

## Field Notes and Bird Sightings

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In five hours of recreational birding at St. Marks starting at 6:00 am I logged 62 species. Migrants continue to move through. I had three migratory warbler species plus a flock of 18 Blue-winged Teal; the first I've seen since early June. Although Pied-billed Grebe is an uncommon breeder at the refuge, I had the first grebes that I have seen all summer. It was hot. The bugs were bothersome, but tolerable. Some highlights of my morning were:

### Double Bridges

- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Barred Owl (calling after dawn)
- Woodpeckers (Red-bellied, Downy and Pileated)
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Tufted Titmouse
- Carolina Wren
- Blue Gray Gnatcatcher
- Vireos (White & Red-eyed)
- Warblers (Parula, Hooded & Prothonotary)

### Road to Helispot

- Eastern Kingbird (20++; they're always flocked up in August when they're migrating, they were moving through the pines)
- Warblers (Parula & Prairie)

- Eastern Bluebird
- Summer Tanager

I had Yellow Warbler feeding in Cabbage Palms along Lighthouse Road. My night birds were Barred & Great-horned Owls, as well as, King Rails. The tide was out and Tower Pond had no birds, but there were shorebirds along the edge of Stony Bayou I.

**Good Birding, Don Morrow**