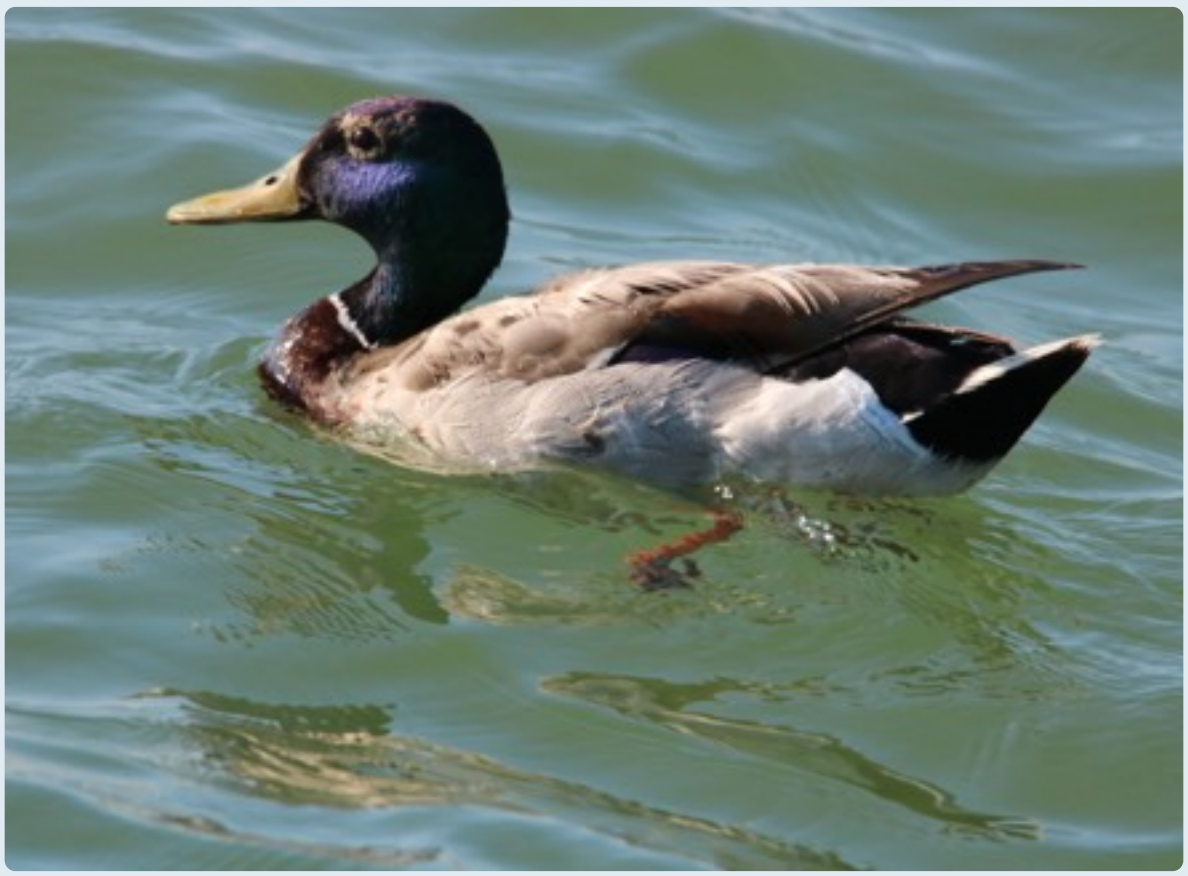
Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Mallard call

Gallery 1.12 Mallard



Male Mallard at Waukegan Harbor



MOTTLED DUCK

Both the male and female look like a darker version of the female Mallard. They show a blue wing patch and a yellow beak.

Plantation (Dec 7, 2015)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016: May 6, 2016)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017: Mar 9, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Mottled Duck call

Gallery 1.13 Mottled Duck



Male Mottled Duck at Ollie's Pond



MUSCOVY DUCK

The Muscovy Duck escaped from captivity and is breeding in the wild in Florida. They are bulky with short legs and have warty faces when mature.

Venice Rookery (Mar 16, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Jan 16, 2019)

Muscovy Duck call

Gallery 1.14 Muscovy Duck



Muscovy Duck at the Venice Rookery



NORTHERN PINTAIL

Large duck with long neck with a white stripe running up the neck. The Northern Pintail has a brown head, a gray body and a long tail.

Myakka River State Park (Dec 6, 2017)

Northern Pintail call

Gallery 1.15 Northern Pintail



Northern Pintail at Myakka River State Park



RING-NECKED DUCK

The Ring-necked Duck has a conspicuous white ring on the beak and a white patch on the side in front of the wings. The head and back are dark and the eye of the male is reddish. The female has the ring on the beak but is browner than the male.

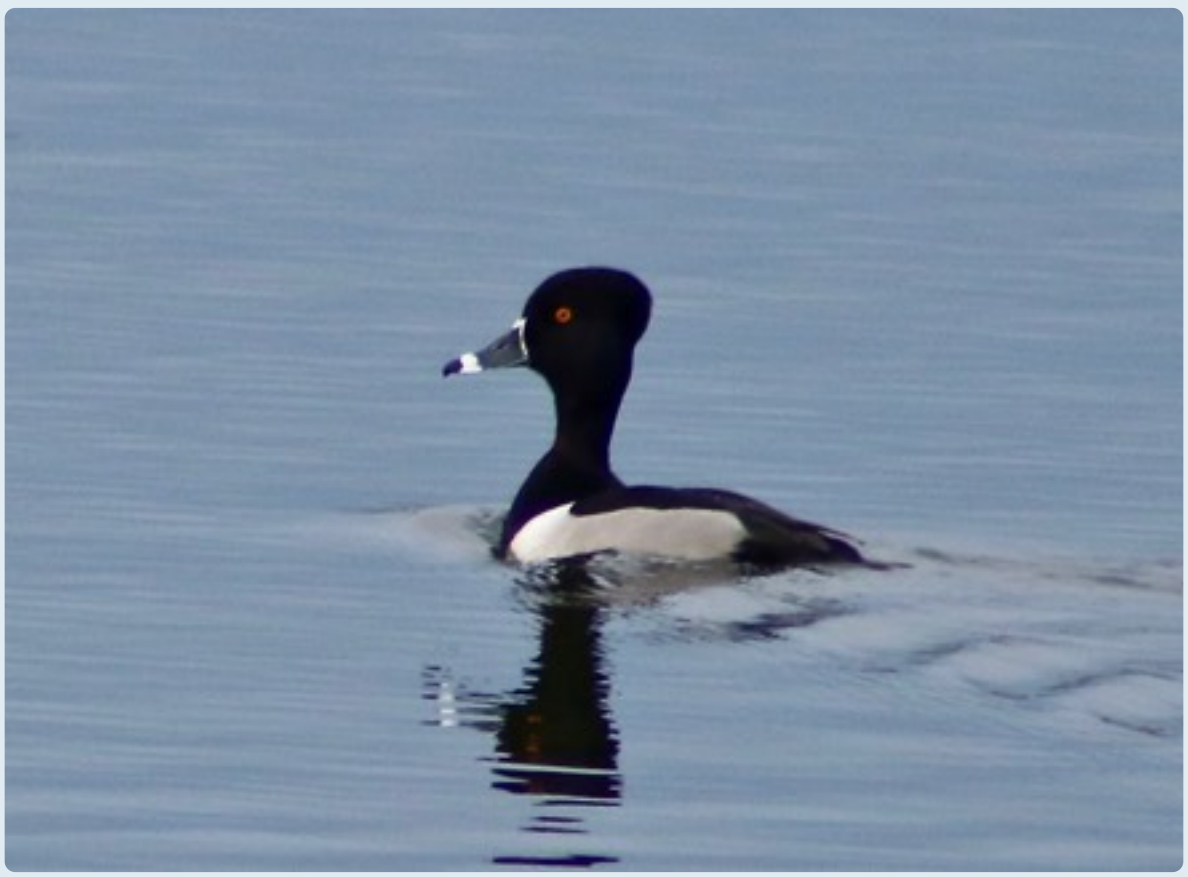
Celery Fields (Jan 13, 2017)

Ackerman Park (Jan 9, 2018)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018, Jan 16, 2019)

Ring-necked Duck call

GALLERY 1.16 Ring-Necked Duck



Male Ring-Necked Duck at the Celery Fields



RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

The Red-Breasted Merganser has a grey side and the dark red breast. A white side may be seen and a white ring around the neck may also be visible. The head is dark with a shaggy crest. The beak is reddish and very thin.

Sarasota Bay (Feb 10, 2016)

Red-Breasted Merganser call

GALLERY 1.17 Red-Breasted Merganser



Red-Breasted Mergansers on Sarasota Bay



WOOD DUCK

Male Wood Duck has a very distinctive head with a greenish top and a white throat. The eye looks red and the beak is orange near the head, then white, then dark at the tip. The female is brownish with a white area around the eye.

Almond Marsh (Jun 14, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Aug 23, 2016: Jun 20, 2017)

Celery Fields (Apr 4, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

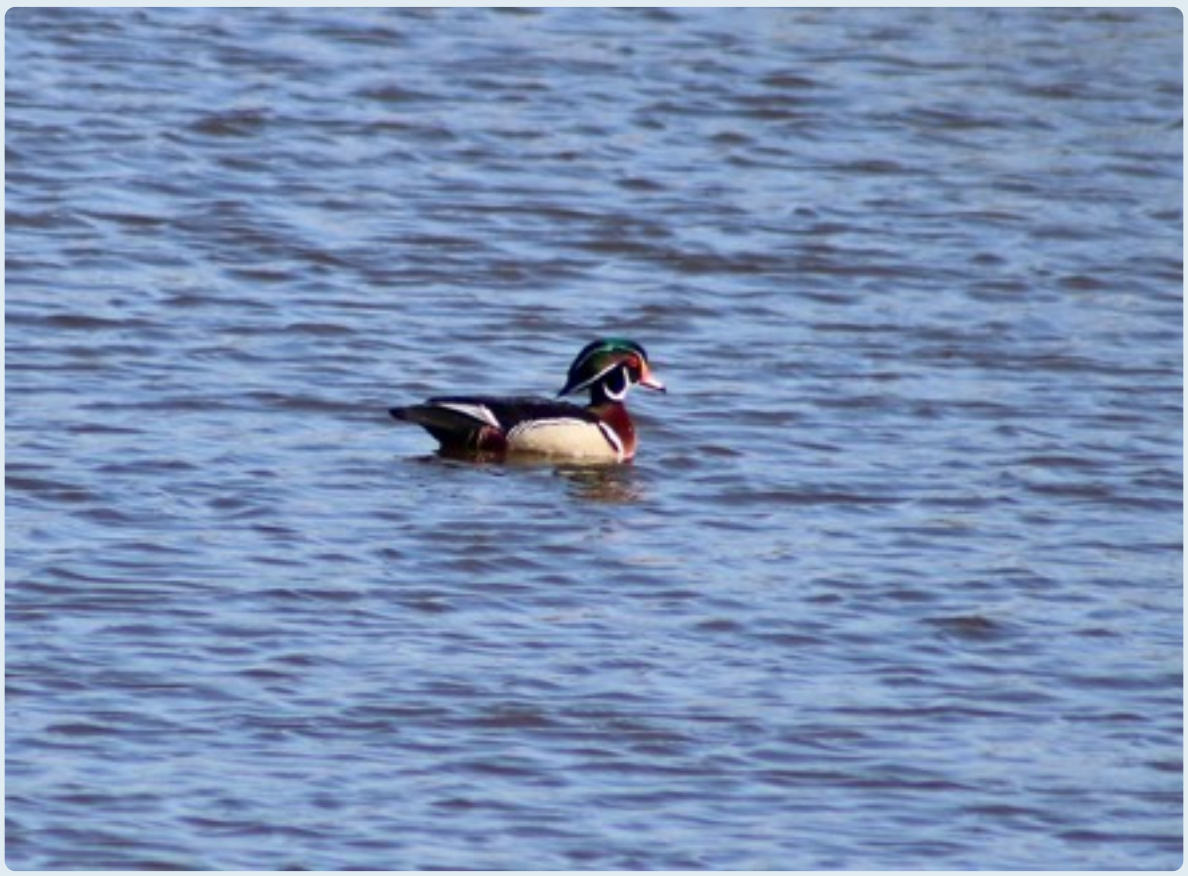
Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 17, 2019)

Wood Duck call

Gallery 1.18 Wood Duck



Male Wood Duck at the Celery Fields



CANADA GOOSE

Very commonly seen in Northern Illinois. Large bird with a brown back, a black neck and a white chin strap. The Canada Goose has a very distinctive call and may be seen flying in a V formation.

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016)

Libertyville (May 24, 2016)

Rollins Savanna Preserve (May 10, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 23, 2017)

Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve (Jul 11, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Apr 11, 2017)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Jul 25, 2019)

Canada Goose call

GALLERY 1.19 Canada Goose



Canada Geese on the Calumet River



MUTE SWAN

The Mute Swan is a large white bird with a yellow beak that has a black knot near the head. It swims with its neck in a graceful S curve.

Almond Marsh (May 24, 2016: Jun 14, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Aug 2, 2016)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Mute Swan call

Gallery 1.20 Mute Swan



Mute Swan at Almond Marsh



TRUMPETER SWAN

The Trumpeter Swan is a large white swan with a dark black beak and swims with its neck almost straight.

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 5,29, 2016: Aug 2, 2016: May 25, 2017)

Trumpeter Swan call

GALLERY 1.21 Trumpeter Swan



Trumpeter Swan at Rollins Savannah



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GAME BIRDS



HELMETED GUINEAFOWL

The Helmeted Guineafowl has a large round body with almost no tail. The head is bare and seems very small for the size of the bird.

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Helmeted Guineafowl call

GALLERY 2.1 Helmeted Guineafowl



Helmeted Guineafowl at the Grove



NORTHERN BOBWHITE

The Northern Bobwhite is a small, stocky game bird with a rufous colored back and white stripes down the side of the head above the eyes. It is usually seen in fields and runs along the ground. It has a very distinctive call.

Jelks Preserve (Apr 5, 2017)

Northern Bob-white call

GALLERY 2.2 Northern Bobwhite



Northern Bobwhite at Jelks Preserve



WILD TURKEY

The Wild Turkey is a large bird with a mostly brown color. They notably have large legs and a small head.

Carlton Preserve (Apr 11, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Dec 6, 2017)

Wild Turkey call

Gallery 2.3 Wild Turkey



Wild Turkey at Myakka River State Park



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CORMORANTS





ANHINGA

The Anhinga is a water bird with a long neck and a straight beak. When swimming only the head and neck are showing above the water. They are often seen drying their feathers with their wings out stretched. The straight beak is the most distinguished feature that can be observed.

Plantation (Feb 12, 2009: Jan 11, 16, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Apr 11, 2014: Dec 9, 2015: Jan 5, 2016: Apr 11, 18, 2016)

South Jetty (Jan 21, 2016)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Celery Fields (Apr 11, 2018)

Anhinga call

GALLERY 3.1 Anhinga



Male Anhinga nonbreediing at Rookery



DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT

From a distance, the cormorant looks similar to the anhinga but it can be distinguished by a bill with a hooked tip. The cormorant also swims with only the neck and head showing. They also can be seen drying their feathers on the shore.

Venice Rookery (Nov 28, 2015: Jan 5, 2016: May 6, 2016)

Plantation (Dec 6, 2015: Feb 8, 2016)

Waukegan (May 26, 2016)

Rollins Savannah (Aug 2, 2016: May 25, 2017)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 22, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Ackerman Park (Jan 9, 2018)

Belize (Mar 1, 2018)

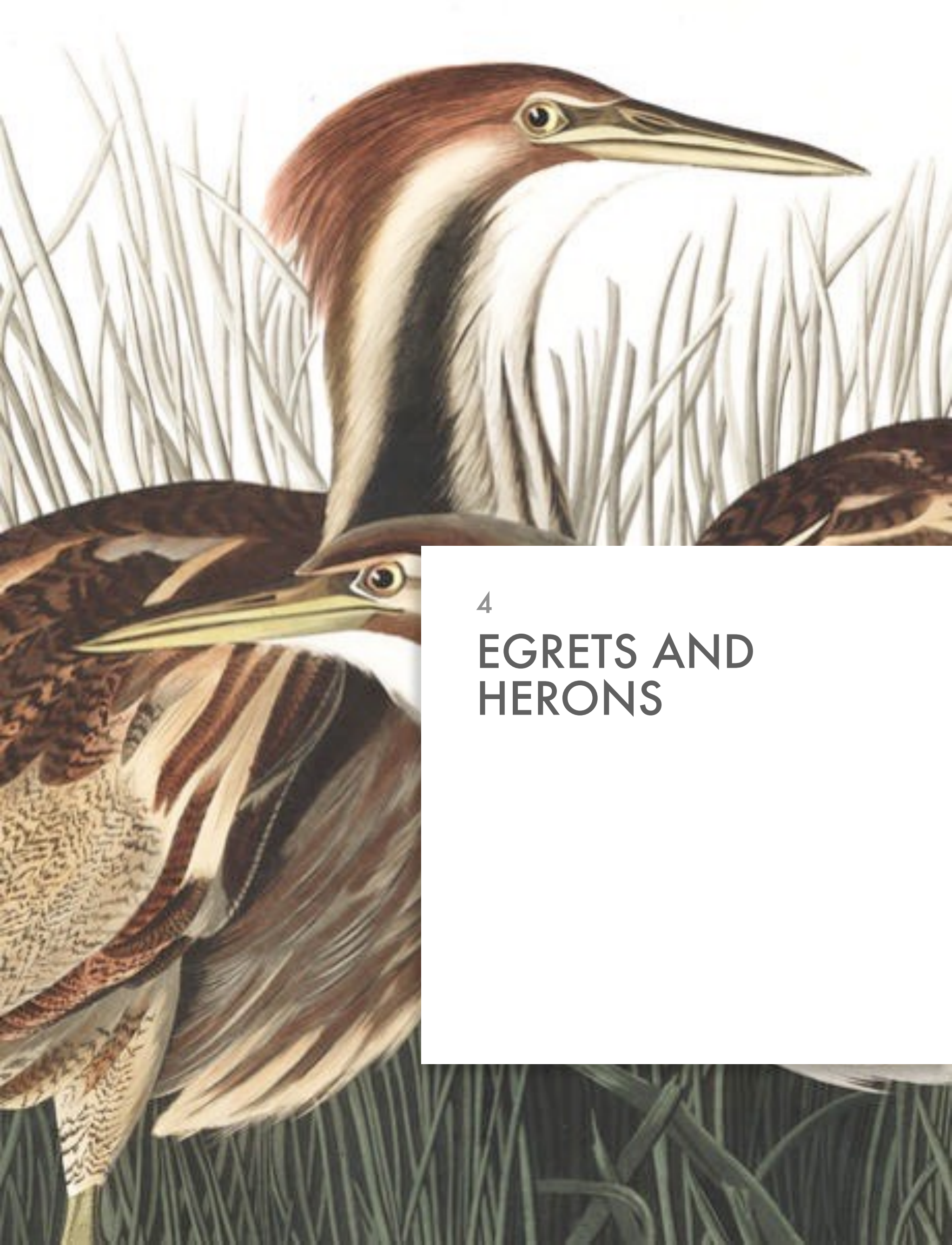
Celery Fields (Apr 11, 2018)

Double-Crested Cormorant call

GALLERY 3.2 Double-Crested Cormorant



Double-Breasted Cormorant at the Venice Rookery



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EGRETS AND HERONS



CATTLE EGRET

Smaller white egret that is stockier than other white egrets. They are usually found in fields and near livestock. They have a yellow beak and dark legs. In mating plumage they show buff on the back and on the back of the head.

Venice (Jan 4, 2016)

Celery Fields (Jan 13, 2017)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Cattle Egret call

GALLERY 4.1 Cattle Egret



Cattle Egret in breeding plumage at Ft. DeSoto Park



GREAT EGRET

Large white wading bird, with a yellow beak and dark legs. The Great Egret is sometimes called the American Egret. In breeding season, the Great Egret has green at the base of the beak near the eyes.

Venice Rookery (Mar 26, 2007: Feb 12, 2009: Apr 11, 2014)

Plantation (Dec 3, 9, 30, 2015: Jan 23, 2016)

Celery Fields (May 6, 2016: Apr 2017)

Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (May 24, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 2016: Jul 29, 2016: Jun 20, 2017)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Volo Bog (Jul 15, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 17, 26, 2016)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 23, 2017)

Great Egret call

Gallery 4.2 Great Egret



Great Egret at the Celery Fields



REDDISH EGRET

Large egret type bird with reddish plumage on the neck and darker plumage on the back. The beak is pink with a dark tip in breeding season. The Reddish Egret usually has dark legs. When fishing in shallow water, it spreads its wings and jumps around.

Ding Darling Preserve (Apr 23, 2016)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Reddish Egret call

GALLERY 4.3 Reddish Egret



Reddish Egret at Siesta Key beach



SNOWY EGRET

Smaller than the Great Egret and has dark legs with yellow feet. The beak is also dark and there is yellow about the eye.

Venice Beach (Dec 1, 2015)

Venice Rookery (Dec 9, 2015: Apr 11, 14, 18, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 5, 9, 2016: Apr 4, 2017)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Snowy Egret call

GALLERY 4.4 Snowy Egret



Snowy Egret at South Jetty in Venice



BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

The Black-Crowned Night Heron is a large stocky heron with a black cap, a dark, thick beak and red eye. It rarely extends its neck and the male has long white feathers extending from the back of the head.

Venice Rookery (Jan 29, 2016: Apr 14, 18, 2016: May 11, 2016)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Black-Crowned Night Heron call

GALLERY 4.5 Black-Crowned Night Heron



Black-Crowned Night Heron at Venice Rookery



GREAT BLUE HERON

Very large heron with bluish coloring, a large orangish beak, and white and blue coloring about the head. Adults have black plumes extending from the back of the head. Usually seen around ponds wading and hunting for food.

Venice Rookery (Feb 12, 2009: Apr 11, 2014: Jan 5, 2016: Apr 11, 2016)

Plantation (Nov 28, 30, 2015: Dec 7, 2015: Jan 16, 23, 2016: Mar 15, 2016: Apr 18, 2016)

Celery Fields (Apr 5, 2016: Apr 4, 14, 2017)

Almond Marsh (May 24, 2016)

Independence Grove Forest Preserve (Jun 8, 2016)

Cuba Marsh (Jun 17, 2016)

Rollins Savannah (Jun 29, 2016: Jun 20, 2017)

Libertyville (Aug 22, 2016)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 22, 2017)

Great Blue Heron call

GALLERY 4.6 Great Blue Heron



Great Blue Heron at the Celery Fields



GREEN HERON

Smaller heron with a greenish head and rufous coloring on the neck. It can be usually identified by the bright yellowish, orange legs in flight.

Celery Fields (Apr 27, 2016; Nov 12, 2016, Jan 13, 2017: Apr 4, 14, 2017)

Venice Rookery (May 12, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Volo Bog State Reserve (Aug 26, 2016)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Oct 21, 2017)

Ollie’s Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Rollins Savannah (Jun 12, 2018)

O’Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Green Heron call

Gallery 4.7 Green Heron



Green Heron at the Venice Rookery



LITTLE BLUE HERON

Smallish heron with a blue to steel blue coloring. The Little Blue Heron has grayish legs and a blue to grey beak. The coloration is uniformly blue which distinguishes it from the Tricolored Heron. Immature Little Blue Herons are white in coloration.

Venice Rookery (Feb 12, 2009: Jan 5, 19, 29, 2016)

Plantation (Dec 1, 5, 2015: Jan 23, 2016: May 11, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016)

Everglades National Park (Apr 29, 2016)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Little Blue Heron call

GALLERY 4.8 Little Blue Heron



Little Blue Heron at the Celery Fields



TRI-COLORED HERON

The size of the Tricolored Heron is between the Great Blue Heron and the Little Blue Heron. The coloration of the back is blue but with a white belly and white to orange front of the neck. The legs are more yellow than those of the Little Blue Heron.

Plantation (Mar 29, 2007: Dec 5, 2015: May 5, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Dec 9, 2015: Jan 29, 2016: Apr 14, 2016)

Everglades National Park (Apr 29, 2016)

Celery Fields (Apr 4, 2017: Nov 17,2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Tri-Colored Heron call

GALLERY 4.9 Tri-Colored Heron



Tri-Colored Heron at the Celery Fields



YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

The Yellow-Crowned Night Heron is larger than the Black-Crowned Night Heron with a longer neck and thicker beak. It has a black and white pattern on the head.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Myakka River (Apr 1, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Siesta Key Beach (May 1, 2019)

Yellow-Crowned Night Heron call

Gallery 4.10 Yellow-Crowned Night Heron



Yellow-Crowned Night Heron at Myakka River



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RAPTORS



AMERICAN KESTREL

The American Kestrel is a small raptor also called the Sparrow Hawk. It has a red back and the head has two dark stripes The wings are blue-gray.

North Port (Jan 18, 2016)

Celery Fields (Jan 31, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 20, 2017)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

American Kestrel call

GALLERY 5.1 American Kestrel



American Kestrel at Laurel Landfill



BALD EAGLE

The Bald Eagle is a majestic, large raptor with a distinctive white head, white tail, and dark wings. The beak is usually yellow to orange. The immatures are more uniformly brown in coloration.

Plantation (Jan 15, 2008: Jan 16, 2016)

Shamrock Park (Jan 10, 2016)

Celery Fields (Nov 17, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2018)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Siesta Key Beach (Dec 6, 2018)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Bald Eagle call

GALLERY 5.2 Bald Eagle



Bald Eagle at the Plantation Golf and Country Club



COOPER'S HAWK

The adult Cooper's Hawk shows a gray back with a pale belly. Juveniles are browner above with a streaked breast. The tail is more rounded and shows a wider white tip.

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jul 26, 2016)

Montrose Point (Aug 30, 2018)

Air Station Prairie (Aug 6, 2019)

Cooper’s Hawk call

GALLERY 5.3 Cooper’s Hawk



Cooper’s Hawk at Montrose Point



CRESTED CARACARA

The Crested Caracara is a medium sized bird that has unusually long legs for a hawk. It is distinguished by a light neck and a black back and shows a crest on its head. The color and pattern of the beak is distinguishing.

Celery Fields (Jan 13, 27, 2017: Jan 9, 2018)

Crested Caracara call

GALLERY 5.4 Crested Caracara



Crested Caracara at Palmer Lake



MERLIN

The Merlin is a small, compact falcon which feeds on birds caught mainly in flight. It has a gray to brownish back and a streaked breast.

Ollie's Pond (Oct 25, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 10, 2019)

Merlin call

GALLERY 5.5 Merlin



Merlin at Ollie's Pond



NORTHERN HARRIER

Smaller hawk with a distinctive white patch at the top of the tail. It usually flies low over the fields or marshes.

Celery Fields (Nov 12, 2016, Dec 30, 2016, Jan 13, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Northern Harrier call

GALLERY 5.6 Northern Harrier



Northern Harrier over the Celery Fields



OSPREY

The Osprey has a distinctive soaring style. Adults show a dark brown back with a white belly and legs. The head is white with a black face stripe. It is also distinguished by its call.

Plantation (Apr 11, 2014: Nov 30, 2015: Jan 16, 2016)

Sarasota Bay (Feb 10, 2016)

Ding Darling Nature Preserve (Apr 22, 2016)

Everglades National Park (Apr 29, 2016)

Ticonderoga (Jul 10, 2017)

Celery Fields (Oct 27, 2017)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Belize (Mar 1, 2018)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Osprey call

GALLERY 5.7 Osprey



Osprey at the Celery Fields



PEREGRINE FALCON

The Peregrine Falcon is relatively large with a short tail and long pointed wings. It has a dark back with a lighter breast. When it is seen up close it has a bold face pattern.

Acadia National Park (Jul 12, 2017)

Siesta Key Beach (Nov 1, 2018)

Peregrin Falcon call

GALLERY 5.8 Peregrine Falcon



Peregrine Falcon at Siesta Key Beach



RED-SHOULDERED HAWK

The Red-Shouldered Hawk has a reddish front to the wings and a stripped tail with narrow white stripes. The belly may be light or somewhat darker. One of the most common seen in Florida.

Plantation (Dec 3, 2015: Jan 12, 16, 17, 2016: Apr 18, 2016: May 5, 2016)

Venice (Jan 28, 2016: Apr 8, 2016)

Celery Fields (Apr 14, 2017: Mar 16, 2018)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Red-Shouldered Hawk call

GALLERY 5.9 Red-Shouldered Hawk



Red-Shouldered Hawk at Myakka River State Park



RED-TAILED HAWK

The Red-Tailed Hawk shows a distinctive tail which is red above and whitish below. The eastern version has a whitish breast with a dark belly band of streaks. The back is dark and mottled.

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Aug 23, 2016: May 10, 2017: Jun 20, 2017)

Venice Rookery (Nov 19, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 4, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (Sept 15, 2017)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Red-Tailed Hawk call

GALLERY 5.10 Red-Tailed Hawk



Red-Tailed Hawk at Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve



SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

The Sharp-Shinned Hawk is smaller than Cooper's Hawk but with similar coloring. The head is smaller than the Cooper's Hawk. The back is dark and the breast is lighter with stripes on the juveniles.

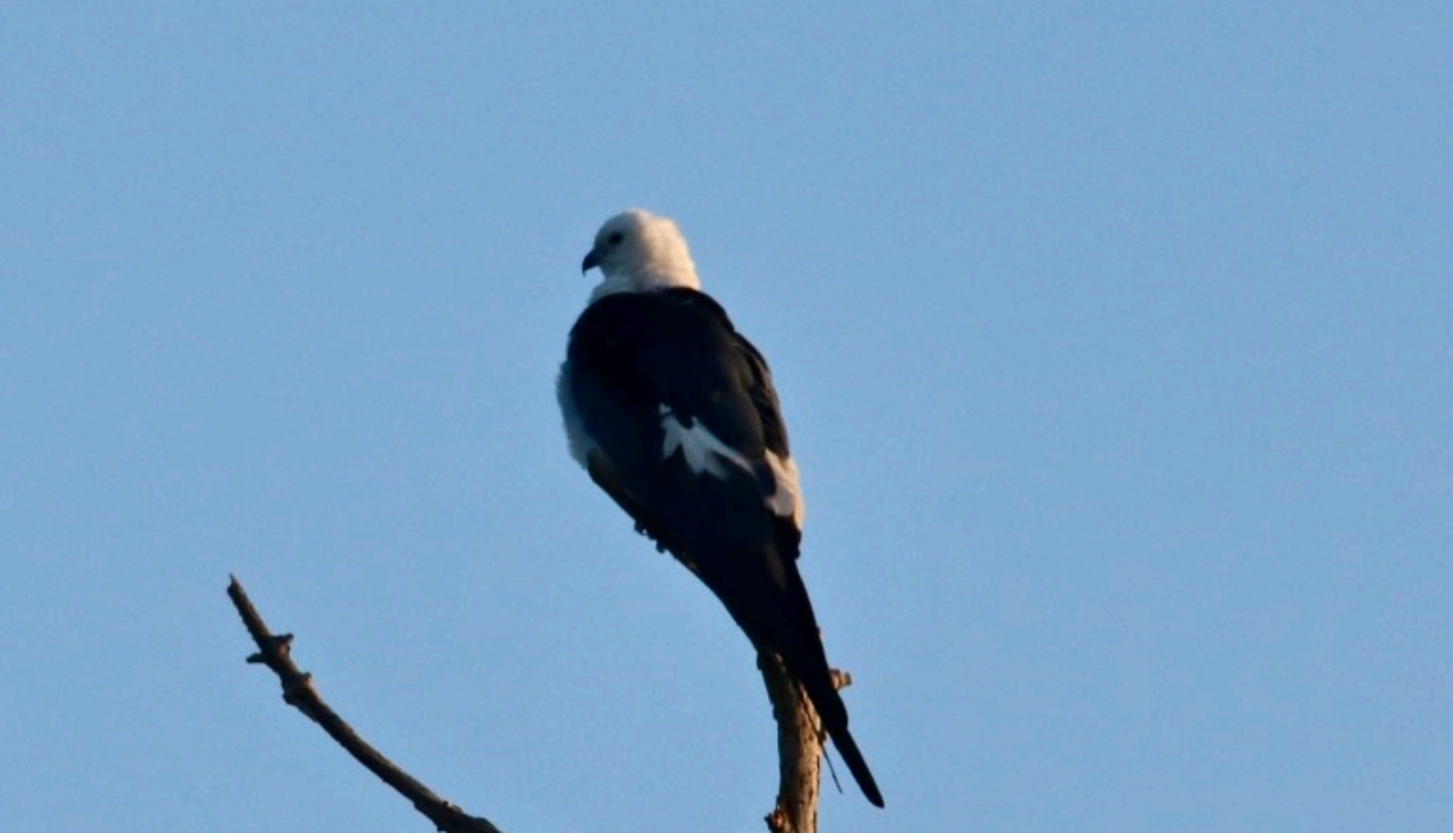
Libertyville (May 27, 2016)

Sharp-Shinned Hawk call

GALLERY 5.11 Sharp-Shinned Hawk



Sharp-Shinned Hawk at Libertyville



SWALLOW-TAILED KITE

The Swallow-Tailed Kite is usually seen soaring and is easy to distinguish because it has a white body and head with very dark wing tips and tail which is deeply forked.

Venice (Apr 21, 2016)

Myakka River State Park (May 13, 2016)

Carlton Preserve (Apr 28, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Oscar Scherer State Park (Mar 28, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Old Miakka Preserve (Mar 21, 2019)

Jelks Preserve (Apr 6, 2019)

Swallow-tailed Kite call

GALLERY 5.12 Swallow-Tailed Kite



Swallow-Tailed Kite at Old Miakka Preserve



BLACK VULTURE

The Black Vulture is smaller than the Turkey Vulture but all black with a black head. In flight it has dark wings with a lighter shade on the wing tips.

Venice (Jan 10, 2016)

Myakka River State Park (Apr 21, 2016)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Black Vulture call

GALLERY 5.13 Black Vulture



Black Vultures at Casperson Beach



TURKEY VULTURE

Large soaring bird with long wings and tail and small, red head. The body is dark and the trailing edge and tips of the wings are lighter.

Plantation (Dec 9, 2015: Jan 16, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 7, 2016)

Fort Sheridan (Jul 14, 2016)

Shenandoah National Park (Jul 16, 2017)

Amberjack Preserve (Nov 3, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Siesta Key Beach (Dec 6, 2018)

Turkey Vulture call

GALLERY 5.14 Turkey Vulture



Turkey Vulture over Punta Gorda

MARSH BIRDS



AMERICAN BITTERN

The American Bittern is a relatively large, stocky wading bird. Its coloration is brown with obvious brown stripes on the neck. This one was found in the swamp grass feeding on a snake.

Celery Fields (Jan 20, 31, 2017: Mar 16, Nov 21, 2018)

American Bittern call

GALLERY 6.1 American Bittern



American Bittern at the Celery Fields



LEAST BITTERN

The Least Bittern is a very small heron distinguished by it contrasting dark and pale buff coloring. The legs are greenish yellow.

Celery Fields (May 1, 2016: Apr 4, 14, 2017)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Aug 10, 2018)

Waukegan Beach (Aug 2, 2019)

Least Bittern call

GALLERY 6.2 Least Bittern



Least Bittern at the Celery Fields



GLOSSY IBIS

This is a dark Ibis with dark bluish or purple plumage and a downward curving beak. It is seen usually near water but may be seen at times digging for insects.

Plantation (Apr 19, 2014)

Venice Rookery (Apr 27, 2016: May 6, 2016)

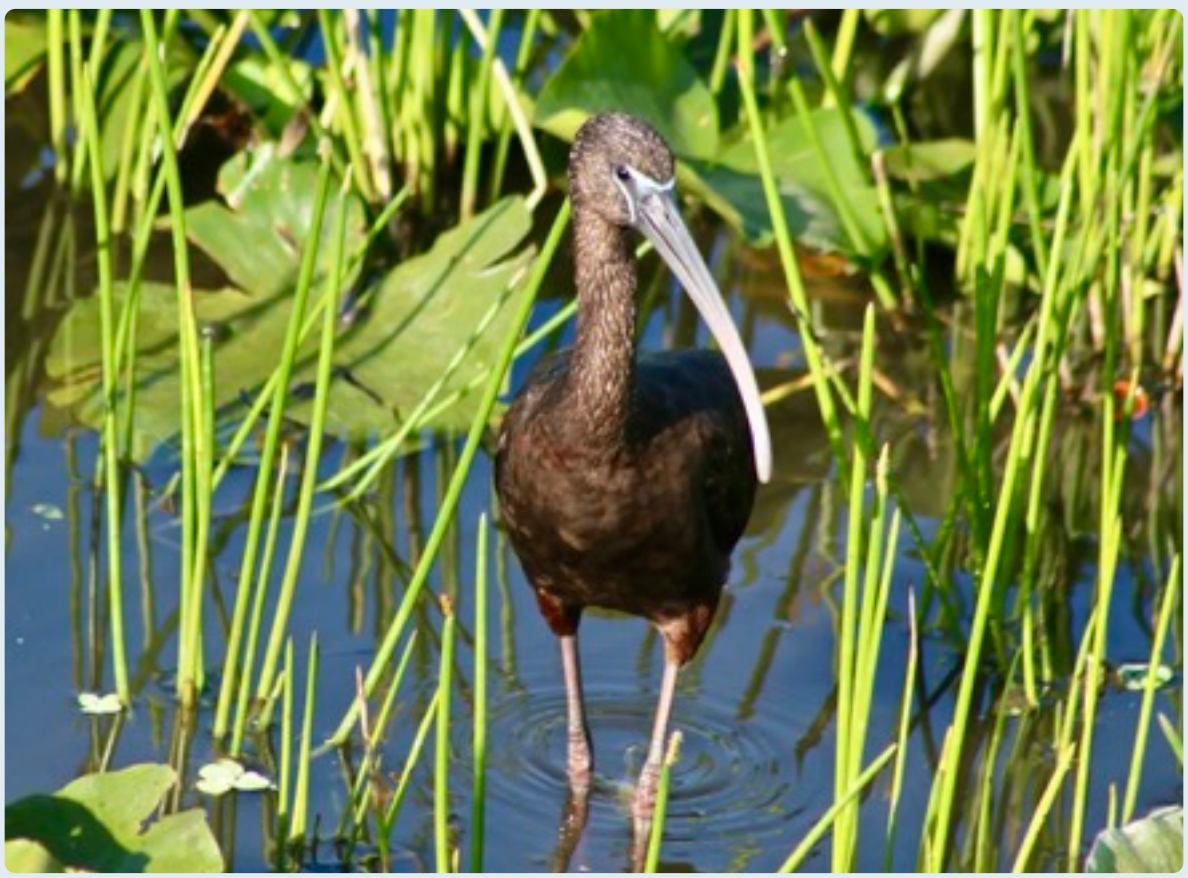
Celery Fields (Apr 4, 2017)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Ollie’s Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Glossy Ibis call

Gallery 6.3 Glossy Ibis



Glossy Ibis at the Celery Fields



WHITE IBIS

It is a medium sized shore bird with white plumage and a pink downward curved beak that is usually found near water or at times foraging for insects on lawns.

Venice Rookery (Mar 26, 2007)

Plantation (Apr 11, 2014: Dec 7, 2015: Jan 1, 2016: Mar 15, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 5, 2016)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

White Ibis call

Gallery 6.4 White Ibis



White Ibis at Ft DeSoto Park



ROSEATE SPOONBILL

The Roseate Spoonbill is a large pink colored wading bird with a spoon shaped beak. They are easily distinguished by the pink color and the head. Mature birds have dark reddish coloration on the shoulder.

Celery Fields (Oct 28, 2016; Nov 12, 2016, Jan 13, 27 2017: Apr 4, 2017)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Roseate Spoonbill call

GALLERY 6.5 Roseate Spoonbill



Roseate Spoonbill at Corkscrew Swamp



AMERICAN FLAMINGO

Extremely tall and slender bird with a pink color and unusual beak shape. Very long and slender legs.

Costa Maya (Mar 2, 2018)

American Flamingo call

GALLERY 6.6 American Flamingo



American Flamingo at Costa Maya



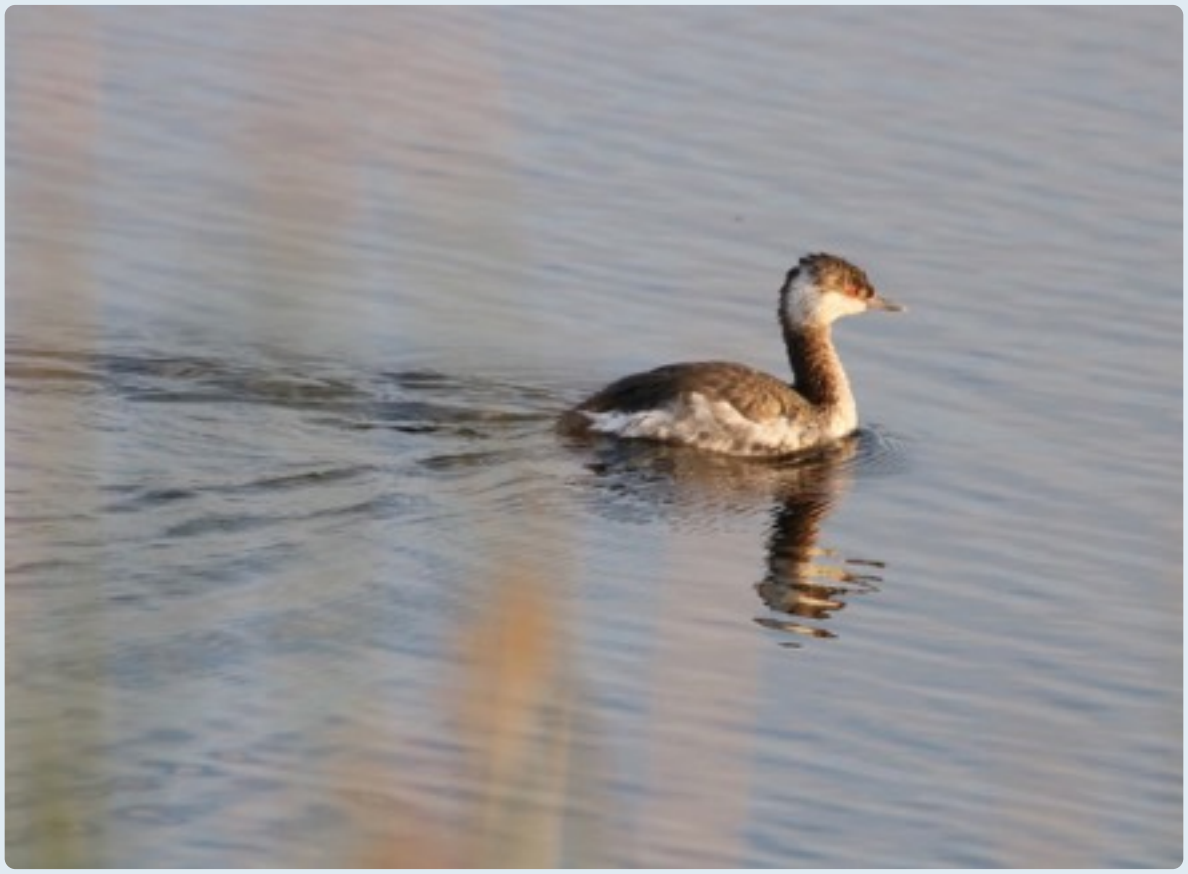
HORNED GREBE

The Horned Grebe is a small Grebe with a white face, a reddish eye and a small straight bill with a whitish tip.

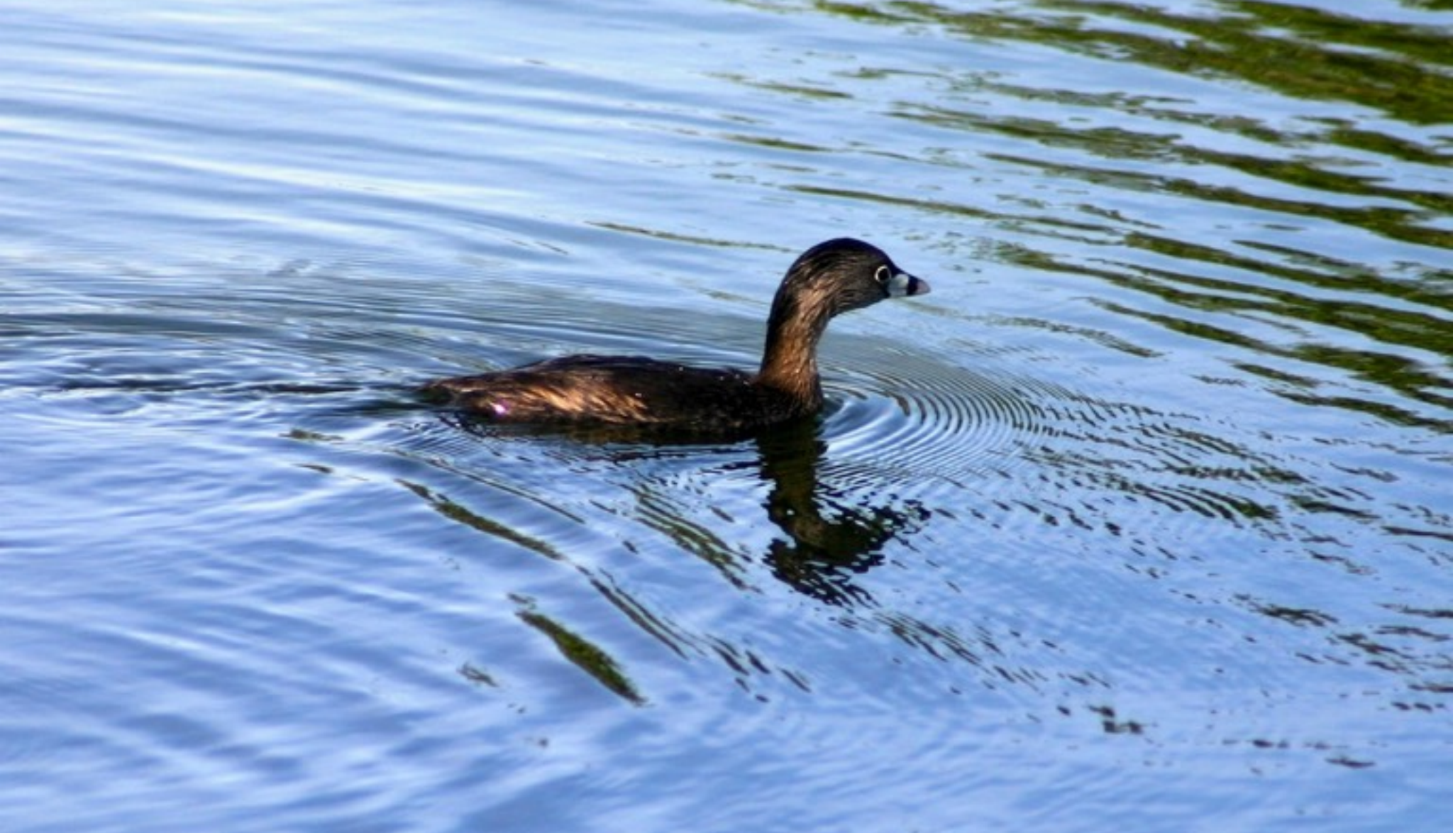
Celery Fields (Feb 26, 2019)

Horned Grebe call

GALLERY 6.7 Horned Grebe



Horned Grebe at the Celery Fields



PIED-BILLED GREBE

Small compact duck-like bird with thick beak and a short neck. The beak is white with a black ring. The plumage is typically brown. Usually they are found in small ponds.

Venice Rookery (Apr 11, 2014)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016, Jan 31, 2017)

Rollins Savannah (June 24, 2016: Aug 2, 2016)

Amberjack Preserve (Nov 3, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Pied Billed Grebe call

GALLERY 6.8 Pied-Billed Grebe



Pied-Billed Grebe at the Celery Fields



COMMON LOON

The Common Loon is the largest loon with a dark head and white breast. It is usually identified by its unique wailing call.

Siesta Key Beach (Dec 6, 2018)

Sarasota Bay (Mar 19, 2019)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 10, 2019)

Common Loon call

GALLERY 6.9 Common Loon



Common Loon at Sarasota Bay



COMMON GALLINULE

The Common Gallinule is very similar to Purple Gallinule but its plumage is brown and purple with a white stripe on the flank. The beak is red with a yellow tip but with a red frontal shield. The legs are greenish.

Venice Rookery (Feb 12, 2009: Apr 11, 2014: Dec 9, 2015)

Celery Fields (Jan 29, 2016: Feb 9, 2016: Apr 5, 22, 2016: May 6, 2016: Jan 31, 2017: Apr 4, 2017)

Ding Darling (Apr 23, 2016)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Common Gallinule call

GALLERY 6.10 Common Gallinule



Common Gallinule at Ollie's Pond



PURPLE GALLINULE

The distinguishing feature of the Purple Gallinule is a red beak with a yellow tip and a pale blue shield above the beak. Plumage is mostly green and purple and the legs are bright yellow.

Celery Fields (Apr 27, 2016: Apr 4, 14, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Purple Gallinule call

Gallery 6.11 Purple Gallinule



Adult Purple Gallinule at the Celery Fields



AMERICAN COOT

The American Coot has a similar shape to the Common Gallinule, but the plumage is charcoal gray with a darker head. The beak is white with a white frontal patch. The beak has a dark ring at the tip.

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016)

Ding Darling (Apr 23, 2016)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

American Coot call

GALLERY 6.12 American Coot



American Coot at the Celery Fields



KING RAIL

A marsh bird that is usually hard to see but can be distinguished by its call. It is usually darker in color than other rails especially the Clapper Rail.

Celery Fields (May 6, 2016: Mar 16, 2018)

King Rail call

Gallery 6.13 King Rail



King Rail at the Celery Fields



VIRGINIA RAIL

The Virginia Rail is a medium sized marsh bird with an orangish breast and a gray face. It is usually found in fresh water marshes near the edge of reeds. It is smaller than the King Rail.

Air Station Prairie (Aug 6, 2019)

Virginia Rail call

GALLERY 6.14 Virginia Rail



Virginia Rail at Air Station Prairie



SORA

The Sora is a secretive marsh bird with a short yellow beak. It is brown on the back with a gray breast. The adult has a black chin.

Celery Fields (Jan 31, 2017, Apr 14, 2017: Mar 16, 2018)

Air Station Prairie (Aug 6, 2019)

Sora call

GALLERY 6.15 Sora



Sora at the Celery Fields



LIMPKIN

The Limpkin is a medium to large marsh bird which is mostly brown with white spots and dark legs. The long, straight bill may be slightly down turned at the end. It has a loud, wild call which helps to distinguish it. Its size is between that of a Sandhill Crane and the smaller King Rail.

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016: Apr 5, 27, 2016: May 6, 2016, Dec 30, 2016, Jan 31, 2017: Apr 4, 14, 2017)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Limpkin call

Gallery 6.16 Limpkin



Limpkin at the Celery Fields



BELTED KINGFISHER

The Belted Kingfisher is a blue-gray bird that has a distinctive crest. Female has two chest bands while the male has only one chest band. It is usually seen perching near ponds and has a distinctive long beak.

Venice (Jan 19, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Nov 10, 2016)

Celery Fields (Nov 29, 2017)

Belize (Mar 1, 2018)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Belted Kingfisher call

Gallery 6.17 Belted Kingfisher



Male Kingfisher at the Plantation



WILSON'S SNIPE

The Wilson's Snipe is a short stocky sandpiper with a long beak. It has a brown stripped back and head with bars on the side.

Celery Fields (Jan 31, 2017: Apr 4, 2017: Mar 16, 2018)

Wilson's Snipe call

GALLERY 6.18 Wilson's Snipe



Wilson's Snipe at the Celery Fields



AMERICAN WOODCOCK

The American Woodcock has a round body with a long beak. It is orange to buff on the underside. It differs from snipes in its behavior. Rarely seen during the day.

Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 5, 2019)

American Woodcock call

GALLERY 6.19 American Woodcock



American Woodcock at Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve

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CRANES AND STORKS



SANDHILL CRANE

The Sandhill Crane is a very large bird with grey plumage, a dark beak and a red forehead. The immature cranes have brownish plumage. They have a distinctive, loud call.

Plantation (Mar 29, 2007: Nov 8, 2007: Nov 28, 2015)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 1, 2016)

Lakewood Forest Preserve (Aug 19, 2016)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (May 18, 2018)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Sand Hill Crane call

GALLERY 7.1 Sandhill Crane



Winter adult Sandhill Crane at the Plantation



WOOD STORK

The Wood Stork is a very large bird with a naked head and a large beak that is turned down at the end. They have white and black feathers, dark legs with pink feet.

Venice Rookery (Dec 9, 2015)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Celery Fields (Nov 17, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2018)

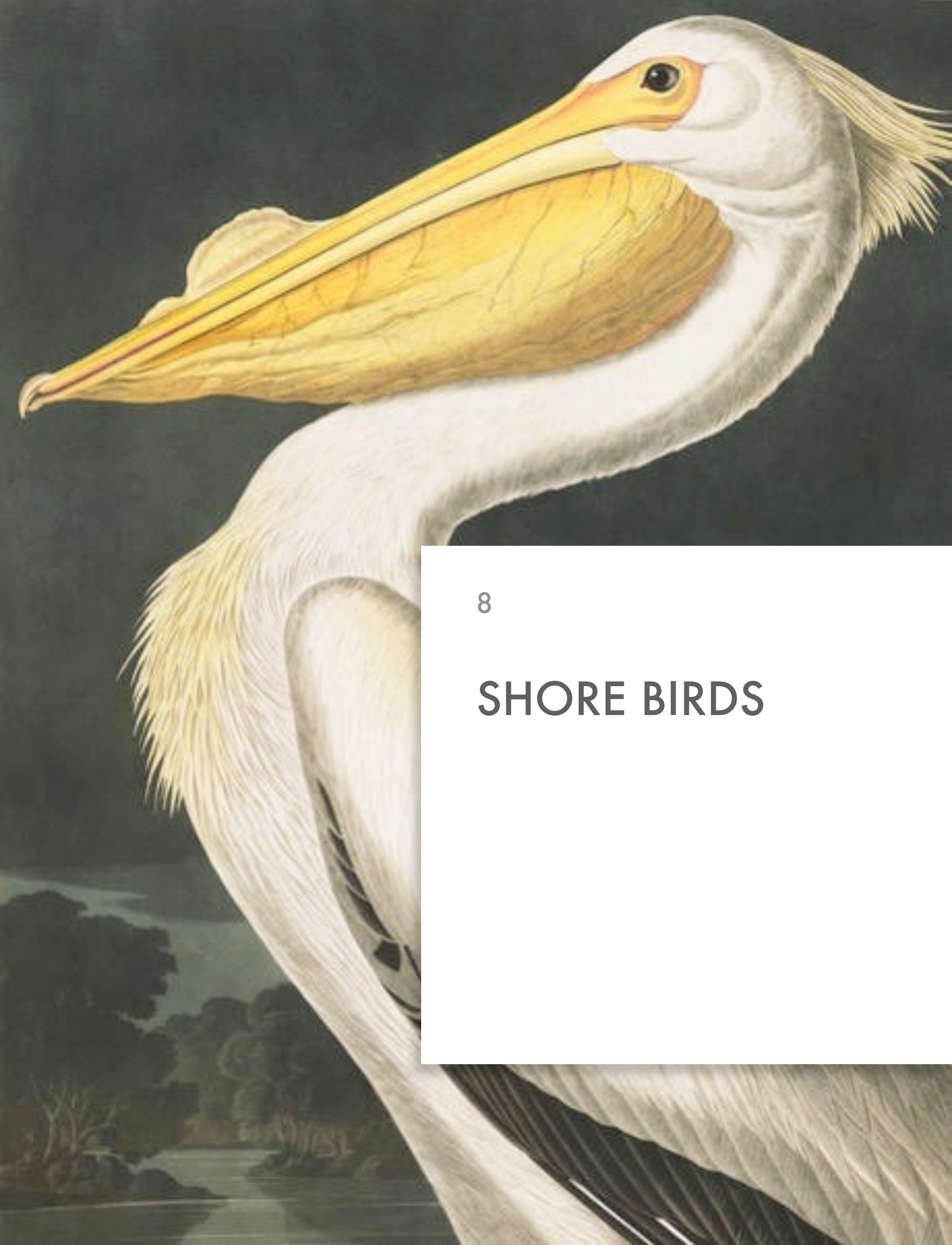
Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Wood Stork call

GALLERY 7.2 Wood Stork



Wood Stork at the Venice Rookery



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SHORE BIRDS



BROWN PELICAN

The Brown Pelican is somewhat smaller than the White Pelican and has brown wings and head with white belly. It is usually seen near salt water bodies and feeds by diving into the water with wings folded back. Also seen flying low over the water. Very distinctive with a typical pelican beak.

Venice Beach (Dec 1, 2015: Jan 10, 21, 2016: May 3, 2016)

Sarasota Bay (Feb 5, 10, 2016)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Belize (Mar 1, 2018)

Celery Fields (Mar 16, 2018)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Brown Pelican call

GALLERY 8.1 Brown Pelican



Adult Brown Pelican at South Jetty



AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN

The American White Pelican is a large white bird with a large yellow beak and pouch. It is very familiar to most observers. When soaring the outer wing feathers are black.

Sarasota Bay (Feb 10, 2016)

Celery Fields (Jan 13, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2018)

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

Plantation (Mar 6, 2019)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

American White Pelican call

Gallery 8.2 American White Pelican



American White Pelican at Starved Rock State Park



MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD

The Magnificent Frigatebird is usually seen soaring at high altitudes and very effortlessly. They have a forked tail which is usually held together. The beak is crooked and the male has a large red throat pouch which is sometimes inflated.

Siesta Key (Nov 17, 2017)

Belize (Mar 1, 2018)

Costa Maya (Mar 2, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Magnificent Frigatebird call

Gallery 8.3 Magnificent Frigatebird



Magnificent Frigatebird at Costa Maya



NORTHERN GANNET

The Northern Gannet is a large white sea bird with black wing tips. It has a long, slightly hooked, beak with blue eyes and a black pattern around the eyes. The back of the head is slightly buff.

Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve (Jul 11, 2017)

Northern Gannet call

Gallery 8.4 Northern Gannet



Injured Northern Gannet at Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve.



AMERICAN AVOCET

The American Avocet is a rather large shorebird with a brown head and neck. It has a white belly and a white bar on its side which is very distinctive. The beak is long and upturned.

Myakka River State Park (Jan 10, 2017)

American Avocet call

GALLERY 8.5 American Avocet



American Avocet at Myakka River State Park



BLACK-NECKED STILT

The Black-necked Stilt is a medium sized marsh bird with a black back and white breast and neck. It has black on the head and the back of the neck and a long black beak. The Stilt's legs are very long for the body and pinkish in color.

Myakka River State Park (Apr 21, 2016)

Celery Fields (Apr 22, 2016: Apr 4, 2017)

Amberjack Park (Mar 13, 2018)

Black-Necked Stilt call

GALLERY 8.6 Black-Necked Stilt



Black-Necked Stilt at the Celery Fields



GREATER YELLOWLEGS

The Greater Yellowlegs is similar to the Lesser Yellowlegs with a light breast, brown back but larger in size with a larger beak that turns up slightly at the tip. Both have bright yellow legs.

Amberjack Park (Feb 11, 2017)

Celery Fields (Nov 17, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Greater Yellowlegs call

GALLERY 8.7 Greater Yellowlegs



Greater Yellowlegs at Myakka River State Park



LESSER YELLOWLEGS

The Lesser Yellowlegs is a small marsh bird with yellow legs and a light breast with darker brown back. The size is the distinguishing feature from the Greater Yellowlegs along with a shorter beak.

Myakka River State Park (Apr 21, 2016)

Celery Fields (Apr 22, 2016: May 6, 2016, Jan 13, 2017)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Lesser Yellowlegs call

GALLERY 8.8 Lesser Yellowlegs



Lesser Yellowlegs at the Celery Fields



LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

The Long-billed Dowitcher is a small, round marsh bird with greenish yellow legs. Rufous back and belly with darker spots on the wings. Distinguished from the Short-Billed Dowitcher by a longer bill that may turn down slightly at the end. Long-Billed Dowitchers are usually found near fresh water marshes instead of salt water marshes.

Myakka River State Park (Apr 22, 2016)

Celery Fields (May 6, 2016: Jan 13, 2017)

Long-Billed Dowitcher call

GALLERY 8.9 Long-Billed Dowitcher



Long-Billed Dowitcher at the Celery Fields



SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER

The Short-Billed Dowitcher is a smaller version of the Long-Billed Dowitcher with a shorter beak and a straighter back. The easiest way to distinguish the two is by their calls. Short-Billed Dowitchers are usually found near salt water rather than fresh water.

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 18, 2017: Apr 19, 2018)

Short-Billed Dowitcher call

GALLERY 8.10 Short-Billed Dowitcher



Short-Billed Dowitcher at Ft. DeSoto Park



MARBLED GODWIT

The Marbled Godwit is a large member of the sandpiper family with brown back that appears marbled. It is marked by a long beak which is slightly upturned, reddish near the head and darker at the tip.

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Marbled Godwit call

GALLERY 8.11 Marbled Godwit



Marbled Godwit at Ft. De Soto Park



DUNLIN

The Dunlin is larger than the small sandpipers and is relatively stocky with black legs. In breeding plumage the male has a black patch on the belly. The immatures have speckled black on the belly.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017: Apr 19, 2018)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Waukegan Beach (May 18, 2018)

Dunlin call

GALLERY 8.12 Dunlin



Breeding Dunlin at Waukegan Beach



RED KNOT

The Red Knot is a large, bulky sandpiper with a relatively short beak and a distinctive reddish breast and cheek in breeding plumage.

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Red Knot call

GALLERY 8.13 Red Knot



Red Knot at North Lido Beach



BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

The Black-bellied Plover is the largest plover with a thick bill and dark legs. The plumage on the back is brownish gray and mottled. The breast and under chin is black in breeding season. This bird shown above is changing to the breeding plumage. The under tail is white.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017: Apr 19, 2018)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Black-bellied Plover call

GALLERY 8.14 Black-Bellied Plover



Black-Bellied Plover at Ft. DeSoto Park



PIPING PLOVER

The Piping Plover is a small shorebird with a broken neck band and a black stripe on the forehead. The Piping Plover in breeding has orange legs and an orange and black beak. It is sanding colored with a white underbelly.

Montrose Point (Aug 1, 2019)

Piping Plover call

GALLERY 8.15 Piping Plover



Piping Plover at Montrose Point



SEMIPALMATED PLOVER

The Semipalmated Plover is a very small shorebird with brown wings, a white belly and a white ring around the neck. It also shows a black bib and a black eye patch with a white forehead. The beak is yellowish with a black tip.

Ding Darling State Preserve (Apr 23, 2016)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Montrose Point (Aug 1, 2019)

Techny Basin (Aug 6, 2019)

Semipalmated Plover call

GALLERY 8.16 Semipalmated Plover



Semipalmated Plover at Siesta Key Beach



SNOWY PLOVER

The Snowy Plover is a small shorebird with long gray legs and relatively short dark beak. It is usually seen on the dry section of beaches and is solitary when feeding.

Siesta Key (Nov 15, 2016: Nov 9, 2017)

Snowy Plover call

GALLERY 8.17 Snowy Plover



Snowy Plover at Siesta Key Beach



WILSON'S PLOVER

The Wilson's Plover is similar to the Semipalmated Plover but is distinguished by a larger, thicker bill and pinkish gray legs. It has a brown back and a black band on the neck.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Wilson's Plover call

GALLERY 8.18 Wilson's Plover



Wilson's Plover at Ft. DeSoto Park



SANDERLING

The Sanderling is a very plain shorebird with short beak and black legs. It is usually seen on sandy beaches running around in the waves searching for food.

Venice Beach (Oct 29, 2016: Apr 28, 2017)

Waukegan Beach (May 26, 2017)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Montrose Beach (Aug 24, 2019)

Sanderling call

GALLERY 8.19 Sanderling



Sanderling at Manasota Beach



BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

The Baird's Sandpiper is a long winged sandpiper with dark legs and slightly larger than Semipalmated Sandpiper. Note the buffy breast band.

Montrose Beach (Aug 24, 2019)

Baird's Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.20 Baird's Sandpiper



Baird's Sandpiper at Montrose Beach



LEAST SANDPIPER

The Least Sandpiper is the smallest shorebird which is characterized by its size and greenish yellow legs. It has a relatively short bill which is finely tipped and curves down slightly at the tip.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Montrose Point (Aug 1, 2019)

Least Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.21 Least Sandpiper



Least Sandpiper at Montrose Beach



PECTORAL SANDPIPER

The Pectoral Sandpiper is like a large Least Sandpiper with greenish legs and a densely streaked breast that abruptly ends at a white belly.

O’Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Pectoral Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.22 Pectoral Sandpiper



Pectoral Sandpiper at O'Brian Dam and Locks



SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER

The Semipalmated Sandpiper is a very small shorebird similar to the Least Sandpiper but with black legs. It has a short beak with is somewhat blunt.

Waukegan Beach (Aug 25, 2017)

Montrose Beach (Aug 24, 2019)

Semipalmated Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.23 Semipalmated Sandpiper



Nonbreeding Semipalmated Sandpiper at Waukegan Beach



SOLITARY SANDPIPER

Similar to Lesser Yellowlegs but smaller with a white belly and brown back. It has a shorter bill and a distinguishing white eye ring and appears to have white spectacles.

Rollins Savanah Forest Preserve (July 29, 2016)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Air Station Prairie (Aug 6, 2019)

Solitary Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.24 Solitary Sandpiper



Solitary Sandpiper at Rollins Savannah



SPOTTED SANDPIPER

The Spotted Sandpiper in breeding season has spots on its breast but immatures do not. They are distinguished by the white patch on the shoulder and they bob up and down when searching for food.

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

Waukegan Harbor (May 20, 2019)

Air Station Prairie (Aug 6, 2019)

Spotted Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.25 Spotted Sandpiper



Breeding Spotted Sandpiper at Waukegan Beach



STILT SANDPIPER

The Stilt Sandpiper often resembles the Long-Billed Dowitcher but is whiter, and has a distinctive white stripe over the eye. The legs are longer and greenish not yellow. The beak has a slight down turn at the end.

Celery Fields (Apr 11, 2018: Apr 24, 2019)

Stilt Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.26 Stilt Sandpiper



Stilt Sandpiper at the Celery Fields



WESTERN SANDPIPER

The Western Sandpiper is a small shorebird with a brown mottled back and white breast. The Western Sandpiper has a beak which is slightly curved downward at the tip.

Myakka River State Park (Apr 21, 2016)

Celery Fields (May 6, 2016)

Blind Pass Beach (May 13, 2016)

Western Sandpiper call

GALLERY 8.27 Western Sandpiper



Western Sandpiper at Stump Pass park



RUDDY TURNSTONE

It is a small shorebird with short beak and short legs. The Ruddy Turnstone has brown mottled wings with a dark ring on the neck and a white belly.

Venice Beach (Jan 21, 2016: Apr 20, 2016: May 3, 2016)

Sarasota (Feb 10, 2016)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Waukegan Harbor (May 20, 2019)

Ruddy Turnstone call

GALLERY 8.28 Ruddy Turnstone



Ruddy Turnstone at Siesta Key Beach



WILLET

The Willet is a large gray and brown shore bird with a long beak and gray legs. It is usually seen probing the ground for food. It has a lighter colored breast.

Venice Beach (Dec 1, 2016: Jan 21, 2016)

Myakka River State Park (Feb 5, 2016)

Ding Darling State Preserve (Apr 23, 2016)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Willet call

GALLERY 8.29 Willet



Willet at Manasota Beach



WHIMBREL

The Whimbrel is a large sandpiper with a long down-curved beak. It is brown and gray in coloration and has a pale median stripe on the head.

Ft. deSoto Park (Apr 10, 2019)

Whimbrel call

GALLERY 8.30 Whimbrel



Whimbrel at Ft. de Soto Park



KILLDEER

Tall slender shorebird with a brown back and white breast. The Killdeer has a double black breast band and black and white pattern on the head. The Killdeer has a distinctive call and may be found at the shoreline or in fields more inland.

Venice (Feb 9, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 29, 2016)

Van Patten Forest Preserve (Jun 13, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

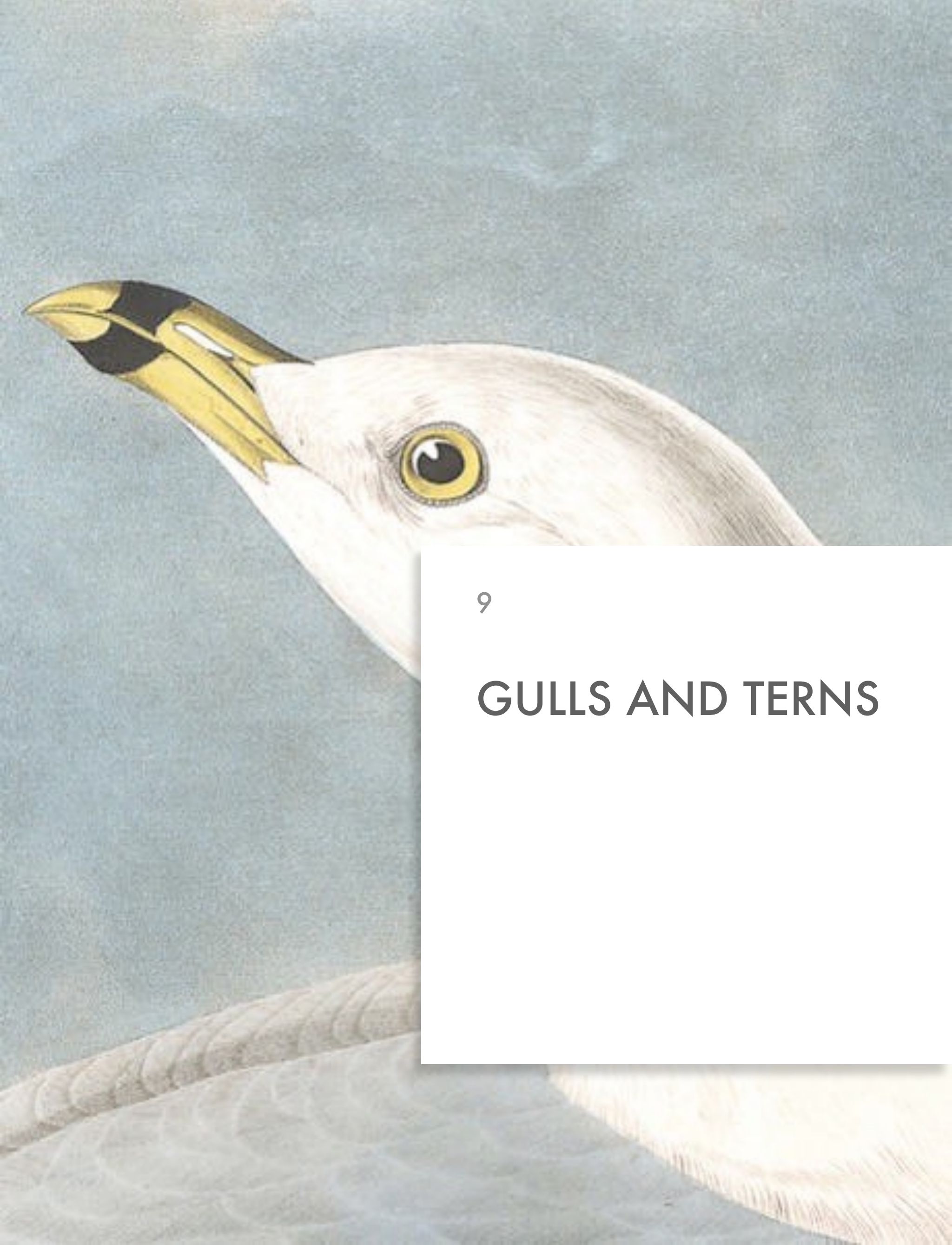
Celery Fields (Apr 24, 2019)

Killdeer call

GALLERY 8.31 Killdeer



Killdeer at Babcock-Webb Conservation Area



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GULLS AND TERNS



BLACK SKIMMER

The Black Skimmer is a tern like shore bird with black back and wings. Head is black with face and neck white. Very distinctive red and black beak with the lower mandible longer than the upper mandible.

Everglades National Park (Apr 29, 2016)

Siesta Key Beach (Nov 15, 2016: Nov 9, 2017)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Black Skimmer calls

GALLERY 9.1 Black Skimmer



Black Skimmer at Siesta Key Beach



CASPIAN TERN

It is a large tern with a dark red beak and a dark tip. The Caspian Tern has a dark head with a streaked forehead. They are almost as large as Ring-Billed Gulls.

College of Lake County (Aug 23, 2016)

Waukegan Beach (May 26, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Dec 6, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Jul 25, 2019)

Caspian Tern call

GALLERY 9.2 Caspian Tern



Caspian Terns at Waukegan Beach



COMMON TERN

The Common Tern is very similar to Forster's Tern but with a darker gray upper wing. The dark of the head extends back to the nape of the neck.

Waukegan (May 26, 2016)

Siesta Key (Nov 9,2017)

Common Tern call

Gallery 9.3 Common Tern



Common Tern at Siesta Key Beach



FORSTER'S TERN

The Forster's Tern has silver-white wings and a black eye-patch. It has a dark beak which may be reddish in breeding season and is very commonly seen near the Gulf.

Venice Beach (Jan 21, 2016: Feb 9, 2016: May 3, 2016)

Siesta Key Beach (Dec 6, 2018)

Forster's Tern call

GALLERY 9.4 Forster's Tern



Forster's Tern at Waukegan Beach



LEAST TERN

The Least Tern is smaller than other terns. It has a black head cap with white forehead and yellow beak. It also shows dark primaries on wings and yellow legs.

Celery Fields (Apr 27, 2016)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Least Tern call

GALLERY 9.5 Least Tern



Least Tern at North Lido Beach



ROYAL TERN

The Royal Tern is a large tern with a dark cap and white forehead. It has shorter dark legs and a yellow to orange beak. It is distinguished by it dark cap that seems to have a peak extending back.

Everglades National Park (Apr 29, 2016)

Siesta Key Beach (Nov 15, 2016: Nov 9, 2017)

Royal Tern call

GALLERY 9.6 Royal Tern



Royal Tern at Siesta Key Beach



SANDWICH TERN

The Sandwich Tern is a medium sized tern which is distinguished by a pale yellow tip to a black beak and a black head cap.

Siesta Key (Nov 15, 2015: Nov 9, 2017)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Sandwich Tern call

GALLERY 9.7 Sandwich Tern



Sandwich Tern at Siesta Key Beach



GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL

The Great Black-backed Gull is one of the largest gulls. It has black wings, a very large beak and pinkish legs.

Chatham Harbor (Jul 14, 2017)

Great Black-Backed Gull call

GALLERY 9.8 Great Black-Backed Gull



Great Black-Backed Gull at Chatham Harbor



HERRING GULL

The Herring Gull is a large white headed gull which shows pink legs. The Herring Gull has gray wings with black wing tips.

Waukegan Beach (May 26, 2016: May 26, 2017)

Venice Beach (Feb 14, 2107)

Siesta Key Beach (Nov 15, 2016, Mar 10, 2017)

Acadia National Park (Jul 12, 2017)

O’Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Herring Gull call

GALLERY 9.9 Herring Gull



Mature Herring Gull at Siesta Key Beach



LAUGHING GULL

It is one of the smaller gulls but the largest of the black headed gulls. The Laughing Gulls have black wings with white primary tips. Its beak is dark with a slightly drooped tip.

Venice Beach (Dec 1, 2016: Jan 18, 2016: Mar 24, 2016: Apr 20, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Jan 29, 2016: Apr 11, 14, 18, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016)

Sarasota (Feb 10, 2016)

Waukegan Beach (May 26, 2017)

Chatham Harbor (Jul 14, 2017)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Laughing Gull call

GALLERY 9.10 Laughing Gull



Mature Laughing Gull at Ft. DeSoto Park



FRANKLIN'S GULL

The Franklin's Gull is similar to the Laughing Gull with a shorter beak and more white on the primaries.

Siesta Key Beach (Dec 12, 2018)

Franklin's Gull call

Gallery 9.11 Franklin's Gull



Franklin's Gull at Siesta Key Beach



LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL

The Lesser Black-backed Gull is relatively large with dark wings and pale yellow legs. The beak is yellow with a red gape near the end.

Siesta Key (Nov 15, 2016: Nov 9, 2017)

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Lesser Black-backed Gull call

GALLERY 9.12 Lesser Black-Backed Gull



Lesser Black-Backed Gull at Siesta Key Beach



RING-BILLED GULL

The Ring-billed Gull is the smallest of the white headed gulls. It has a white head with a yellow beak having a dark ring toward the tip. The Ring-Billed Gull has yellow legs and black primaries on the wings.

Sarasota (Feb 10, 2016)

Venice Beach (Mar 24, 2016)

Waukegan Beach (Jun 8, 2016: May 26, 2017)

Libertyville (Jul 29, 2016)

Ticonderoga (Jul 10, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Siesta Key (Nov 9, 2017)

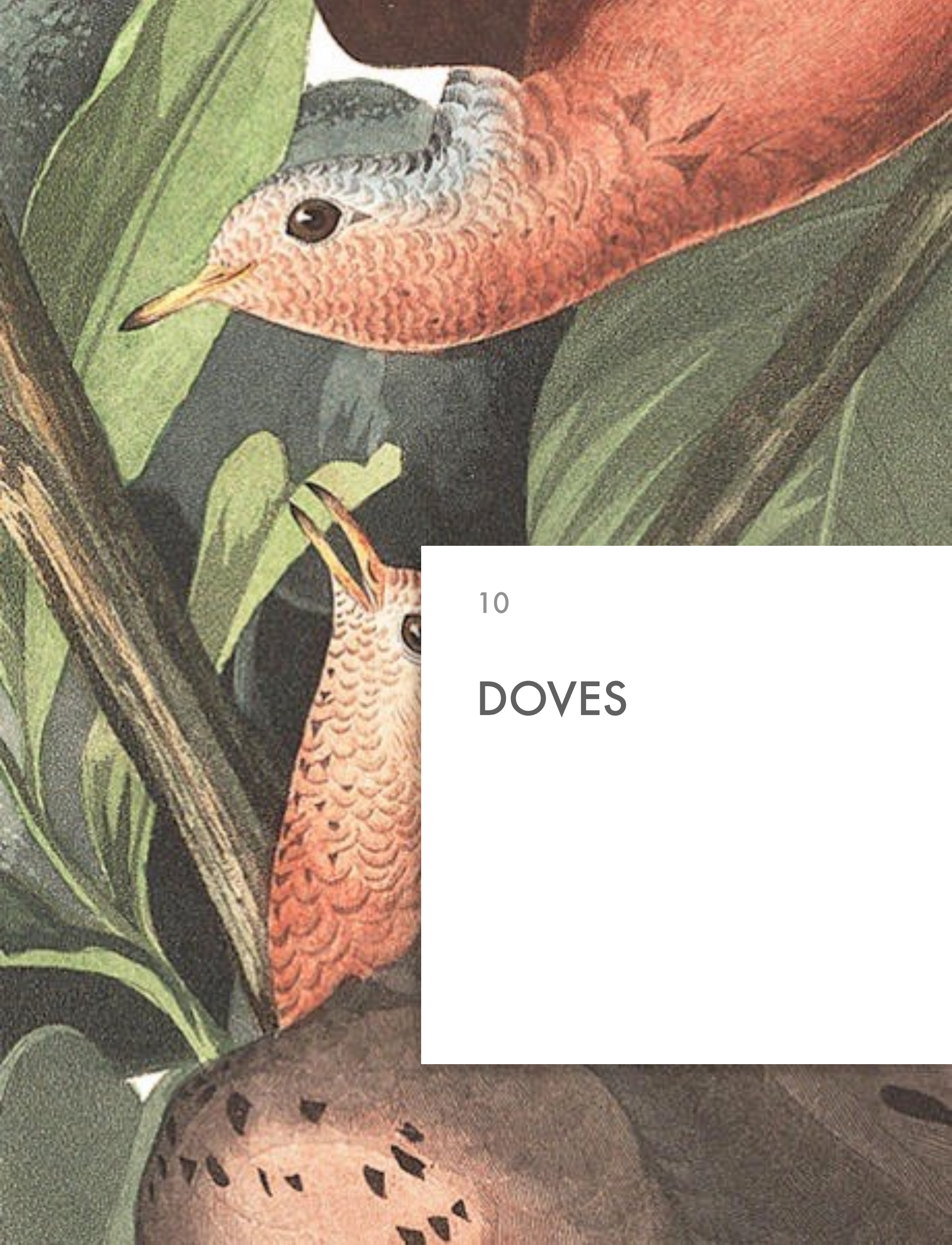
Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Ring-Billed Gull call

GALLERY 9.13 Ring-Billed Gull



Ring-Billed Gull at Venice Beach



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DOVES



EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

The Eurasian Collared-Dove is paler and larger than the Mourning dove with a black stripe on the back of the neck and dark outer primaries.

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Costa Maya (Mar 2, 2018)

Eurasian Collared Dove call

GALLERY 10.1 Eurasian Collared Dove



Eurasian Collared Dove at Laurel landfill



COMMON GROUND DOVE

The Common Ground Dove is a very small gray dove with a short tail. The lower mandible of the beak shows pink.

Shamrock Park (May 5, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Apr13, 2017)

Carlton Preserve (Oct 27, 2017)

The Celery Fields (Oct 16, 2018)

Ground Dove call

Gallery 10.2 Common Ground Dove



Common Ground Dove at the Celery Fields



MOURNING DOVE

The Mourning Dove is a larger dove with brown plumage and a long sharp tail. It has a distinctive call and a distinctive sound in flight.

Plantation (Dec 1, 3, 2015)

Venice Rookery (Apr 19, 2016)

Shamrock Park (May 5, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016)

Rollins Savanna Preserve (May 10, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 17, 2019)

Mourning Dove call

Gallery 10.3 Mourning Dove



Mourning Dove at the Celery Fields



ROCK PIGEON

The Rock Pigeon is the domestic Pigeon and comes in a variety of colors.

Venice Beach (May 3, 2016)

Cozumel (Feb 28, 2018)

Rock Dove
call

Gallery 10.4 Rock Pigeon



Rock Pigeon at Venice Beach



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OWLS



BARRED OWL

The Barred Owl is most noted by its call. It is brown and stocky with dark eyes and a brown striped tail.

Carlton Preserve (Apr 11, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 21, 2018: Apr 17, 2019)

Barred Owl call

GALLERY 11.1 Barred Owl



Barred Owl at Pinecraft Park



BURROWING OWL

The Burrowing Owl is a small, long legged owl which nests in burrows underground. They are diurnal as opposed to many other owls. The Burrowing Owl perches in the open.

Cape Coral (Apr 8, 2019)

Burrowing Owl call

GALLERY 11.2 Burrowing Owl



Burrowing Owl in Cape Coral



GREAT HORNED OWL

The Great Horned Owl is a large owl with large ear tufts. The coloring is gray with a brown barred chest.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

Great Horned Owl call

GALLERY 11.3 Great Horned Owl



Mature Great Horned Owl at Ollie's Pond



NIGHTHAWKS



CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW

The Chuck-wills-widow is a rather large night hawk whose color is mainly brown. It is usually identified by its call.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017)

Chuck-will's-widow call

GALLERY 12.1 Chuck-wills-widow



Chuck-wills-widow at Pinecraft Park



COMMON NIGHTHAWK

The Common Nighthawk is usually seen in flight and identified by white wing bars. It also shows a white throat.

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

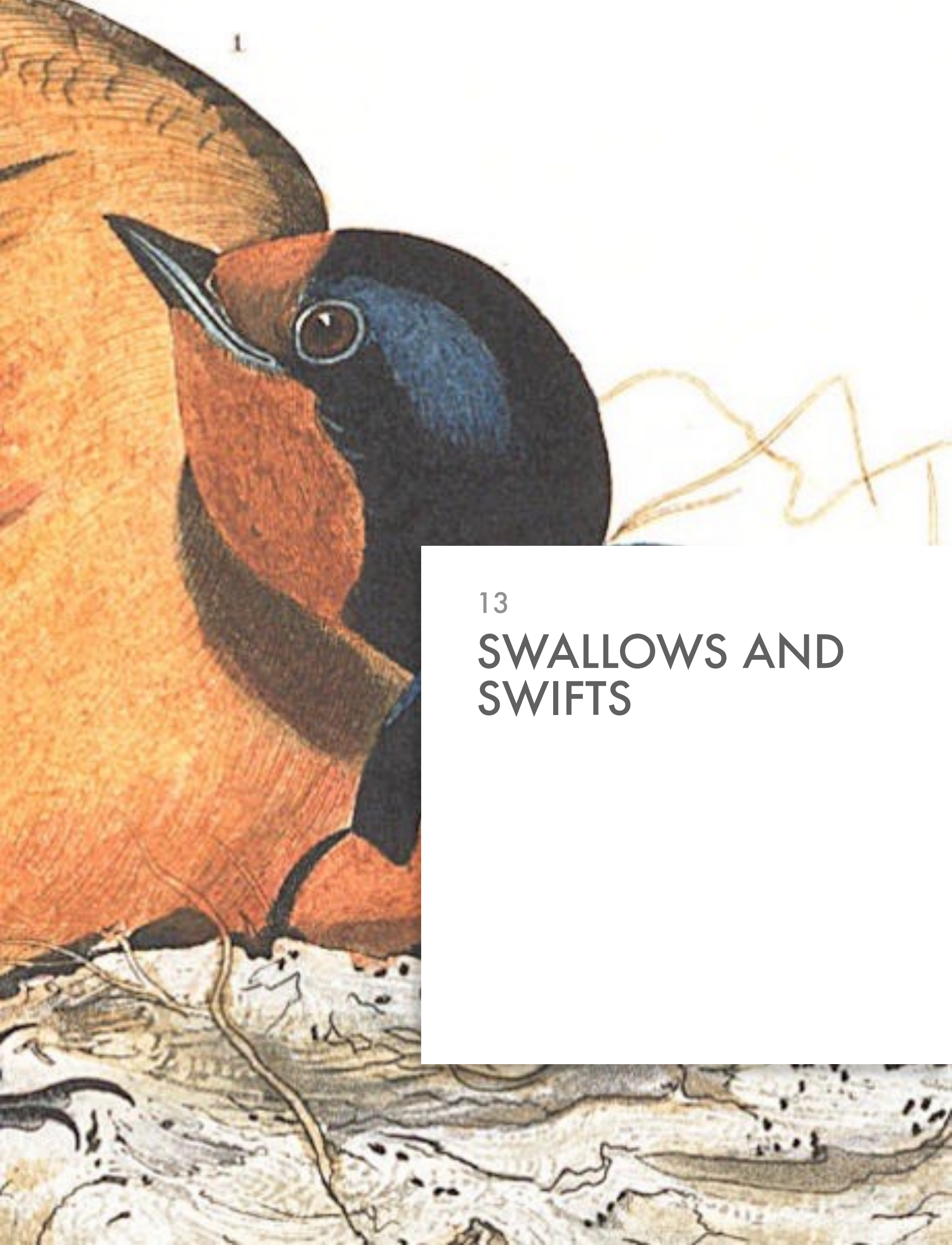
Sedge Meadow Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Common Nighthawk call

Gallery 12.2 Common Nighthawk



Common Nighthawk at Van Patten Woods



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SWALLOWS AND SWIFTS



BANK SWALLOW

The Bank Swallow is the smallest swallow which is pale brown above with a white throat and belly and a dark neck band.

Montrose Point (Jun 1, 2018: Jun 11, 2019)

Bank Swallow call

Gallery 13.1 Bank Swallow



Bank Swallow at Montrose Harbor



BARN SWALLOW

The Barn Swallow is a small bird that is seen swooping over the fields feeding. It has a forked tail and has a dark blue-black head and back with an orange chest and throat.

Waukegan Beach (May 26, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 14, 2016: Jul 15, 2016)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Volo Bog Preserve (Jul 12, 2019)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Jul 25, 2019)

Barn Swallow call

GALLERY 13.2 Barn Swallow



Barn Swallow at Middlefork Savannah



NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

The Northern Rough-Winged Swallow is similar in size to the Tree Swallow but is drab brown on the back and a brownish breast.

Montrose Point (Jun 1, 2018: Jun 11, 2019)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow call

GALLERY 13.3 Northern Rough-winged Swallow



Northern Rough-winged Swallow at Montrose Point



TREE SWALLOW

The Tree Swallow has a blue-black or green-black back with a very white underpart. When flying is shows a flat tail configuration.

Celery Fields (Jan 21, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016: Jun 7, 2016: Jul 6, 2016: May 4, 2017)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Illinois Beach State Park (Jun 8, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 14, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jun 14, 2016: Jul 15, 2016)

Daniel Wright Forest Preserve (Jun 18, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 29, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Tree Swallow call

GALLERY 13.4 Tree Swallow



Tree Swallow at Ryerson Forest Preserve



PURPLE MARTIN

The Purple Martin is the largest of the swallows and can be seen living in communal houses. The male is uniformly black above and below.

Celery Fields (Apr 22,2016, Jan 31, 2017)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jun 14, 2016)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Jul 25, 2019)

Montrose Point (Aug 1, 2019)

Purple Martin call

GALLERY 13.5 Purple Martin



Male Purple Martin at Old School Forest Preserve



CHIMNEY SWIFT

The Chimney Swift looks like a cigar with wings. The swift is dark grey in color. It rarely spreads its tail. It soars feeding on insects.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Chimney Swift call

GALLERY 13.6 Chimney Swift



Chimney Swift flying over Illinois Beach State Park



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HUMMINGBIRDS



RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

The Ruby-Throated Hummingbird is the only hummingbird found in the eastern United States. It has a white belly and a ruby throat which may look black in some light. The back may show green with a black tail.

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jul 2, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 18, 2016)

Van Patten Woods (May 23, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Aug 23, 2017)

Montrose Beach (Aug 24, 2019)

Ryerson Preserve (Sep 5, 2019)

Ruby-Throated Hummingbird call

GALLERY 14.1 Ruby-Throated Hummingbird



Male Ruby-Throated Hummingbird at Volo Bog

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WOODPECKERS



DOWNY WOODPECKER

The Downy Woodpecker is very similar to the Hairy Woodpecker but smaller with a shorter beak. It has a white back and red on the back of the head.

Plantation (Mar 29, 2007)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016: Aug 9, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 29. 2016)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Acadia National Park (Jul 12, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (Oct 5, 2017)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Feb 7, 2019)

Downy Woodpecker call

GALLERY 15.1 Downey Woodpecker



Male Downey Woodpecker at Stump Pass Park



GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER

This is a medium sized woodpecker with a barred back and a red nape on the males. The beak is rather large. The chest is buff and they have a yellow patch on the forehead. Seen usually in Central America.

Costa Maya (Mar 2, 2018)

GALLERY 15.2 Golden-Fronted Woodpecker



Golden-Fronted Woodpecker at Costa Maya



HAIRY WOODPECKER

The Hairy Woodpecker and the Downy Woodpecker are similar in markings with white backs, and black and white striped heads. The males have red at the back of the head. The Hairy Woodpecker is larger with a larger beak. The size is the main difference.

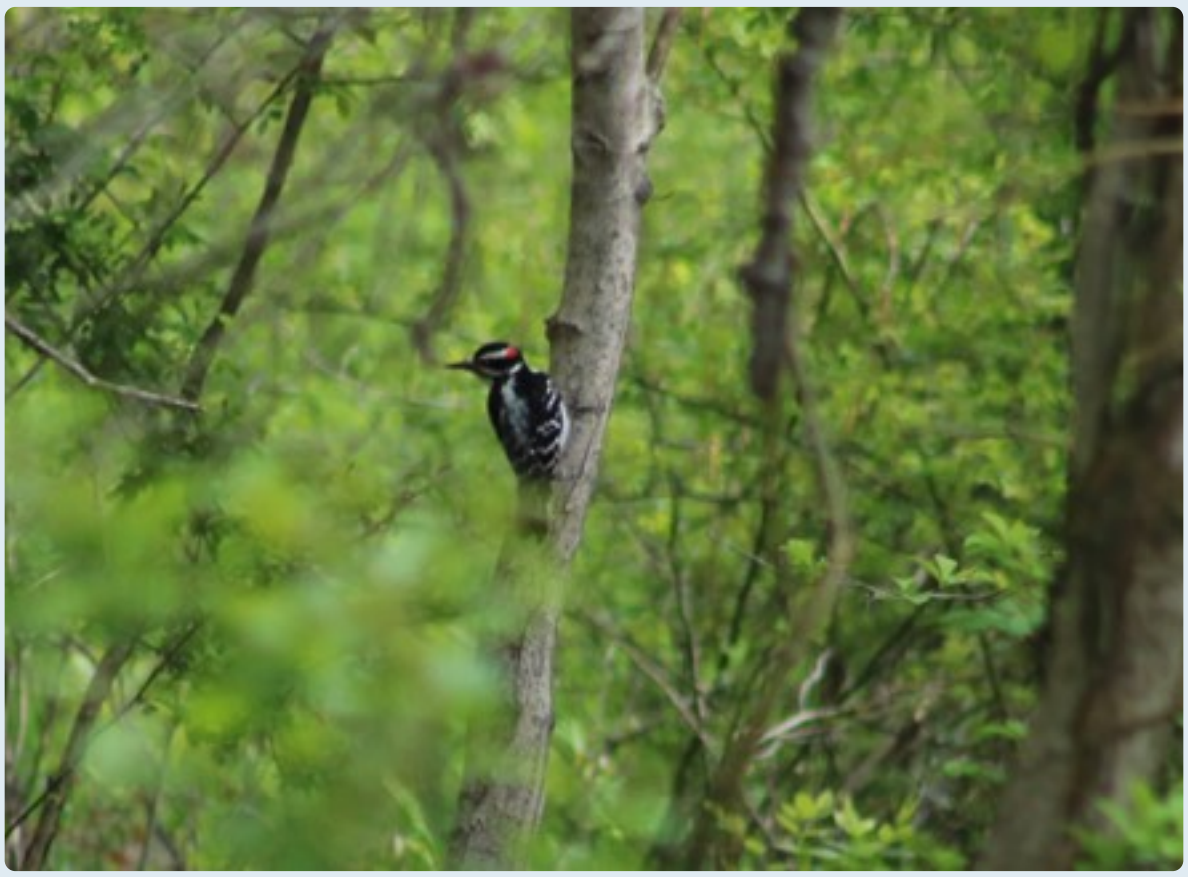
Old School Forest Preserve (Jul 7, 2016)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Aug 13, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Hairy Woodpecker call

Gallery 15.3 Hairy Woodpecker



Male Hairy Woodpecker at Ryerson Forest Preserve



NORTHERN FLICKER

The Northern Flicker has a brown back with narrow black bars. A white rump can be seen when it is in flight. There is a black bib and a red crescent on the back of the head.

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 24, 2016: May 10, 2017: May 25, 2017)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jul 12, 2016: Aug 26, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Aug 13, 2016)

Oscar Scherer State Park (Nov 17, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Yellow-Shafted Flicker call

Gallery 15.4 Northern Flicker



Northern Flicker at Illinois Beach State Park



PILEATED WOODPECKER

The Pileated Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker with a red crested head. The coloration of the wings and body is black and white.

Oscar Scherer State Park (Apr 12, 27, 2016)

Plantation Country Club (Nov 22, 2016: Apr 15, 2017)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

Pileated Woodpecker call

GALLERY 15.5 Pileated Woodpecker



Male Pileated Woodpecker at Shamrock Park



RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

The Red-Bellied Woodpecker has a red cap which also covers the back of its head. The back is zebra striped and the chest is light gray.

Plantation (Dec 1, 2015: Jan 5, 21, 2016: Mar 19, 2016: Apr 12, 27, 2016: May 13, 2016: Apr 15, 2017)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Carlton Preserve (Apr 28, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

Red Bellied Woodpecker call

GALLERY 15.6 Red-Bellied Woodpecker



Red-Bellied Woodpecker at Plantation



RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

The Red-headed Woodpecker has a very distinctive red head with a white breast and belly. It also has a white patch on its back.

Carlton Preserve (Jan 5, 23, 2017)

Myakka River Park (Mar 16, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

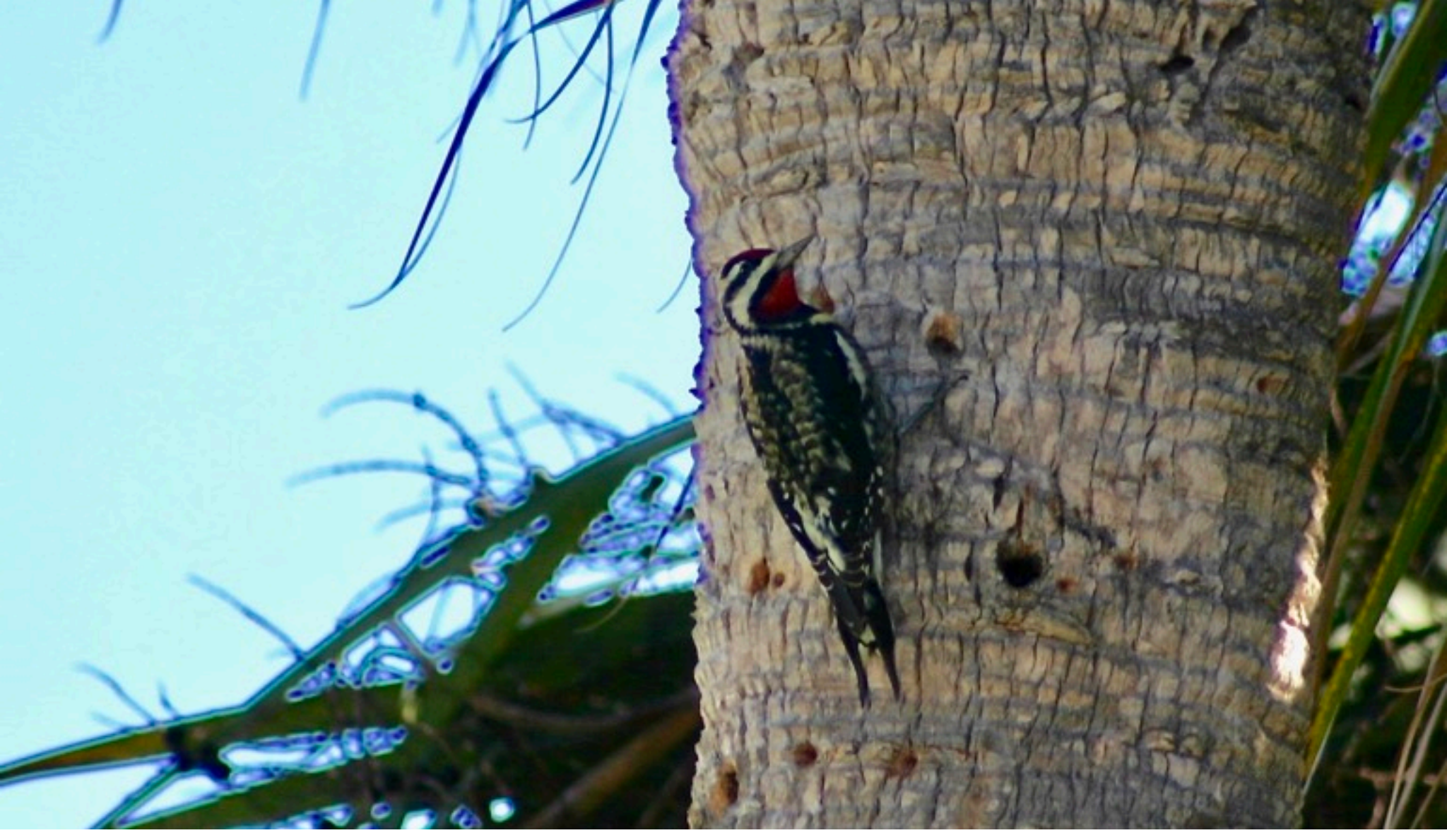
The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Red-Headed Woodpecker call

GALLERY 15.7 Red-Headed Woodpecker



Red-Headed Woodpecker at Sarasota



YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

The Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker has a red forehead and the male has a red throat. The other identifying feature is a white stripe on black wings.

Plantation (Jan 16, 2016)

Carlton Preserve (Jan 5, 2017)

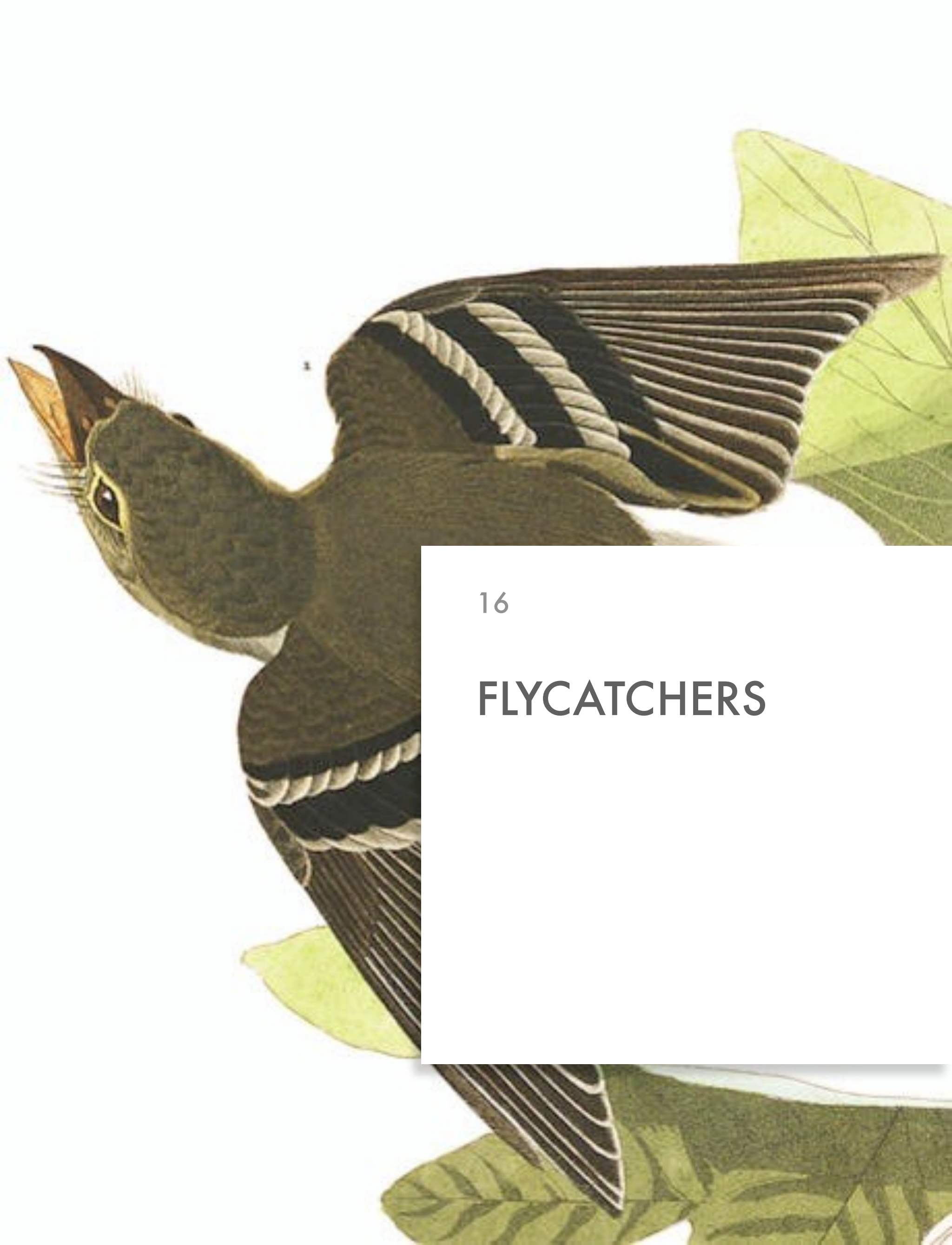
Babcock Webb Conservation Area (Mar 13, 2019)

Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker call

GALLERY 15.8 Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker



Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker at Plantation



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FLYCATCHERS



ACADIAN FLYCATCHER

The Acadian Flycatcher is a small flycatcher with wing bars and a faint eye ring. It is very similar to the Alder Flycatcher.

Fort De Soto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Sedge Meadow Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Acadian Flycatcher call

GALLERY 16.1 Acadian Flycatcher



Acadian Flycatcher at The Grove.



ALDER FLYCATCHER

The Alder Flycatcher is a relatively large flycatcher with a greenish gray back, wing bars and a eye ring that is not well defined.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Sedge Meadow Forest Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Alder Flycatcher call

GALLERY 16.2 Alder Flycatcher



Alder Flycatcher at Cuyahoga National Park



BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER

The Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher is a small bird with a blue-gray back and head and a white breast. It has a faint white eye ring and a long tail that is black in the center and light on the outer edges.

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jul 12, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Celery Fields (Nov 12, 2016, Jan 31, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 26, 2017)

Corkscrew Swamp Reserve (Mar 25, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 20, 2017)

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher call

GALLERY 16.3 Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher



Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher at Amberjack Preserve



EASTERN KINGBIRD

The Eastern Kingbird is a large flycatcher with a black head and back and a white belly. The tip of the tail is white and is the distinguishing mark when it is flying.

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jul 12, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 24, 2016: Aug 13, 2016: May 25, 2017)

Fort Sheridan (Jul 14, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016: Jun 1, 2017)

Old School Forest Preserve (Aug 6, 2016)

Van Patten Woods (May 23, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Montrose Point (Aug 1, 2019)

Eastern Kingbird call

GALLERY 16.4 Eastern Kingbird



Eastern Kingbirds at Lake Carina



GRAY KINGBIRD

The Gray Kingbird is very similar to the Eastern Kingbird but with a larger beak. It is also has a paler crown and no white tip on the tail.

North Lido Beach (Apr 25, 2019)

Gray Kingbird call

GALLERY 16.5 Gray Kingbird



Gray Kingbird at Lido Key



TROPICAL KINGBIRD

The Tropical Kingbird is a large flycatcher with a gray head, a yellow belly and a white throat patch. It also has a dark eye patch. Found in Mexico and the very southern part of the Southwestern US.

Costa Maya (Mar 2, 2018)

Tropical Kingbird call

GALLERY 16.6 Tropical Kingbird



Tropical Kingbird at Costa Maya



EASTERN PHOEBE

The Phoebe is a small flycatcher with gray back and wings. The wings show no wing bars. The breast is light gray and it has a very distinctive call.

Plantation (Feb 10, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (May 24, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jul 2, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016: Jun 1, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Eastern Phoebe call

GALLERY 16.7 Eastern Phoebe



Eastern Phoebe at Des Plaines River Trail



EASTERN WOOD PEWEE

This is a small flycatcher similar to the Phoebe but with white wing bars. It also has a very distinctive call which is usually the key to identifying the bird.

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jul 6, 2016)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 7, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 18, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Aug 13, 2016)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Eastern Wood Pewee call

GALLERY 16.8 Eastern Wood Pewee



Eastern Wood Pewee at Daniel Wright Woods Preserve



GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER

The Great Crested Flycatcher is a brightly colored flycatcher with reddish wings and tail and a bright yellow belly with a gray throat. It has a gray/olive back and a crest which is notable.

Carlton Preserve (Apr 11, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Great Crested Flycatcher call

GALLERY 16.9 Great Crested Flycatcher



Great Crested Flycatcher at Carlton Preserve



LEAST FLYCATCHER

The Least Flycatcher is the smallest flycatcher and though similar in size to the Eastern Phoebe, it has two wing bars and a white eye ring. It is dark above and grey below.

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

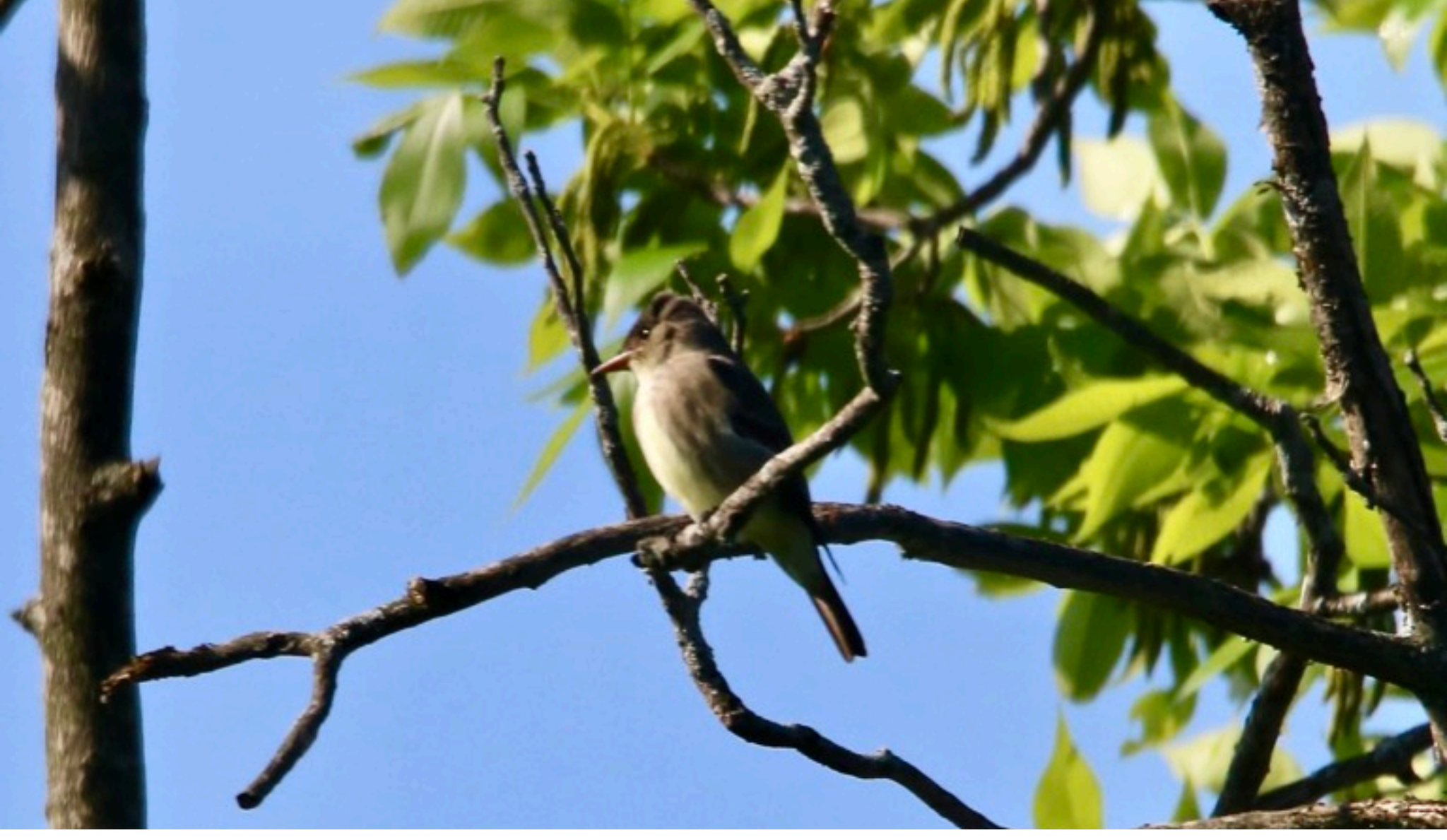
Sedge Meadow Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Least Flycatcher call

Gallery 16.10 Least Flycatcher



Least Flycatcher at the Grove



OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

The Olive-sided Flycatcher is similar to the Eastern Wood Pewee but slightly larger and is usually found perched on the top of a very conspicuous tree in the open. The breast looks as if it has a gray vest.

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (May 18, 2018)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Olive-sided Flycatcher call

GALLERY 16.11 Olive-sided Flycatcher



Olive Sided Flycatcher at Volo Bog



WILLOW FLYCATCHER

The Willow Flycatcher is a rather large flycatcher with a very pale or no eye ring and brownish wing bars. It has a broad pale beak and a relatively flat head.

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 6, 2017)

O'Brien Locks and Dam (Aug 5, 2018)

Waukegan Harbor (May 20, 2019)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Sedge Meadow Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Volo Bog Preserve (Jul 12, 2019)

Willow Flycatcher call

GALLERY 16.12 Willow Flycatcher



Willow Flycatcher at Cuba Marsh



YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER

The Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher is a small bird with a small beak. It has wing bars and a yellowish throat.

Ryerson Preserve (Sep 5, 2019)

Yellow-Bellied flycatcher call

GALLERY 16.13 Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher



Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher at Ryerson Preserve

BLACKBIRDS



BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

The Brown-headed Cowbird is a small black bird with a finch like beak. The male is the only black bird with a brown head. The female is uniformly brown.

Independence Grove Forest Preserve (Jun 8, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 8, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Preserve (May 10, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Celery Fields (Nov 21, 2018)

Brown-headed Cowbird call

GALLERY 17.1 Brown-Headed Cowbird



Brown-Headed Cowbird at the Celery Fields



BRONZED COWBIRD

The Bronzed Cowbird is stockier than the Brown Headed Cowbird with a thick beak, darker coloration and a red eye.

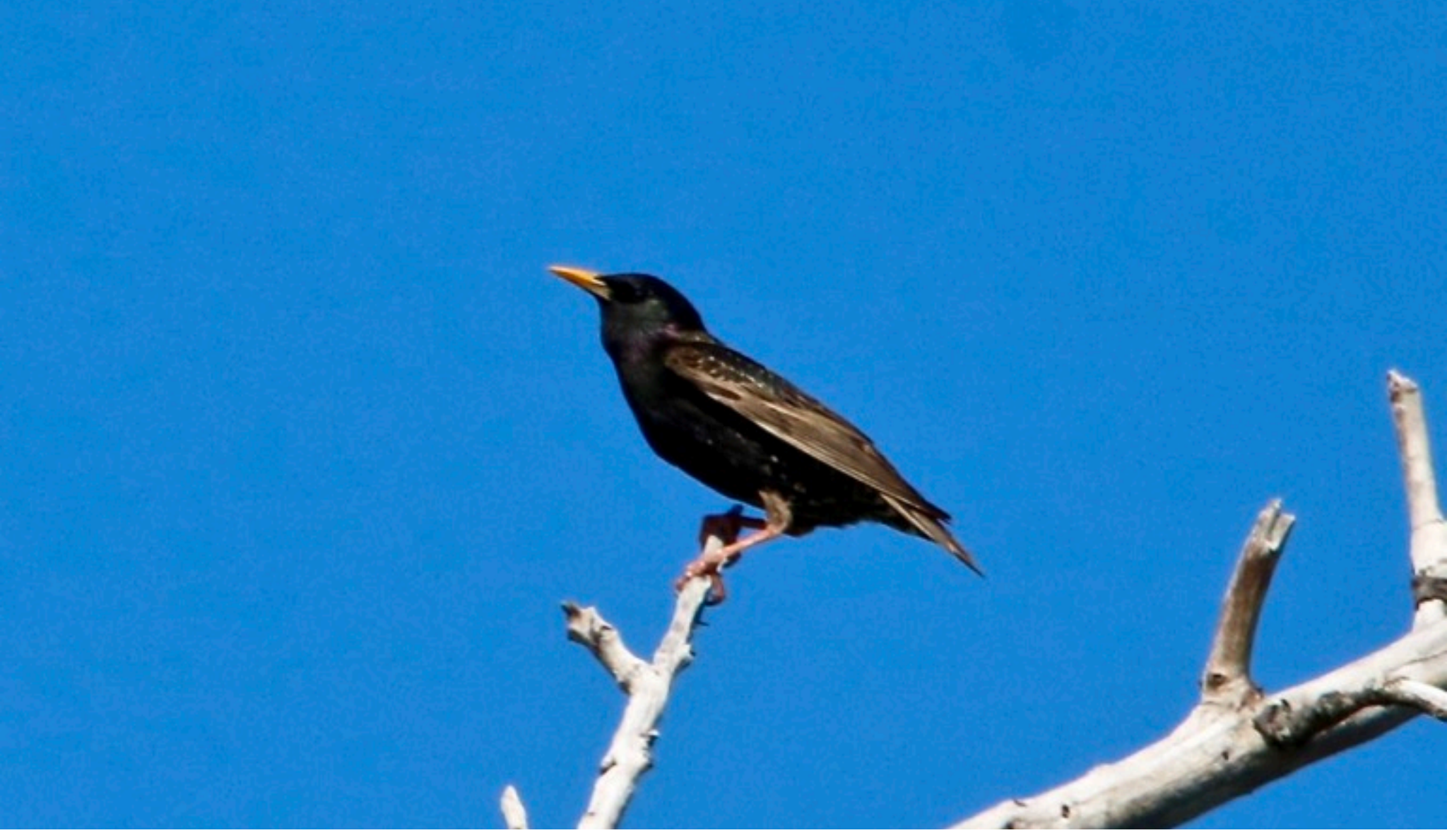
Celery Fields (Apr 13, 2018)

Bronzed Cowbird call

Gallery 17.2 Bronzed Cowbird



Bronzed Cowbird at the Celery Fields



EUROPEAN STARLING

The European Starling is a common bird of the suburbs. It has a short tail and a yellow beak with yellow legs.

Vernon Hills (Jun 7, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 2016)

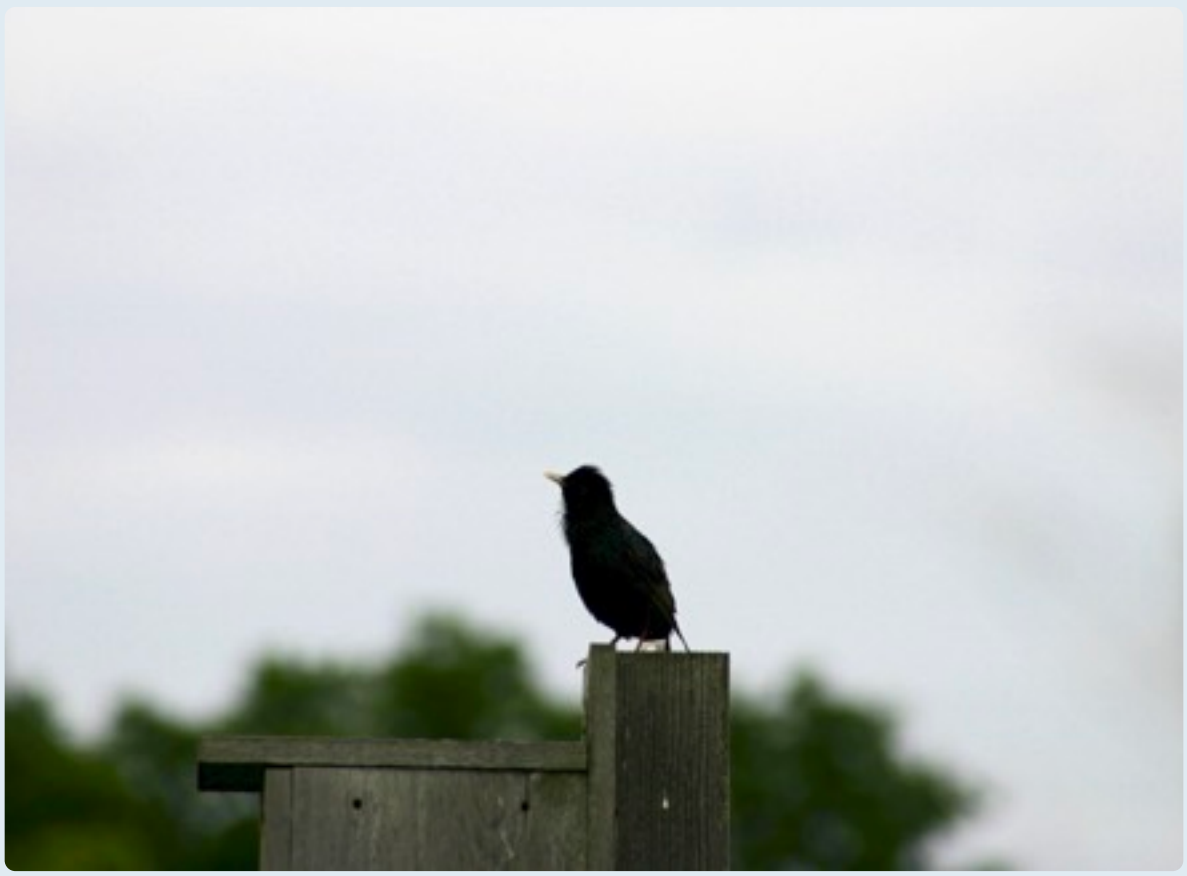
Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Aug 23, 2016)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 10, 2019)

Volo Bog Preserve (Jul 12, 2019)

European Starling call

GALLERY 17.3 European Starling



European Starling at Middlefork Savannah



RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

This is a common bird near lakes and swamps. It is an all black bird with red epaulets on its shoulder. Below the red is a band of yellow. The Red-Winged Blackbird has a very distinctive call.

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016: Apr 22, 2016: May 6, 2016: Apr 4, 2017)

Venice Rookery (Apr 5, 14, 18, 27, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 24, 27, 2016: May 4, 2017)

Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (May 24, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 29, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 11, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017: Aug 11, 2017)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Red-winged Blackbird call

Gallery 17.4 Red-Winged Blackbird



Male Red-Winged Blackbird at Waukegan Beach



AMERICAN CROW

The American Crow is a very large black bird with a loud, distinctive call.

Plantation (Dec 1, 2015: Jan 12, 2016: Apr 11, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Dec 9, 2015: Apr 14, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 29, 2016)

Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve (Jul 11, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

American Crow call

GALLERY 17.5 American Crow



American Crows at Myakka River State Park



FISH CROW

The Fish Crow is smaller than the American Crow with shorter legs and a distinctively different call.

Celery Fields (Nov 12, 2016)

Ackerman Park (Jan 9, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Ollie’s Pond (Feb 27, 2019)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

Fish Crow call

GALLERY 17.6 Fish Crow



Fish Crow at Siesta Key Beach



BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE

The Boat-Tailed Grackle is larger than the Common Grackle and with a long, grooved tail.

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016: Apr 5, 27, 2016: May 6, 2016: Apr 4, 2017)

Venice Rookery (Apr 11, 2016: May 11, 2016)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Boat-Tailed Grackle call

Gallery 17.7 Boat-Trailed Grackle



Male Boat-Tailed Grackle at the Celery Fields



COMMON GRACKLE

The Common Grackle is a large black bird with an purple or bronze iridescence on the neck and back. The eye is typically yellow.

Plantation (Apr 11, 19, 2014: Nov 28, 30, 2015: Jan 24, 2016)

Celery Fields (Apr 27, 2016)

Venice Rookery (May 1, 11, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 27, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Aug 16, 2016)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Common Grackle call

Gallery 17.8 Common Grackle



Common Grackle at Montrose Point



YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

The Yellow-headed Blackbird is slightly larger than the Red-Winged Blackbird. The male show a bright yellow head and neck with a black back and white wing bars.

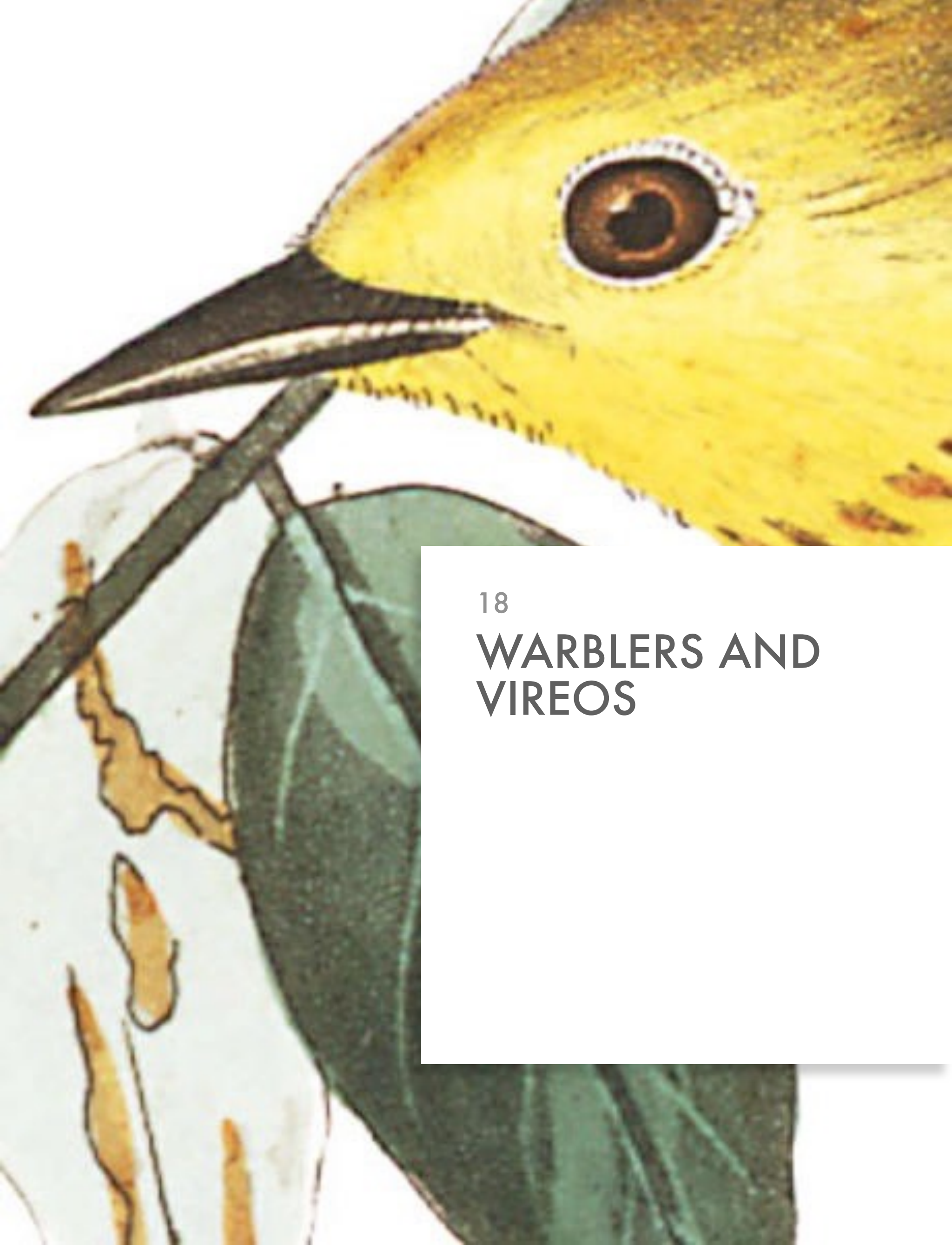
Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Yellow-headed Blackbird call

Gallery 17.9 Yellow-headed Blackbird



Yellow-headed Blackbird at Glacial Park



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WARBLERS AND VIREOS



AMERICAN REDSTART

The American Redstart is a small warbler with a long tail that it fans and raises. The male has a black head with bright orange wing patches. The female has a grey head with yellow patches.

Pinecraft Park (Oct 21, 2017: Apr 21, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (May 18, 2018)

Montrose Point (Aug 30, 2018)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 14, 2019)

Rollins Savannah (May 15, 2019)

Waukegan Harbor (May 20, 2019)

American Redstart call

GALLERY 18.1 American Redstart



Male American Redstart at Pinecraft Park



BAY-BREASTED WARBLER

A large warbler with a dark head, and a rusty colored throat and sides with prominent wing bars and a buff belly and undertail.

Ryerson Forest Preserve (May 18, 2018)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 17, 2019)

Bay-Breasted Warbler call

GALLERY 18.2 Bay-Breasted Warbler



Bay-Breasted Warbler at Half Day Forest Preserve



BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER

The Black and White Warbler has black and white stripes with a central white stripe on the crown of the head. It feeds like a nut-hatch on the trees looking for insects.

Amberjack Park (Feb 11, 2017)

Mabry Carleton Preserve (Mar 24, 2017: Apr 28, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017: Apr 21, 2018)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Apr 17, 2018: Jan 31, 2019)

Black and White Warbler call

GALLERY 18.3 Black and White Warbler



Male Black and White Warbler at Venice



BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER

The Blackburnian Warbler shows a bright orange throat as an adult male with light belly and some side stripes. It shows a black triangle on the cheek.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017: May 18, 2018)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 14, 2019)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Blackburnian Warbler call

GALLERY 18.4 Blackburnian Warbler



Blackburnian Warbler at the Des Plaines River Trail



BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER

The Black-Throated Blue Warbler has a distinctive blue back with a black cheek and side. Its belly is white and it has a white wing patch.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 14, 2019)

Black-Throated Blue Warbler call

GALLERY 18.5 Black-Throated Blue Warbler



Black-Throated Blue Warbler at Pinecraft Park



BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

The Black-Throated Green Warbler has a bright yellow face with a black throat patch, black side stripes and a white belly. It also has wing bars and a olive green back.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 14, 2019)

Rollins Savannah (May 15, 2019)

Black-Throated Green Warbler call

GALLERY 18.6 Black-Throated Green Warbler



Black-Throated Green Warbler at Corkscrew Swamp



BLACKPOLL WARBLER

The Blackpoll Warbler is rather large with a distinctive black cap with white cheeks and a black neck band. It has some faint black stripes on a light belly.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Waukegan Harbor (May 20, 2019)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Ryerson Preserve (Sep 5, 2019)

Blackpoll Warbler call

Gallery 18.7 Blackpoll Warbler



Breeding Blackpoll Warbler at Ft. DeSoto Park



BLUE-WINGED WARBLER

The Blue-Winged Warbler has a yellow head with a dark eye line. It has white wing bars on gray wings and a yellow belly.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Blue-winged Warbler call

GALLERY 18.8 Blue-Winged Warbler



Blue- Winged Warbler at Ryerson Conservation Area



CANADA WARBLER

The Canada Warbler has a yellow neck and breast with a black necklace of stripes on the neck. It also has a gray/blue back.

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (May 18, 2018)

The Grove (May 23, 2018)

Canada Warbler call

GALLERY 18.9 Canada Warbler



Canada Warbler at the Grove



CAPE MAY WARBLER

The Cape May Warbler is distinguished by the rufous patch on the cheek of the male. It also has a yellow neck and dark stripes on the breast. The female has a gray cheek patch.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017: Apr 19, 2018)

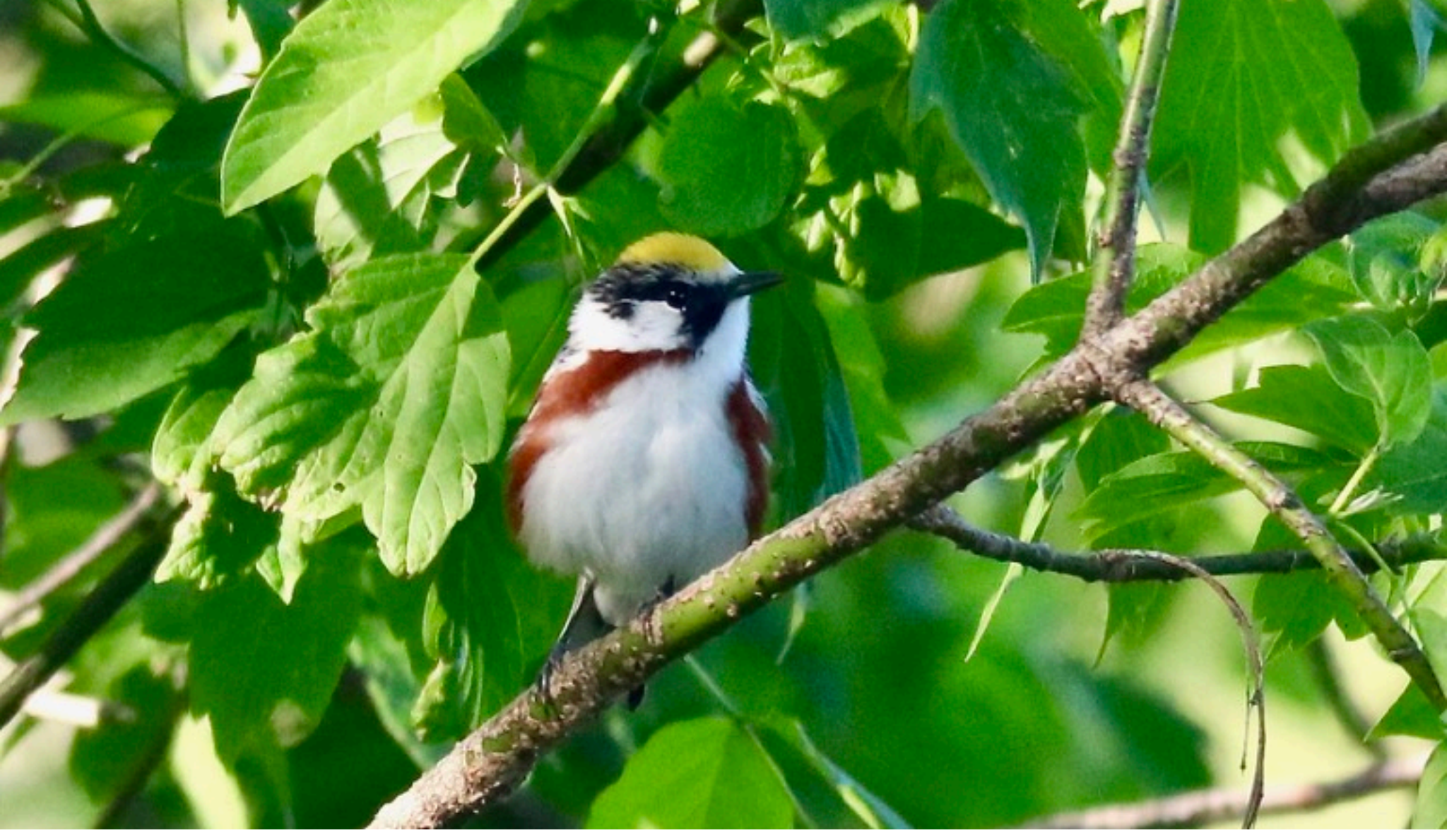
Rollins Savannah (May 15, 2019)

Cape May Warbler call

GALLERY 18.10 Cape May Warbler



Male Cape May Warbler at Ft. DeSoto Park



CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER

The Chestnut-sided Warbler has a distinctive chestnut colored strip on the side with a white belly. It has a yellow head cap and a black face stripe around white cheek patches.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017: May 18, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 17, 2019)

Chestnut-sided Warbler call

GALLERY 18.11 Chestnut-sided Warbler



Chestnut-Sided Warbler at Ryerson Conservation Area



COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

The Common Yellowthroat male is easily recognized by it black mask over the eyes and white stripe above the black. The breast is yellow and the belly white.

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 24, 2016: Jul 1, 29, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Celery Fields (Apr 4, 14, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 26, 2017)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Common Yellowthroat call

GALLERY 18.12 Common Yellowthroat



Common Yellowthroat at Middlefork Savannah



GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

The Golden-winged Warbler is gray above and white below with a yellow head cap. It has a black throat patch and black eye mask. It has distinctive broad yellow wing bars.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 17, 2019)

Golden-winged Warbler call

GALLERY 18.13 Golden-Winged Warbler



Golden-Winged Warbler at Ryerson Conservation Area



HOODED WARBLER

The Hooded Warbler shows no wing bars. The back is olive in color with a yellow chest. There is a black hood which extends around the eyes to a black throat patch.

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 17, 2019)

Sedge Meadow Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Hooded Warbler call

GALLERY 18.14 Hooded Warbler



Hooded Warbler at Ft. DeSoto Park



KENTUCKY WARBLER

The Kentucky Warbler shows no wing bars, and a yellow throat and belly. It has a dark curved face mask and a yellow eye bar.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 21, 2018: Apr 17, 2019)

Kentucky Warbler call

GALLERY 18.15 Kentucky Warbler



Kentucky Warbler at Pinecraft Park



MAGNOLIA WARBLER

The Magnolia Warbler is distinguished by a tail which is black at the tip. The immature has a gray head and dark stripes on a yellow breast.

Ryerson Conservation Area (Sept 22, 2017)

Waukegan Beach (Aug 30, 2019)

Magnolia Warbler call

GALLERY 18.16 Magnolia Warbler



Breeding Magnolia Warbler at Dam 1 Northbrook



NASHVILLE WARBLER

The Nashville Warbler is a small, short tailed warbler with a yellow throat and a gray head. It has a white eye ring and may have a rufous stripe on the top of its head.

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Nashville Warbler call

GALLERY 18.17 Nashville Warbler



Nashville Warbler at Skokie Lagoons



NORTHERN PARULA

The Northern Parula is blue grey above with a greenish back and a yellow throat. The belly is white and it has white eye rings. The lower mandible is yellowish as well.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017: Apr 21, 2018: Feb 15, 2019)

Carlton Preserve (Apr 28, 2017)

Acadia National Park (Jul 12, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

Jelks Preserve (Apr 6, 2019)

Northern Parula call

GALLERY 18.18 Northern Parula



Northern Parula at Pinecraft Park



PALM WARBLER

The Palm Warbler is found often on the ground and can be recognized by its tail wagging habit. It has a yellowish belly and a rusty cap in spring and can also be recognized by it eye stripe.

Plantation (Nov 30, 2015: Dec 1, 5, 2015: Jan 26, 29, 2016: Feb 5, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Jan 19, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016: Jan 19, 2017)

Shamrock Park (Apr 19, 2016)

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Preserve (May 10, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Oscar Scherer State Park (Oct 26, 2017)

Carlton Preserve (Nov 22, 2017)

Palm Warbler call

Gallery 18.19 Palm Warbler



Palm Warbler at Fruitville



PINE WARBLER

The Pine Warbler is a relatively large warbler with a yellow breast and distinctive wing bars. It is usually seen in or around pine trees.

Carlton Preserve (Jan 5, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Jan 31, 2019)

Babcock Webb Conservation Area (Mar 13, 2019)

Pine Warbler call

Gallery 18.20 Pine Warbler



Pine Warbler at Amberjack Park



PRAIRIE WARBLER

The Prairie Warbler has a yellow breast and neck and a dark semicircle below the eyes. There are dark stripes on the side and white outer tail feathers.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017: Apr 19, 2018)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Feb 7, 2019)

Prairie Warbler call

GALLERY 18.21 Prairie Warbler



Prairie Warbler at Pinecraft Park



PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

The Prothonotary Warbler has a bright yellow head, a yellow breast and white underparts with blue-gray wings. It has a relatively long, thin beak.

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Fort DeSoto (Apr 19, 2018)

Prothonotary Warbler call

GALLERY 18.22 Prothonotary Warbler



Prothonotary Warbler at Ft. DeSoto Park



TENNESSEE WARBLER

The Tennessee Warbler is a small warbler with very plain plumage. It has a white underbelly and a distinctive white eye stipe. It is distinguished from the Warbling Vireo because of a sharper beak.

Van Patten Woods (May 23, 2017)

Montrose Point (Aug 30, 2018)

Daniel Wright Woods (Sep 5, 2018)

Skokie Lagoons (Sep 11, 2018)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 17, 2019)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 17, 2019)

Ryerson Preserve (Sep 5, 2019)

Tennessee Warbler call

GALLERY 18.23 Tennessee Warbler



Tennessee Warbler at Des Plaines River Trail



YELLOW WARBLER

This is the only warbler which is totally yellow with yellow tail spots and rusty streaks on the breast.

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016: Jun 7, 2016)

Volo Bog Wildlife Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Gurnee (Jun 8, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jun 14, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (May 25, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Yellow Warbler call

GALLERY 18.24 Yellow Warbler



Male Yellow Warbler at Montrose Point



YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

The Yellow-Rumped Warbler is distinguished by a yellow rump and yellow patch on the side. It also has white spots on the tail. This is a male in full breeding color.

Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Oct 4, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Jan 29, 2016)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (Oct 5, 2017)

Carlton Preserve (Nov 22, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Ollies Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Feb 7, 2019)

Yellow-Rumped Warbler call

GALLERY 18.25 Yellow-Rumped Warbler



Breeding Yellow-Rumped Warbler at Montrose Point



YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

The Yellow-throated Warbler is distinguished by a yellow throat, white belly and black and white head.

Selby Gardens (Feb 5, 2016)

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Feb 15, 2019)

Yellow-Throated Warbler call

GALLERY 18.26 Yellow-Throated Warbler



Yellow-Throated Warbler at Selby Gardens



WILSON'S WARBLER

The Wilson's Warbler is a small warbler with a rather longish tail. It is yellow below with greenish wings. The male has a black cap and rather large black eyes.

Montrose Point (Jun 1, 2018)

Wilson's Warbler call

GALLERY 18.27 Wilson's Warbler



Wilson's Warbler at Montrose Point



OVENBIRD

The Ovenbird is a large warbler usually found walking on the forest floor. It has an olive colored back with an orange crown bordered by two black stripes. It has a light belly with dark spots and a white eye ring.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Ovenbird call

GALLERY 18.28 Ovenbird



Ovenbird at Corkscrew Swamp



LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH

The appearance and habits of the Louisiana Waterthrush are very similar to those of the Northern Waterthrush. The Louisiana Waterthrush has a less spotted neck and a broader white eye-brow. It has less yellow on the belly and flanks.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Louisiana Waterthrush call

GALLERY 18.29 Louisiana Waterthrush



Louisiana Waterthrush at Ft. DeSoto Park



NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

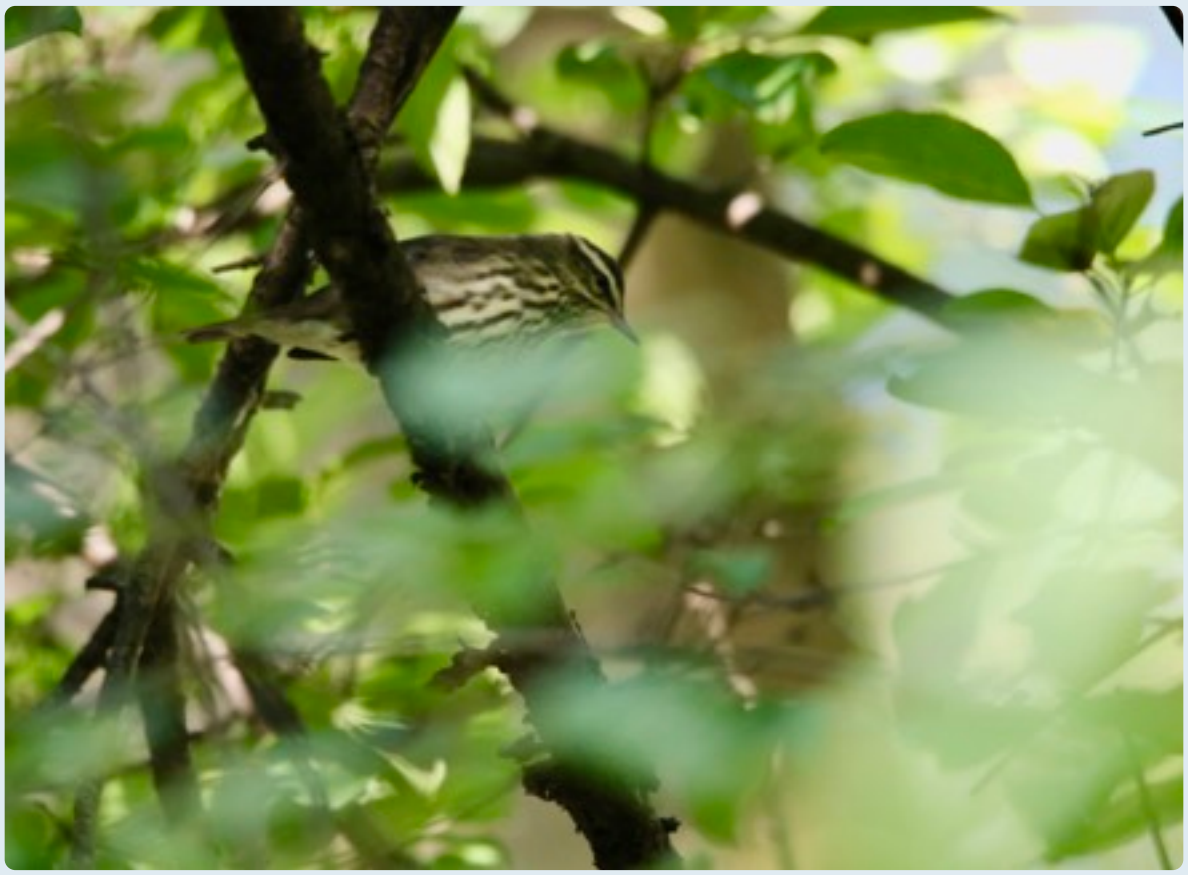
The Northern Waterthrush has a more densely streaked breast and has a washed yellow on the breast and sides. Its eyebrow is narrower than that of the Louisiana Waterthrush.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (Sep 11, 2018)

Northern Waterthrush call

GALLERY 18.30 Northern Waterthrush



Northern Waterthrush at Skokie Lagoons



BLUE-HEADED VIREO

The Blue-Eyed Vireo can be distinguished by it blue gray head and the very prominent white spectacles proceeding from the base of the bill to around the eyes. The back can appear green-ish and the chest is white with yellow flanks.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Felts Audubon Preserve (Jan 8, 2019)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Feb 7, 2019)

Jelks Preserve (Apr 6, 2019)

Blue-headed Vireo call

GALLERY 18.31 Blue-Headed Vireo



Blue-Headed Vireo at Sawgrass Lake Park



PHILADELPHIA VIREO

The Philadelphia Vireo is smaller than the Warbling Vireo with yellow on the central chest and a dark lore between the beak and the eye. Does not have the red eye or the distinct black eyebrow of the Red-Eyed Vireo.

Ryerson Forest Preserve (Sept 15, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (Sept 11, 2018)

Philadelphia Vireo call

GALLERY 18.32 Philadelphia Vireo



Philadelphia Vireo at Skokie Lagoons



RED-EYED VIREO

The Red-Eyed Vireo shows a strong white eye brow with a black line. It has a mostly light belly with some yellow on the sides. It does not show any wing bars.

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (Sept 15, 2017: May 18, 2018)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Montrose Point (Aug 30, 2018)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Sedge Meadow Preserve (May 23, 2019)

Red-eyed Vireo call

GALLERY 18.33 Red-Eyed Vireo



Red-Eyed Vireo at Montrose Point



YELLOW-THROATED VIREO

The Yellow-throated Vireo is similar to the Blue-headed Vireo but with a yellow throat area. It also has yellowish spectacles in contrast to the white spectacles on the Blue-headed Vireo. It has the typical vireo bill.

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Yellow-throated Vireo call

GALLERY 18.34 Yellow-Throated Vireo



Yellow-Throated Vireo at Heron Creek Forest Preserve



WARBLING VIREO

The Warbling Vireo has drab plumage and is usually recognized by it song. It has a white eye line, light colored belly and a vireo beak.

Gurnee (Jun 8, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Aug 16, 2016)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017: Aug 11, 2017)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Jul 25, 2019)

Warbling Vireo call

Gallery 18.35 Warbling Vireo



Warbling Vireo at Gurnee



WHITE-EYED VIREO

The White-eyed Vireo is a small olive gray bird with white wing bars and yellow spectacles. The white iris of the adult bird is very distinctive.

Oscar Scherer State Park (Mar 21, 2018)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Jan 31, 2019)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 5, 2019)

White-eyed Vireo call

GALLERY 18.36 White-eyed Vireo



White-Eyed Vireo at Oscar Scherer State Park



RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET

The Ruby-Crowned Kinglet is a small bird with a short tail and a strong eye ring. It has a prominent white wing stripe which is followed by a black wing stripe. It is very active and has a wing flicking action.

Sawgrass Lake Park (Jan 17, 2018)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Jan 31, 2019)

Daniel Wright Woods (May 14, 2019)

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet call

GALLERY 18.37 Ruby-Crowned Kinglet



Ruby-Crowned Kinglet at Sawgrass Lake Park



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SPARROWS AND WRENS



CHIPPING SPARROW

The Chipping Sparrow has a reddish crest with a white eyebrow and black eye line. The breast and neck is gray without stripes. Usually seen around conifers and in neighborhoods.

Loveland (May 31, 2016)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

Chipping Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.1 Chipping Sparrow



Chipping Sparrow at Waukegan Harbor



FIELD SPARROW

The Field Sparrow has a rusty cap, a pink beak, a faint white eye ring and a rusty eye line. It also has a gray breast and belly and is similar to the Chipping Sparrow but with a weaker eye line.

Illinois Beach State Park (Jun 8, 2016)

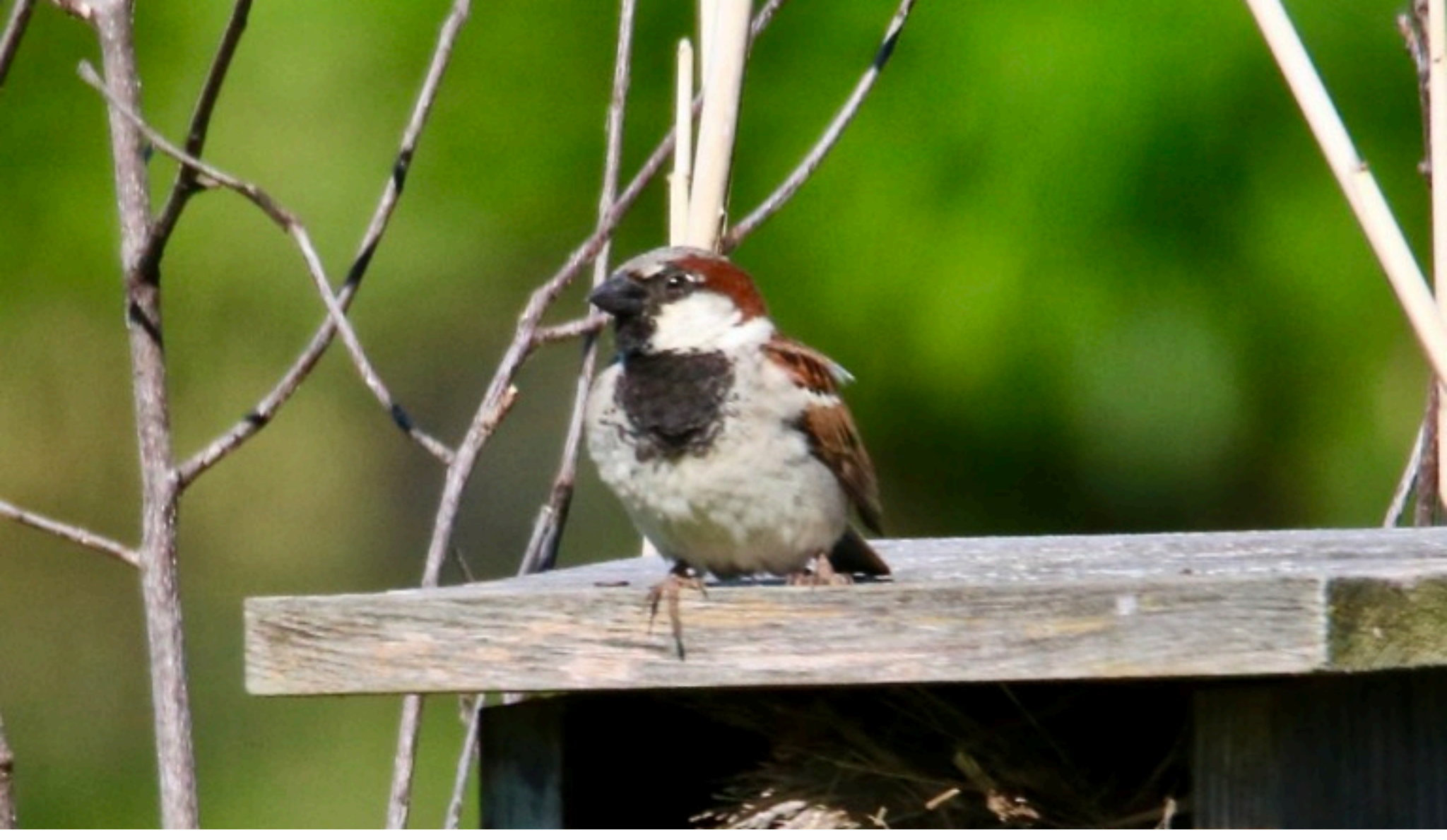
Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Field Sparrow call

Gallery 19.2 Field Sparrow



Field Sparrow at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve



HOUSE SPARROW

The House Sparrow is very commonly seen around homes. It is characterized by a black bib, a white cheek and a gray cap. The wings are brown. The female is less obvious in its coloration.

Libertyville (May 24, 26, 2016)

Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Oct 4, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 26, 2017)

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

House Sparrow call

Gallery 19.3 House Sparrow



Male House Sparrows at Rollins Savannah Preserve



LINCOLN'S SPARROW

The Lincoln's Sparrow is similar to Song Sparrow but with a finer streaking on the breast which may also be buffer and without the central spot. It also has a narrow eye ring and a more prominent head stripe.

Montrose Point (May 13, 2017)

Lincoln's Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.4 Lincoln's Sparrow



Lincoln's Sparrow at Montrose Point



SAVANNAH SPARROW

The Savannah Sparrow is similar in striping to the Song Sparrow but has a shorter tail and a yellow coloring on the lore between the bill and the eye. It also shows a subtle crest.

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Myakka River State Park (Jan 12, 2017)

Celery Fields (Jan 2, 2019)

Laurel Landfill (Feb 2, 2019)

Waukegan Harbor (May 20, 2019)

Savannah Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.5 Savannah Sparrow



Savannah Sparrow at the Celery Fields



SONG SPARROW

The Song Sparrow is distinguished by a striped breast which usually ends in a central spot on the chest. The face is also striped and the cap is darker.

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016: Jun 7, 2016: Jul 7, 2016: May 4, 2017)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: May 25, 2017)

Gurnee (Jun 8, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 14, 2016: Jul 15, 26, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 18, 2016)

Celery Fields (Jan 19, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 12, 2017)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve (Jul 11, 2017)

Song Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.6 Song Sparrow



Song Sparrow at Rollins Savannah



SWAMP SPARROW

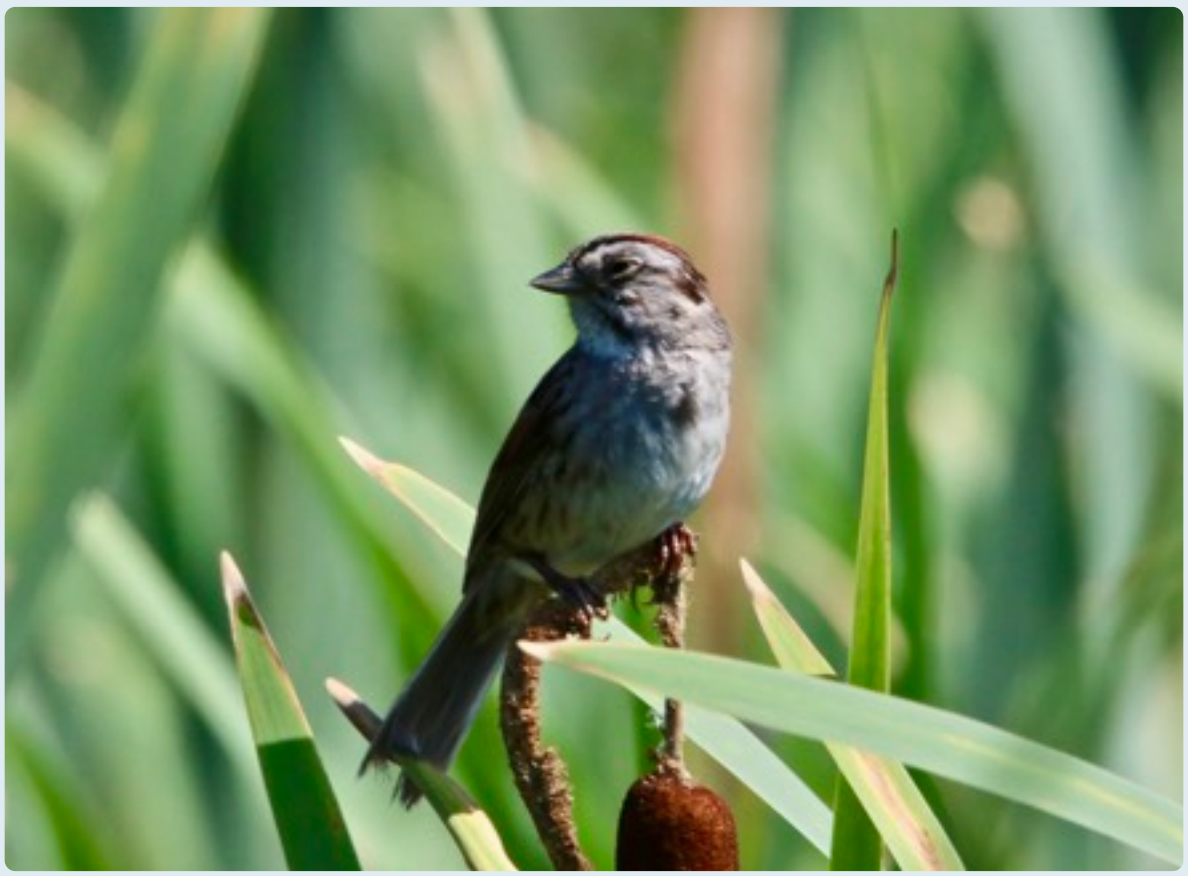
The Swamp Sparrow usually has bright chestnut on the wings with a gray face and a white throat. The crown is reddish. It is usually seen around marshes.

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Celery Fields (Apr 14, 2017)

Swamp Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.7 Swamp Sparrow



Swamp Sparrow at Volo Bog



WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

The White-Crowned Sparrow is characterized by black and white head stripes and a gray breast. The beak is usually pink or yellow.

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (May 25, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (Oct 5, 2017)

White Crowned Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.8 White-Crowned Sparrow



White-Crowned Sparrow at Montrose Point



WHITE-THROATED SPARROW

The White-Throated Sparrow is a large sparrow with a distinctive white throat and a gray unmarked breast. It has white stripes on the head and a patch of yellow between the eyes and the beak.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

White-throated Sparrow call

GALLERY 19.9 White-Throated Sparrow



White-Throated Sparrow at Ryerson Forest Preserve



CAROLINA WREN

The Carolina Wren is a small bird that has a tail that stands up. It has a brown back with a caramel colored breast. This bird has a wren beak and a very distinctive white eye line.

Plantation (Mar 28, 2016)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 14, 2017: Apr 21, 2108)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

Carolina Wren call

Gallery 19.10 Carolina Wren



Carolina Wren at Venice



HOUSE WREN

The House Wren is commonly seen around gardens. It has a gray belly and a short tail that may appear to have small bands. It has a very weak eyebrow and weak eye ring.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11,12, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 20, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Oscar Scherer State Park (Oct 26, 2017)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

House Wren call

GALLERY 19.11 House Wren



House Wren at Ryerson Conservation Area



MARSH WREN

The Marsh Wren is usually found in cattails and around marshes. This one was identified also by its call. The Marsh Wren is rufous with a darker cap and a lighter eye stripe.

Waukegan Beach (Aug 2, 2019)

Marsh Wren call

GALLERY 19.12 Marsh Wren



Marsh Wren flying over marsh at Waukegan Beach



WINTER WREN

The Winter Wren is a small bird similar to House Wren but with stronger eye line and more barring on the flanks.

Rollins Savannah Preserve (Aug 13, 2016)

Winter Wren call

Gallery 19.13 Winter Wren



Winter Wren at Rollins Savannah



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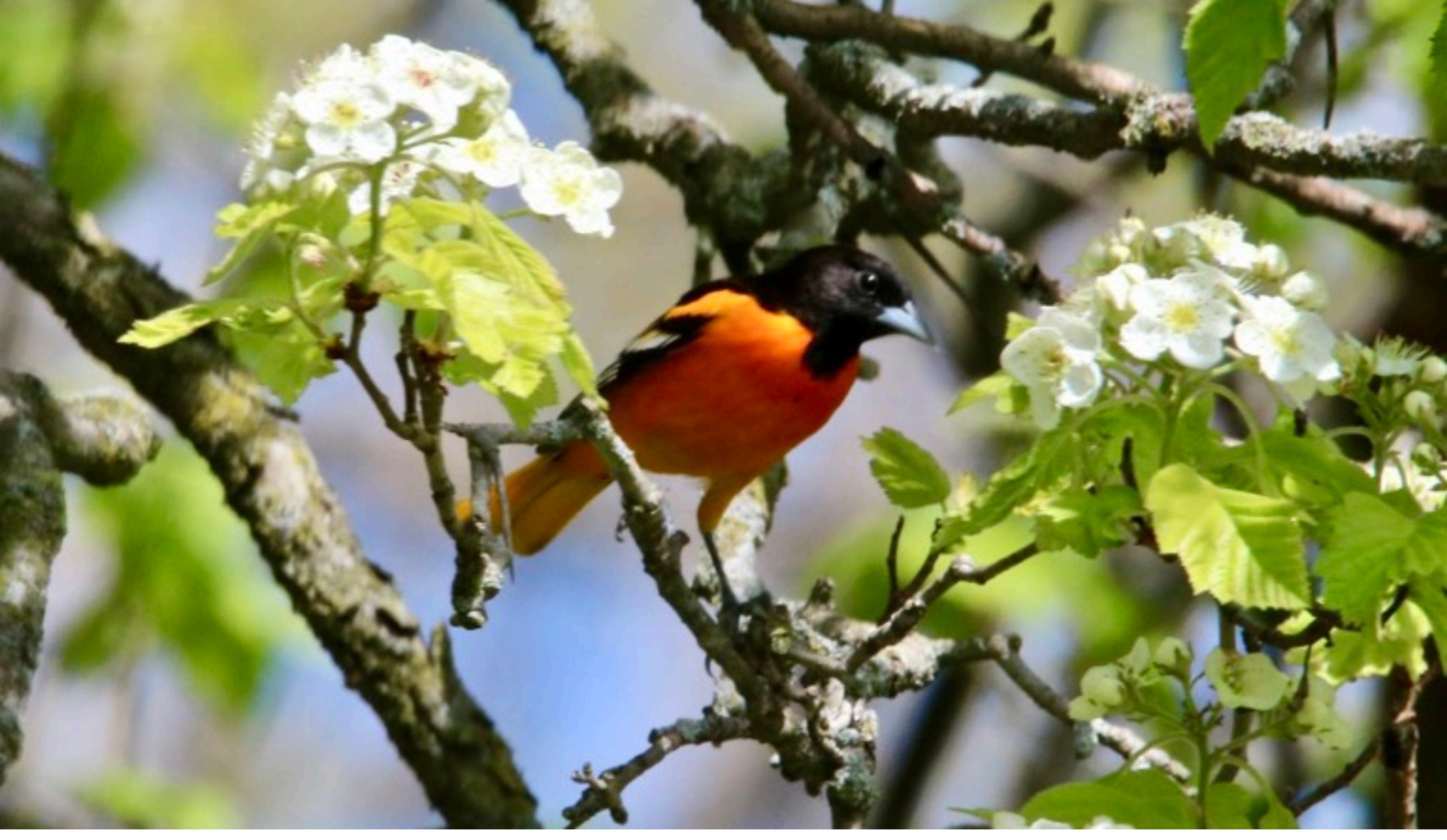
PERCHING BIRDS



BALTIMORE ORIOLE

The Baltimore Oriole is a Robin sized bird with a bright orange body and black head and wings. The female is olive above and yellow to orange below. They have white wing bars.

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (May 24, 2016: May 11, 2017)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016)

Independence Grove Forest Preserve (Jun 8, 2016)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Aug 13, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11,12, 2017)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

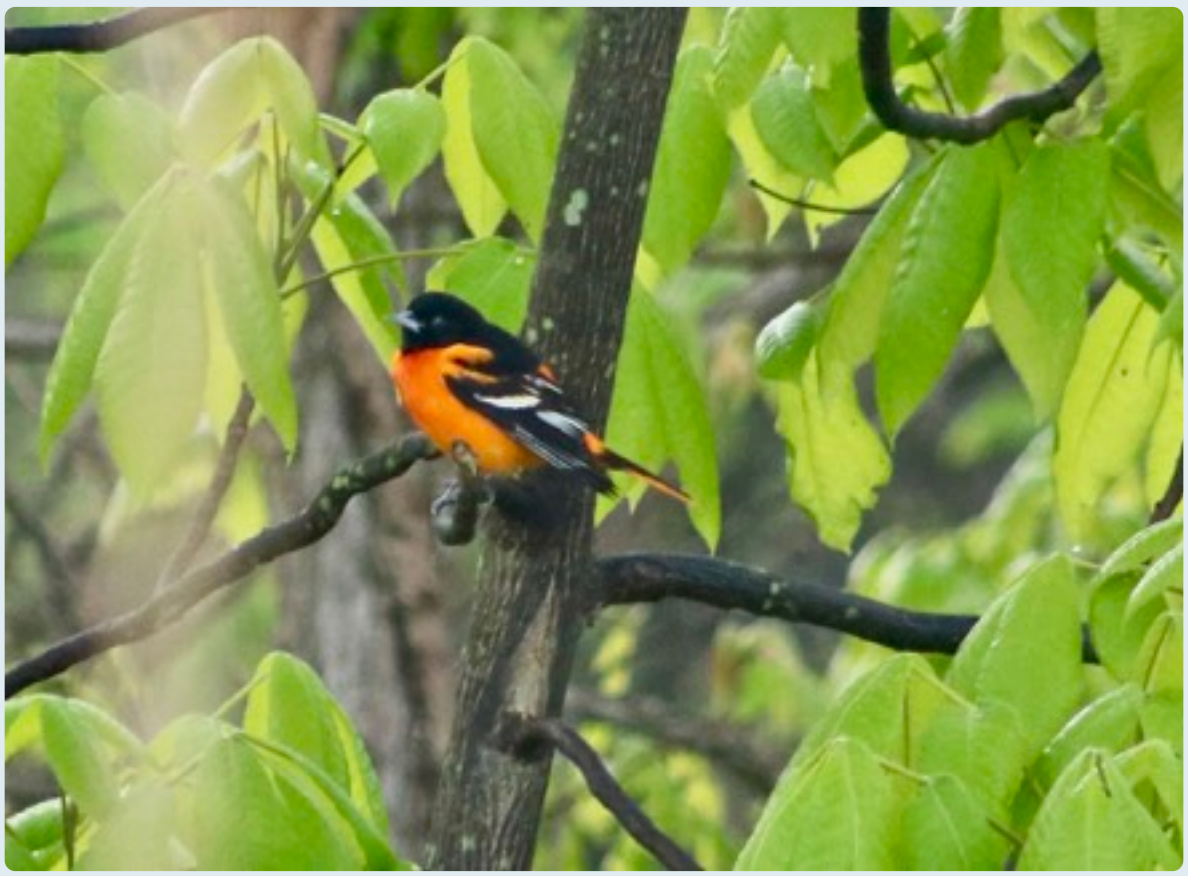
Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 20, 2017)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

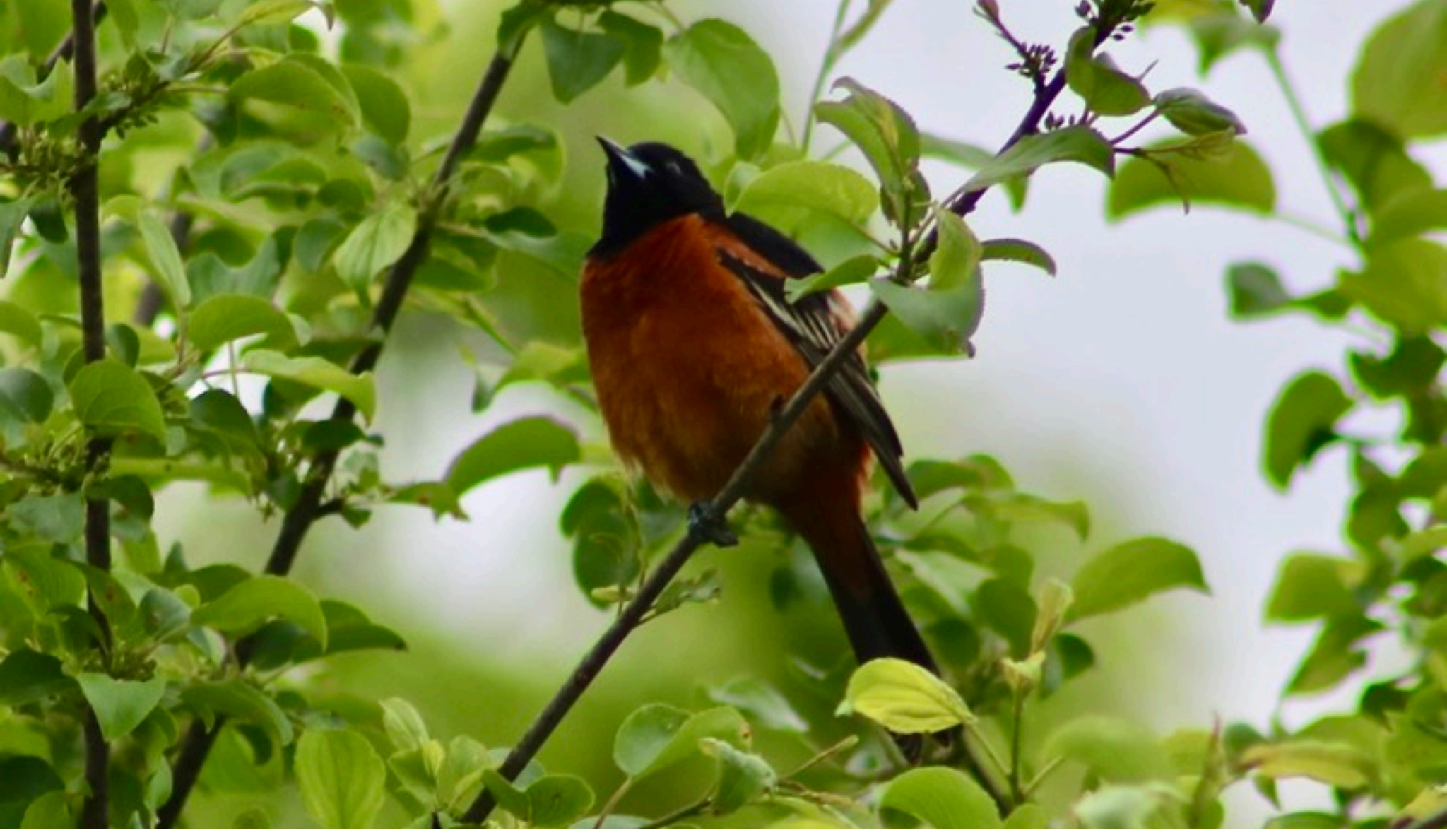
Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Baltimore Oriole call

GALLERY 20.1 Baltimore Oriole



Adult Baltimore Oriole at the Grove



ORCHARD ORIOLE

The Orchard Oriole is smaller than other orioles and with a darker coloring on the male. It also has a black tail as different from the Baltimore Oriole

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (May 25, 2017: Jun 20, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 10, 2019)

Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 5, 2019)

Orchard Oriole call

Gallery 20.2 Orchard Oriole



Male Orchard Oriole at Rollins Savannah



BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE

Small bird with a distinctive black cap and black throat with a white face and head. The back is gray and the belly white or light gray. It has a very recognizable call.

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jul 7, 2016: Aug 6, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Aug 9, 2016)

Lakewood Forest Preserve (Aug 19, 2016)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Aug 26, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Old School Forest Preserve (May 12, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017: Aug 11, 2017)

Black-Capped Chickadee call

GALLERY 20.3 Black-Capped Chickadee



Black-Capped Chickadee at Volo Bog



BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO

The Black-billed Cuckoo is a relatively large bird with a gray/brown back and a light belly. It has a dark beak which is slightly curved down and a red area around the eye.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 26, 2017)

Black-billed Cuckoo call

GALLERY 20.4 Black-Billed Cuckoo



Black-Billed Cuckoo at Ryerson Conservation Area



YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

The Yellow-Billed Cuckoo is a larger bird with a white throat and belly and a long stout beak that curves downward and is mostly yellow. There are white bands on the tail.

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo call

GALLERY 20.5 Yellow-Billed Cuckoo



Yellow-Billed Cuckoo at Manasota Scrub Park



BLUE JAY

The Blue Jay is a very common bird of the forests and neighborhoods. It has a blue back with darker wings and white stripes on the wings. The head has a blue crest and white and black on the face. The call is very raucous and distinctive.

Plantation (Dec 1, 7, 2015: Jan 5, 24, 2016: Apr 12, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 8, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Aug 6, 2016)

Lakewood Forest Preserve (Aug 19, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Felts Audubon Preserve (Jan 8, 2019)

Blue Jay call

GALLERY 20.6 Blue Jay



Blue Jay at Venice



FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY

The Florida Scrub-Jay is only found in Florida. It is a blue with gray on the neck and chest. It does not have a crest like the more widely found Blue Jay.

Oscar Scherer State Park (Nov 17, 2016)

South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve (Dec 6, 2017)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

Florida Scrub-Jay call

GALLERY 20.7 Florida Scrub Jay



Florida Scrub Jay at Shamrock Park



BOBOLINK

The Bobolink is black below and white above with a white/yellow color on the back of the head. It is usually found in open fields.

Celery Fields (Apr 22, 2016: May 6, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 24, 2016: Jul 1, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Fort Sheridan (Jul 14, 2016)

Bobolink call

Gallery 20.8 Bobolink



Bobolink at Rollins Savannah



BROWN THRASHER

The Brown Thrasher is a medium sized brown bird with a brown back and tail. It has a striped breast and a slightly down curved beak. It is usually distinguished by it song which is similar to that of a Mockingbird but usually two phrases instead of three phrases.

South Venice (Mar 3, 2017)

Plantation (Apr 17, 2017)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Brown Thrasher call

GALLERY 20.9 Brown Thrasher



Brown Thrasher at Plantation Golf and Country Club



CARDINAL

The Cardinal is the distinctive red bird with a black face mask and a red crest. The beak also is red. The female is a brownish red in coloration.

Plantation (Apr 19, 2014: Dec 1, 2015: Jan 21, 24, 29, 2016: Apr 12, 18, 2016)

Libertyville (Jun 2, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 18, 2016)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017: Aug 11, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 26, Sept 15, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Ollies Pond (Mar 9, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Celery Fields (Nov 21, 2018)

Cardinal call

Gallery 20.10 Cardinal



Male Cardinal at Montrose Point



CEDAR WAXWING

The Cedar Waxwing is a crested bird with a light brown back and a yellow band at the end of the tail and a red streak on the wings. The head also has a black mask over the eyes.

Independence Grove Forest Preserve (May 26, 2016: Jun 8, 2016)

Vernon Hills (Jun 7, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jun 21, 2016: Aug 6, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Aug 6, 2016)

Nippersink Forest Preserve (Aug 13, 2016)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Aug 26, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 1, 2017)

Cedar Waxwing calls

Gallery 20.11 Cedar Waxwing



Cedar Waxwing at Waukegan Harbor



DARK-EYED JUNCO

The Dark-eyed Junco is a commonly seen bird during the winter foraging for food. It has various plumage forms but in the mid-west the most common is called the Slate-colored Junco. It is characterized by a dark head and back with a white chest and underbelly.

Libertyville (Dec 12, 21, 2016)

Dark-Eyed Junco call

Gallery 20.12 Dark-eyed Junco



Dark-eyed Junco at Libertyville



EASTERN BLUEBIRD

The Eastern Bluebird is a small bird with blue wings and a red chest. The mature male also has a blue head and a thin beak. The female is browner with a speckled breast.

Old School Forest Preserve (Jul 7, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Aug 23, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 26, 2017)

Celery Fields (Feb 26, 2019)

Babcock Webb Conservation Area (Mar 13, 2019)

Eastern Bluebird call

GALLERY 20.13 Eastern Bluebird



Eastern Bluebird at Illinois Beach State Park



EASTERN MEADOWLARK

The Eastern Meadowlark is a rather large bird with a yellow chest and a black V on the chest. It has a streaked head and white on the outer tail feathers.

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (May 25, 2017)

Laurel Landfill (Jan 13, 2018)

Eastern Meadowlark call

Gallery 20.14 Eastern Meadowlark



Eastern Meadowlark at Laurel Landfill



EASTERN TOWHEE

The Eastern Towhee is about the size of a Robin with the head and upper parts black. The breast is white and the sides are red.

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Eastern Towhee call

GALLERY 20.15 Eastern Towhee



Eastern Towhee at Dam 1 Northbrook



GRAY CATBIRD

The Gray Catbird is a blue-gray bird with a dark gray cap. The Catbird has red under the tail.

Venice Rookery (Jan 29, 2016: Apr 14, 19, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 8, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jul 2, 2016: Aug 6, 2016)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 20, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Shenandoah National Park (Jul 16, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

Ryerson Forest Preserve (Sept 15, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Felts Preserve (Mar 8, 2019)

Gray Catbird call

GALLERY 20.16 Gray Catbird



Gray Catbird at Lake Forest



LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE

The Loggerhead Shrike is similar to the Mockingbird in coloration but with a dark mask across the eyes and a beak that is slightly hooked at the end.

Celery Fields (Apr 27, 2016, Jan 13, 2017: Apr 4, 14, 2017; Mar 16, 2018)

Shamrock Park (Nov 14, 2018)

Loggerhead Shrike call

GALLERY 20.17 Loggerhead Shrike



Loggerhead Shrike at the Celery Fields



MOCKINGBIRD

A very common southern bird whose coloration is gray overall with white patches on the wing and tail. The belly is lighter gray and the head has no obvious markings. The calls are in repeat couplets and triplets.

Plantation (Nov 30, 2015: Dec 1, 2015: Jan 12, 16, 2016: Mar 15, 2016)

Venice Rookery (Feb 5, 2016)

Celery Fields (Feb 9, 2016)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Felts Audubon Preserve (Jan 8, 2019)

Mockingbird call

GALLERY 20.18 Mockingbird



Mockingbird at the Plantation Golf and Country Club



NANDAY PARAKEET

The Nanday is a large parakeet with a green back, dark wings and a black head. It is native to South America but seen as escapees in Florida.

Ft. Desoto Park (Apr 18, 2017: Apr 19, 2018)

Celery Fields (Jan 9, 2018)

Nanday Parakeet call

Gallery 20.19 Nanday Parakeet



Nanday Parakeet at the Celery Fields



ROBIN

The Robin is a very common songbird distinguished by its red breast and dark wings and back. Often seen in trees or on the lawns.

Venice Rookery (Jan 28, 2016)

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (May 24, 26, 2016)

Illinois Beach State Park (Jun 8, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 24, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Jul 7, 2017)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Apr 11, 2017)

Robin call

Gallery 20.20 Robin



Robin at Old School Forest Preserve



VEERY

The Veery has a reddish brown back and head with a very light belly with very little or no spots. It has a rather pale face and can usually be found on the forest floor.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11,12, 2017)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Veery call

Gallery 20.21 Veery



Veery at Ryerson Conservation Area



GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH

The Gray-Cheeked Thrush is similar to most of the other thrushes but shows a gray cheek and a grayish brown back. It has an incomplete eye ring.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 21, 2018)

Gray-Cheeked Thrush call

GALLERY 20.22 Gray-Cheeked Thrush



Gray-Cheeked Thrush at Pinecraft Park



HERMIT THRUSH

Distinguished from other spotted thrushes by reddish tail and narrow but complete white eye ring.

Oscar Scherer State Park (Feb 22, 2018)

Hermit Thrush call

GALLERY 20.23 Hermit Thrush



Hermit Thrush at Oscar Scherer State Park



SWAINSON'S THRUSH

The Swainson's Thrush shows an eye ring with the back being olive brown. It does show spots on the breast and buff sides.

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 26, Sept 15, 2017)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Daniel Wright Woods (Sep 5, 2018)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

Swainson's Thrush call

GALLERY 20.24 Swainson's Thrush



Swainson's Thrush at Ryerson Conservation Area



WOOD THRUSH

The Wood Thrush has a reddish brown back and crown with very bold black spots on the belly. It is usually identified by its distinctive song.

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

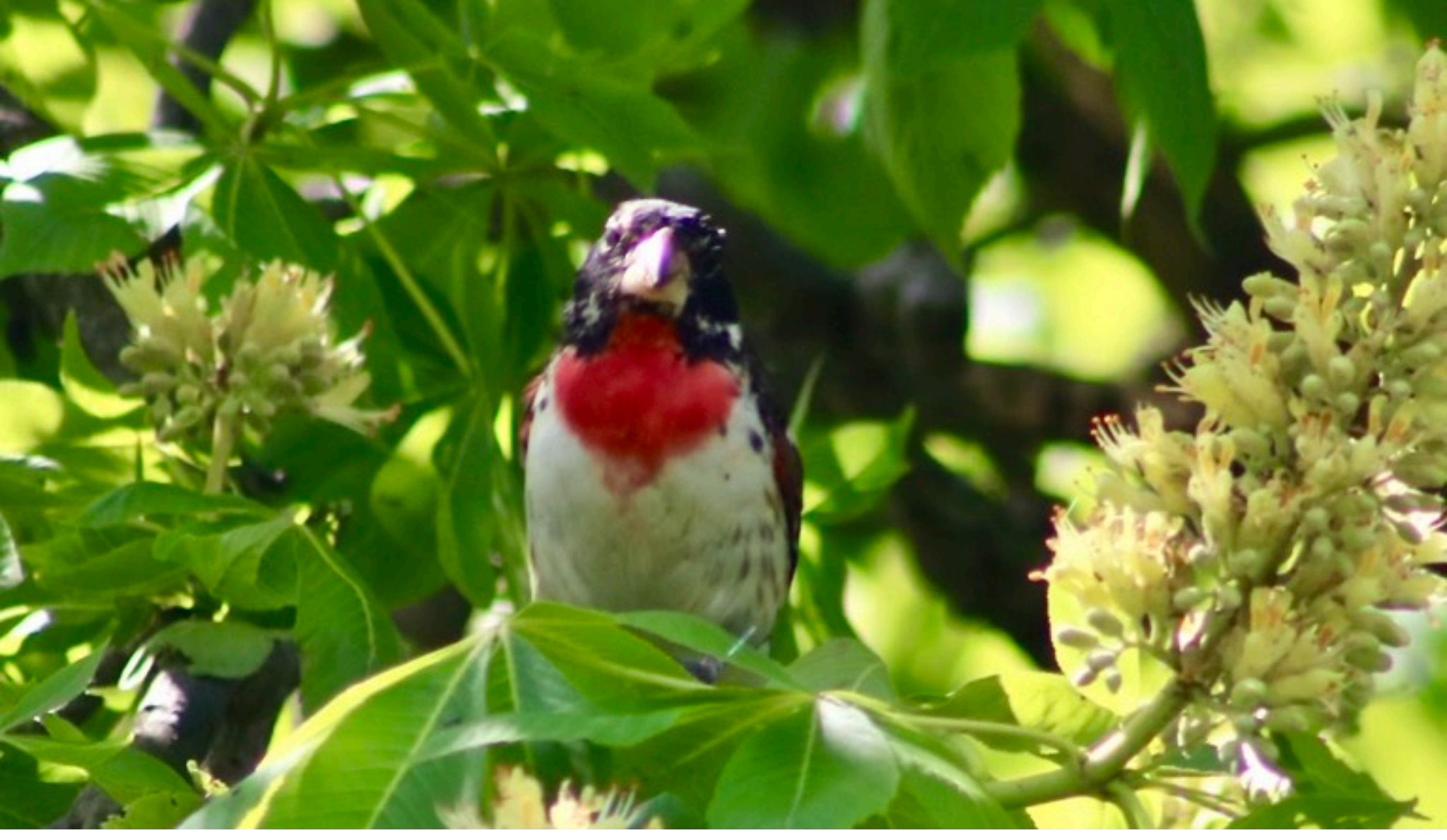
Ft. DeSoto (Apr 19, 2018)

Wood Thrush call

Gallery 20.25 Wood Thrush



Wood Thrush at Ft. DeSoto Park



ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

The male Rose-Breasted Grosbeak has a black head, a white belly and a rose colored breast. The female is brown with a streaked breast and a striped head. The beak is large and light colored.

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 2016: Jun 22, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Volo Bog Forest Preserve (Jun 30, 2017)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

The Grove (Jun 5, 2018)

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

Rose Breasted Grosbeak call

GALLERY 20.26 Rose-Breasted Grosbeak



Male Rose-Breasted Grosbeak at Ryerson Forest Preserve



SCARLET TANAGER

The male Scarlet Tanager is brilliant red with black wings. The female is greenish yellow with darker wings. The beak is greenish yellow and fairly large on the female.

Selby Gardens (Feb 5, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Manasota Scrub (Apr 17, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Dam 1 Forest Preserve (May 17, 2018)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 17, 2019)

Glacial Park (Jun 2, 2019)

Scarlet Tanager call

GALLERY 20.27 Scarlet Tanager



Male Scarlet Tanager at Ft DeSoto Park



SUMMER TANAGER

The Summer Tanager is larger with a larger beak than the Scarlet Tanager. It is uniformly red as an adult and in the first summer it is yellow and changing to red. The wings are red rather than black like the Scarlet Tanager.

Montrose Harbor (May 13, 2017)

Ollie's Pond (Nov 3, 2017)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 21, 2018)

Summer Tanager call

Gallery 20.28 Summer Tanager



First year male Summer Tanager at Montrose Harbor



TUFTED TITMOUSE

The Tufted Titmouse is a medium sized bird which is grey on the top with a grey crest. It has a light belly with orange sides. It also has a black patch on the forehead above the beak.

Pinecraft Park (Apr 15, 2017: Apr 21, 2018)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

Tufted Titmouse call

GALLERY 20.29 Tufted Titmouse



Tufted Titmouse at Corkscrew Swamp



BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH

The Brown-Headed Nuthatch is a small nuthatch with a brown head, white throat, and gray back. It is usually found in the south-east in pine woods.

Babcock Webb Conservation Area (Mar 13, 2019)

Brown-Headed Nuthatch call

GALLERY 20.30 Brown-Headed Nuthatch



Brown-Headed Nuthatch at Babcock Webb Conservation Area



RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH

The Red-Breasted Nuthatch is smaller than the White-Breasted Nuthatch with bold black head stripes and a reddish belly. It creeps along the trunk or branches as do other Nuthatches.

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

Red-Breasted Nuthatch call

GALLERY 20.31 Red-Breasted Nuthatch



Red-Breasted Nuthatch at Starved Rock State Park



WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

The White-Breasted Nuthatch can be seen usually on a tree trunk with its head down. It has a black cap, a white breast, and a dark eye on a white cheek.

Old School Forest Preserve (Aug 6, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Aug 16, 2016)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Aug 26, 2016)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Starved Rock State Park (Sep 14, 2018)

The Grove (May 25, 2019)

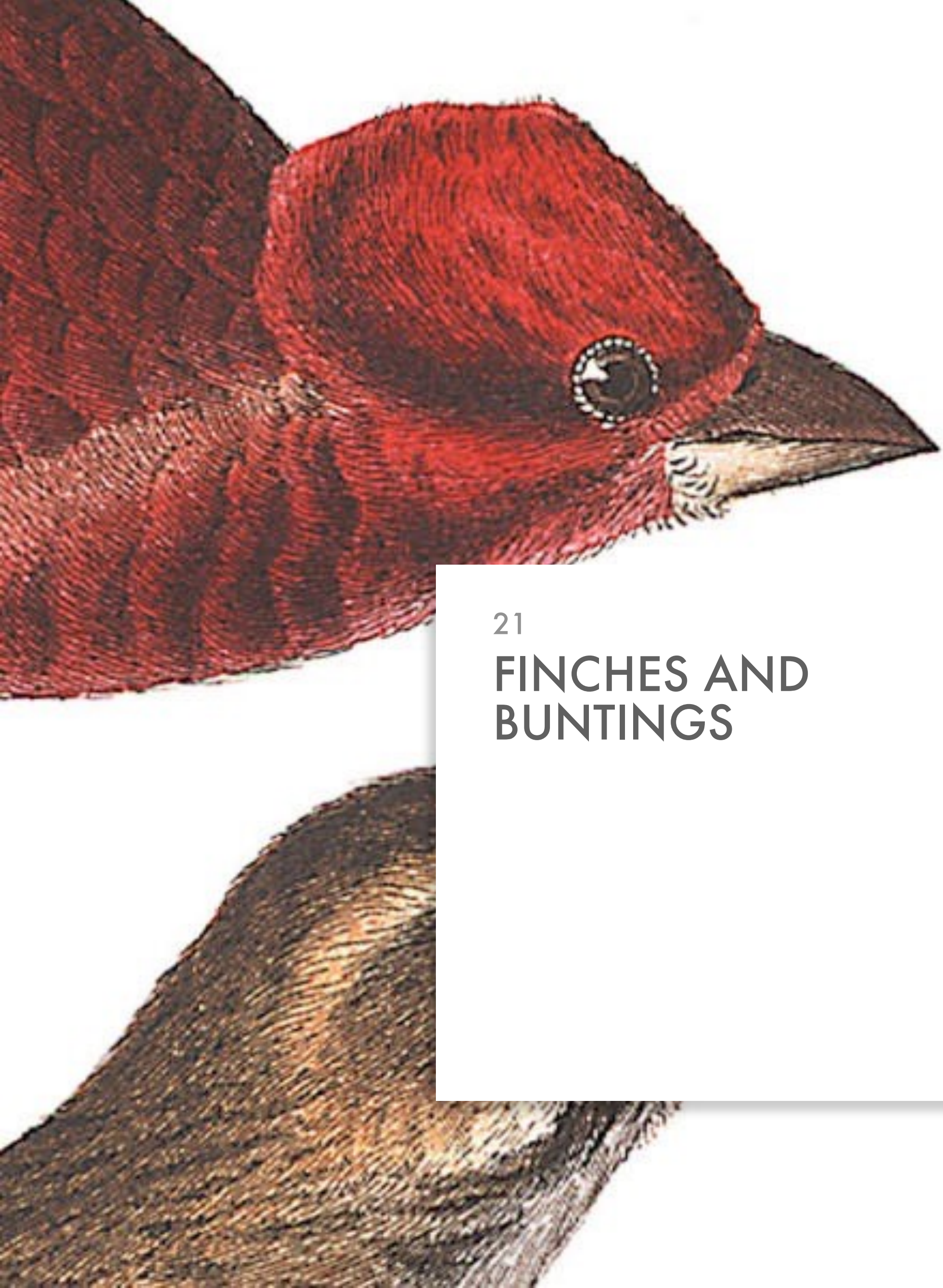
Illinois Beach State Park (Aug 22, 2019)

White-Breasted Nuthatch call

GALLERY 20.32 White-Breasted Nuthatch



Male White Breasted Nuthatch at Starved Rock State Park



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FINCHES AND BUNTINGS



AMERICAN GOLDFINCH

The Goldfinch is a bright yellow bird with black striped wings and a black cap. The beak is yellow/orange colored.

Half Day Forest Preserve (May 21, 27, 2016: Jun 7, 2016: Jul 2, 7, 26, 2016: Aug 6, 2016: May 4, 2017)

Middlefork Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 9, 2016: Jul 15, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jun 21, 2016: Aug 6, 16, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jul 5, 2016: Jul 29, 2016: Aug 13, 23, 2016: Sep 6, 2016: May 10, 2017)

Volo Bog Nature Preserve (Aug 26, 2016: Jun 30, 2017)

Skokie Lagoons (May 4, 2017)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 11, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 23, 2017)

Felts Audubon Preserve (Jan 8, 2019)

American Goldfinch call

GALLERY 21.1 American Goldfinch



Male American Goldfinch at Rollins Savannah



HOUSE FINCH

The House Finch is a sparrow-like bird with brown back and reddish head and throat. The lower parts are white and the female has blurred stripes on the breast.

Loveland (May 31, 2016)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016)

Montrose Bird Sanctuary (Aug 11, 2017)

House Finch
call

Gallery 21.2 House Finch



Male House Finch at Montrose Harbor



INDIGO BUNTING

Adult male Indigo Buntings are dark blue with a dark beak. The female is brown with fine stripes on its chest

Half Day Forest Preserve (Jun 7, 2016: Jul 26, 2016)

Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve (Jun 17, 2016)

Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Jun 18, 2016)

Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Jun 24, 2016)

Old School Forest Preserve (Jul 15, 2106)

Heron Creek Forest Preserve (Jul 16, 2016)

Ryerson Conservation Area (May 12, 2017)

Van Patten Woods (May 17, 2017)

Cork Screw Swamp (Mar 23, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Pinecraft Park (Apr 21, 2018)

Manasota Scrub Preserve (Feb 7, 2019)

Indigo Bunting call

GALLERY 21.3 Indigo Bunting



Male Indigo Bunting at Illinois Beach State Park



PAINTED BUNTING

A small finch-like bird with a blue head, red breast and rump, and a green back for the male. The female is much less colorful.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Mar 25, 2017: Mar 23, 2018)

Ft. DeSoto Park (Apr 19, 2018)

Felts Audubon Preserve (Jan 8, 2019)

Painted Bunting call

Gallery 21.4 Painted Bunting



Male Painted Bunting at Corkscrew Swamp



PURPLE FINCH

The Purple Finch is similar in size to the House Finch but stockier. The males are more uniformly reddish than the House Finch but the female and immature have more of a distinctive face pattern than the House Finch.

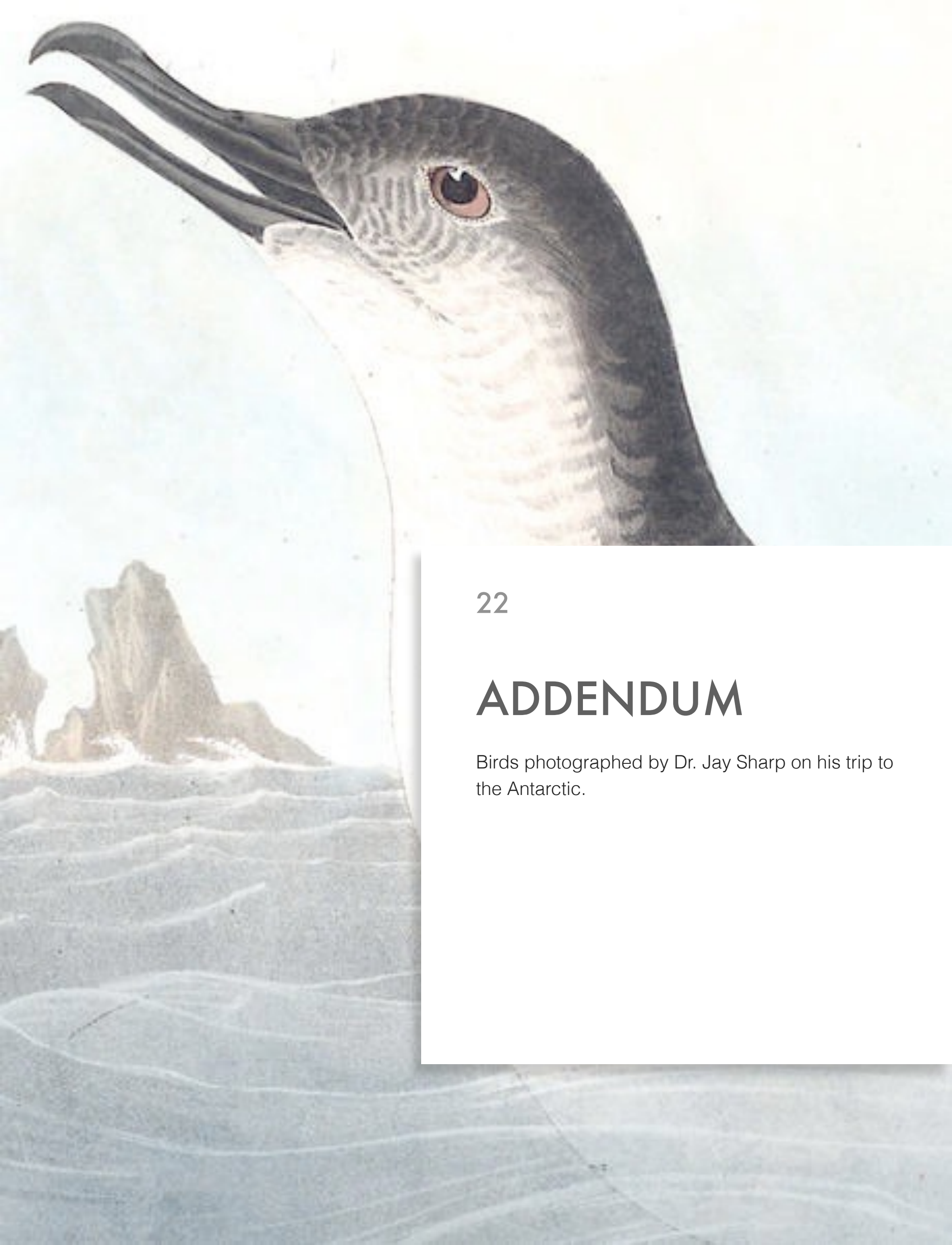
Skokie Lagoons (Sep 11, 2018)

Purple Finch call

GALLERY 21.5 Purple Finch



Immature Purple Finch at Skokie Lagoons



ADDENDUM

Birds photographed by Dr. Jay Sharp on his trip to the Antarctic.



SOUTHERN GIANT PETREL

Southern giant petrels have two distinct color phases, white and dark. Dark phase adults have a grey-brown body with white head, neck and brown speckled breast. Juveniles of dark phase birds have a dark brown body with a dark brown iris, which closely resemble northern giant petrel juveniles.

Drake Passage (Dec 2018)

Southern Giant Petrel call

GALLERY 22.1 Southern Giant Petrel



Southern Giant Petrel in the Drake Passage



SNOWY SHEATHBILL

The snowy sheathbill, also known as the greater sheathbill, pale-faced sheathbill, and paddy, is one of two species of sheathbill. It is usually found on the ground. It is the only land bird native to the Antarctic continent.

Antarctic Peninsula (Dec 2018)

Snowy Sheathbill call

GALLERY 22.2 Snowy Sheathbill



Snowy Sheathbill on the Antarctic Peninsula



GENTOO PENGUIN

Gentoo penguins are the third largest penguin species alive. A bright red-orange bill and conspicuous white eye patches make both adult and juveniles easily distinguishable from other species of penguin.

Antarctic Peninsula (Dec 2018)

Gentoo Penguin call

GALLERY 22.3 Gentoo Penguin



Gentoo Penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula



ANTARCTIC PETREL

Antarctic petrels have chocolate-brown and white wings with broad white trailing edges. The tail is white with a brownish-black tip. They are a medium-sized petrel.

Drake Passage (Dec 2018)

Antarctic Petrel call

GALLERY 22.4 Antarctic Petrel



Antarctic Petrel in the Drake Passage



BLACK BROWED ALBATROSS

Black-browed albatross are mostly white with yellowish-orange webbed feet, grey highlights and a bright yellow beak. A conspicuous black eyebrow gives them their name.

Drake Passage (Dec 2018)

Black Browed Albatross call

GALLERY 22.5 Black Browed Albatross



Black Browed Albatross in the Drake Passage