



# 11th Annual Victoria Park Bird Count

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Northern parula warbler



Pileated woodpecker



Ruby-crowned kinglet

From the Victoria Gardens Clubhouse, 8 birders set out to find as many species of birds as possible in 4 sections of Victoria Park. Making stops at the Cattle Pasture and North Preserve trail, they next visited the ponds and wetlands in Victoria Trails (Bald Eagle, Purple Martin, Greater Yellowlegs), then into Victoria Hills to see the Red-Headed Woodpecker nesting in the dead tree on the golf course, and then on to the highlight of the day — the ponds and wetlands around the 13th golf course hole, where they saw several species never before found in the 11 years of this annual Bird Count (Common Moorhen, Glossy Ibis, Blue-Winged Teal) as well as Pied-Billed Grebe, Phoebe, Cedar Waxwings and close looks at Osprey, Red-Tailed Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, and 7 kinds of Herons/Egrets. The morning ended with lunch at Lake Victoria's picnic tables. At that point, the total count was 59 species. Then, John Serrao spent the afternoon visiting several other areas in Victoria Park and managed to find 9 more species: an Ovenbird (first time ever for the annual count) in the South Preserve; Blue-Headed Vireo, and Palm, Black & White, and Yellow-Throated Warblers in the woods along Spaulding Way in the Hills; American Kestrel in the cattle pasture; a pair of Hooded Mergansers and Least Sandpipers at the detention pond in the Hills' newest section; and, finally, 3 Wood Storks standing at the edge of the pond at the 15th golf course hole. Total Species for the day: 68, breaking last year's record by one! (Check the VP website for a list of all 68 species).





Anhinga



Boat-tailed grackle



Egret



Red-shouldered hawk



Wood stork



White ibis



## **RESULTS OF 11th ANNUAL VICTORIA PARK BIRD COUNT - March 19, 2022**

### **68 Species**

**Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Anhinga, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Tri-colored Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Wood Stork;**

**Mallard, Mottled Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Muscovy Duck, Hooded Merganser; Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Bald Eagle, Osprey, American Kestrel, Cooper's Hawk;**

**Northern Bobwhite, Wild Turkey, Common Moorhen, Sandhill Crane, Least Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs; Mourning Dove, Common Ground Dove, Ruby-throated Hummingbird;**

**Pileated Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker;**

**Eastern Phoebe, White-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Blue Jay, Fish Crow, American Crow, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren;**

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird; Cedar Waxwing;**

**Northern Parula, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Black & White Warbler, Ovenbird;**

**Northern Cardinal, Eastern Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Boat-tailed Grackle**