



RESULTS OF 8TH ANNUAL VICTORIA PARK BIRD COUNT

by John Serrao

On Saturday, March 23, Naturalists John Serrao and Marg Goldschneider led a group of fellow residents through all 4 sections of Victoria Park in an 8th annual quest for birds. The goal : to see as many different species of birds as possible in a single day. We started at 7:30 AM and ended at noon as a group, but then John continued the Count alone by bicycle from 2 to 4:30 PM. We searched the trails and woodlands of the conservation areas, the ponds, cow pastures, neighborhood bird feeders, and skies above Victoria Park.

The result was a very impressive total of 65 species of birds; 48 by the group in the morning and an additional 17 species by John in the afternoon. Highlights in the morning were all 6 species of herons and egrets that normally occur in Victoria Park; 2 rare Wood Storks in a tree-top; flocks of migrating Cedar Waxwings, Robins, Tree Swallows, and American Goldfinches on their way back north; several Eastern Bluebirds; a Blue-Headed Vireo at "Sparrows Grill"; and a pair of beautiful Yellow-Throated Warblers on Birchmont Drive in the Hills. The afternoon highlights included an American Kestrel, Pileated Woodpecker, and the fantastic Swallow-Tailed Kite in the Gardens; Bald Eagle, Loggerhead Shrike, Pied-Billed Grebe, Belted Kingfisher, and 3 new ducks — Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, and Mottled Duck — in Victoria Trails.

Here is the complete list:

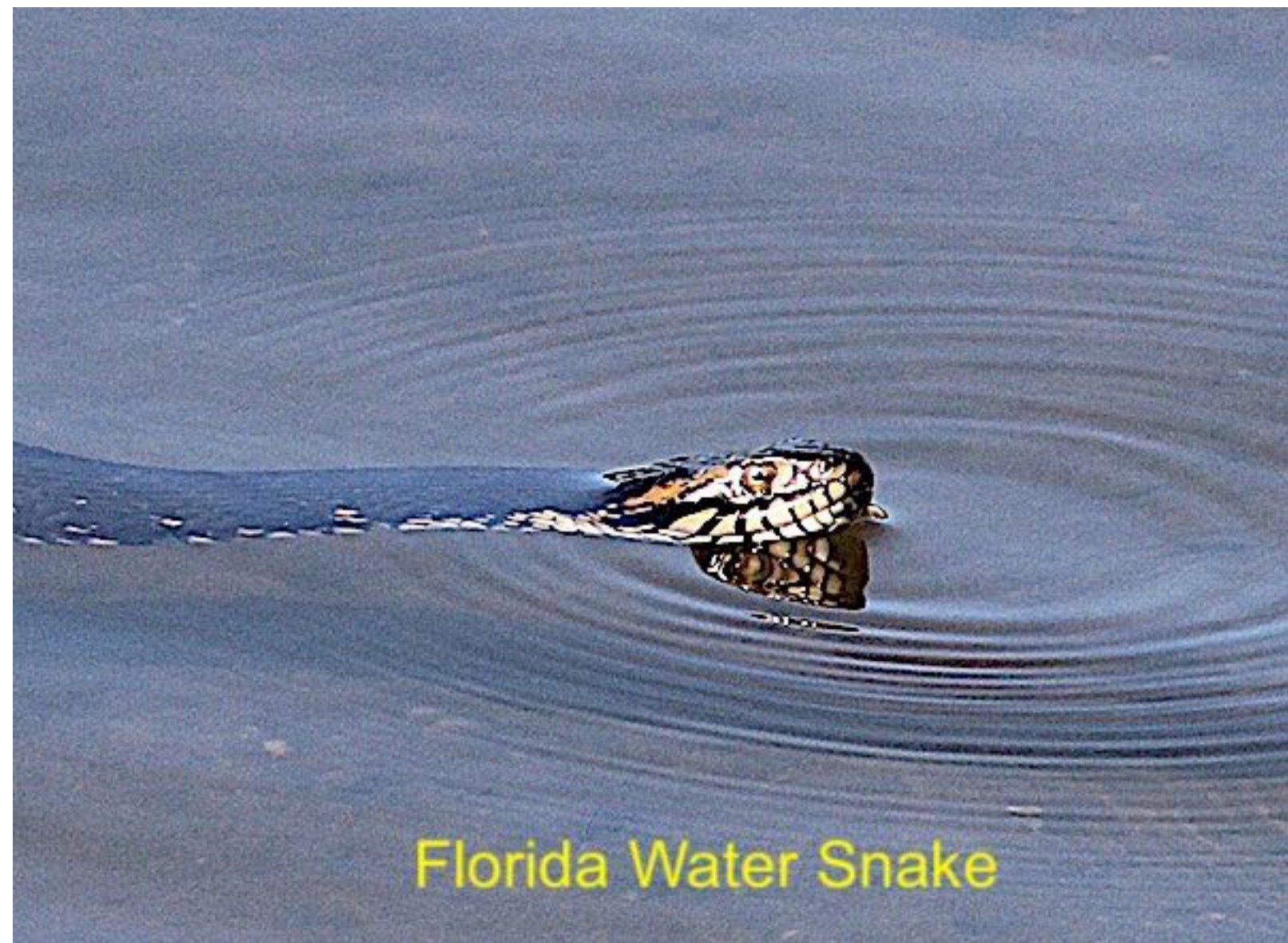
Pied-Billed Grebe	Wild Turkey	American Robin
Double-Crested Cormorant	Sandhill Crane	Eastern Bluebird
Anhinga	Killdeer	Gray Catbird
Great Blue Heron	Mourning Dove	Northern Mockingbird
Great Egret	Chuck-Wills-Widow	Brown Thrasher
Snowy Egret	Ruby-Throat. Hummingbird	Cedar Waxwing
Tri-Colored Heron	Belted Kingfisher	Northern Parula Warbler
Little Blue Heron	Red-Bellied Woodpecker	Yellow-Rumped Warbler
Cattle Egret	Downy Woodpecker	Palm Warbler
White Ibis	Pileated Woodpecker	Pine Warbler
Wood Stork	Eastern Phoebe	Yellow-Throated warbler
Lesser Scaup	Loggerhead Shrike	Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Merganser	White-Eyed Vireo	Northern Cardinal
Mallard Duck	Blue-Headed Vireo	Eastern Towhee
Mottled Duck	Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Black Vulture	Fish Crow	Red-Winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	American Crow	Boat-Tailed Grackle
Swallow-Tailed Kite	Tree Swallow	Brown-Headed Cowbird
Red-Shouldered Hawk	Tufted Titmouse	American Goldfinch
Red-Tailed Hawk	Carolina Wren	
Bald Eagle	House Wren	
Osprey	Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	
American Kestrel	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	







Snow Egret



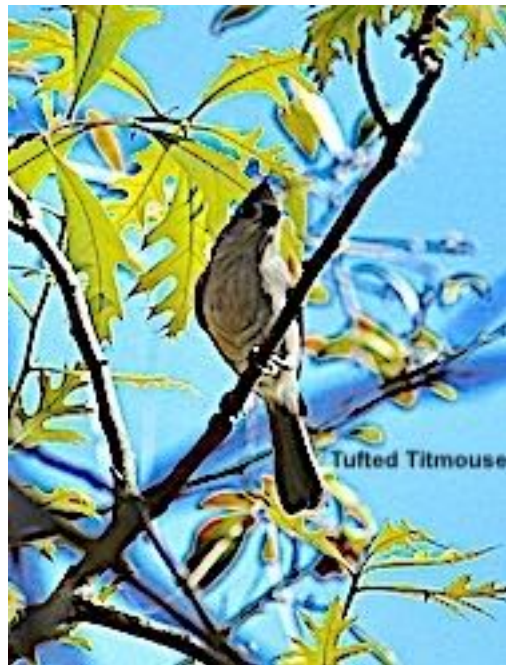
Florida Water Snake



Immature
Little Blue Heron







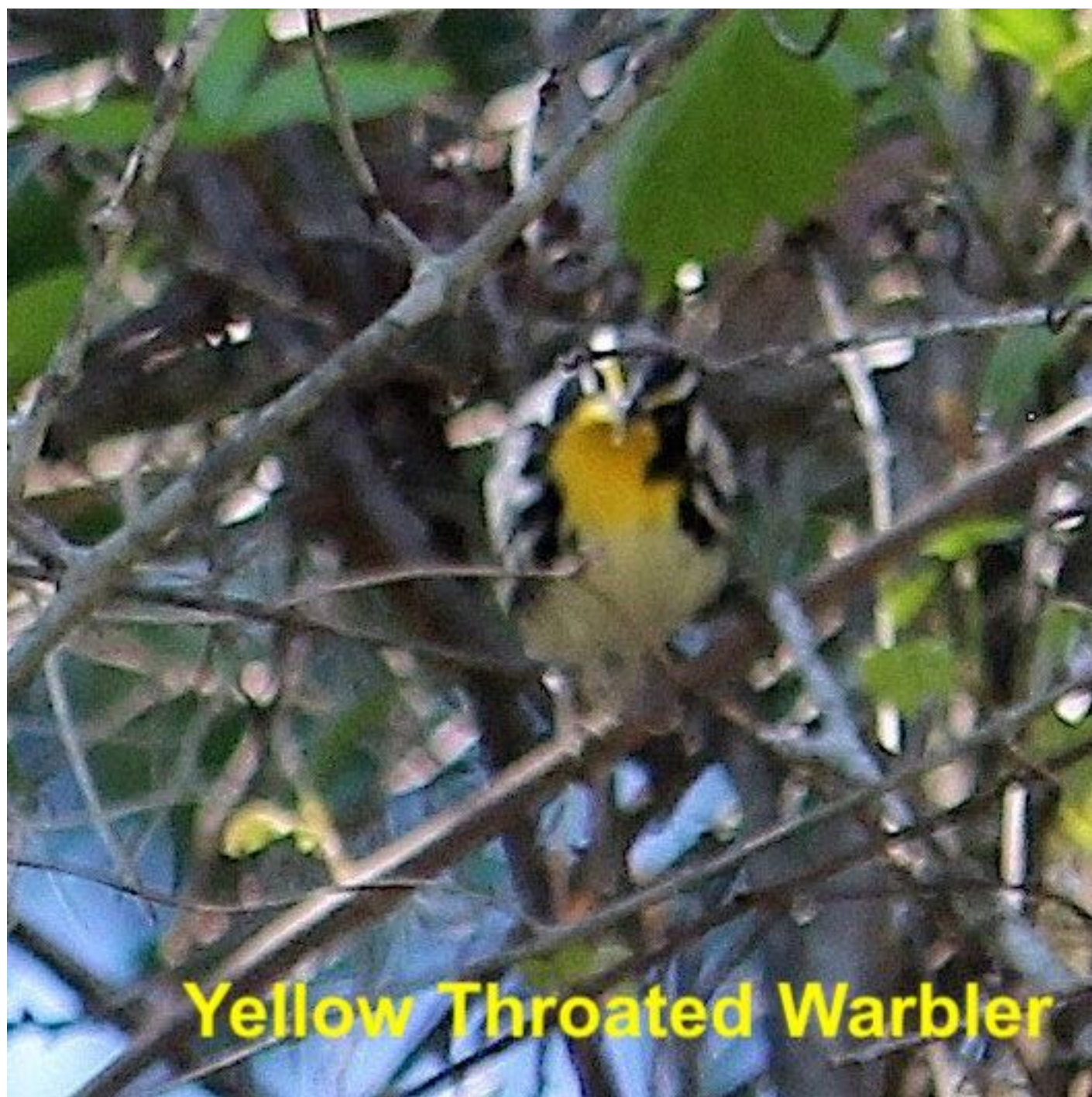


Blue Jay





Northern Parula Warbler





Wood Storks



Red Bellied Woodpecker



Mockingbird

