

Hello, Birders!

Congratulations to our new birders that just finished "Basic Birding Class" this March:

Keith Bosfield, Deneiro Campbell, Margrette Curry, Joneth Edden, Evan Edden, Everett Edden, Charmaine Hall, Sonivia Hanna, Dr. Owen G. Hanna, Louise Koll, Mark Neely, Husani Newbold, Tony Newbold, Mary Tarzwell, Monique Varence, Lisa Wildgoose.

I was especially pleased to see the youngsters, Evan, Deneiro and Husani displaying keen interest and excellent spotting skills during the fieldtrips. Joneth, Everett and Evan Edden were making birding a family affair - they went out on their own in between classes and added new species to their list which made them the winners in the total number of birds observed - 56 species! In addition to obtaining their certificate of participation by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism the following "New" birders also received their "Birds of the Bahamas" certificate for having 50 or more birds observed: Charmaine Hall, Louise Koll, Tony Newbold, Mary Tarzwell. Congratulations to all!

Grand Bahama Birding Club's last fieldtrip was Saturday, April 12th and the following species were observed by Bruce Purdy (thanks Bruce for taking the lead in my absence!), Rudy Sawyer, Noreen Brent, Monique Varence, Mary Tarzwell, Dr. Owen Hanna, Deana Williamson (thanks, Deana, for recording the species!):

Reef Golf Course

Yellow-crowned Nightheron
Great Egret
Great blue Heron
Green Heron
Snowy Egret
Double-crested Cormorant
American Coot
Pied-billed Grebe
Common Moorhen

Least Tern
White-crowned Pigeon
Hairy Woodpecker
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Common Yellowthroat
Palm Warbler
Black and white Warbler
Northern Mockingbird
Grey Catbird
Eurasian collared Dove
Indigo Bunting
Northern Waterthrush
Smooth-billed Ani
Blue-winged Teal
Osprey

Garden of the Groves

Turkey Vulture
Common Ground Dove
Red-legged Thrush
Common Ground Dove
Belted Kingfisher
La Sagra's Flycatcher
Loggerhead Kingbird
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated blue Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Thick-billed Vireo
Cuban Emerald Hummingbird

The first Black-whiskered Vireo of the summer season was seen in our garden on Friday, April 11th and 3 female and two male Painted Buntings are still coming to the feeders daily!

Our next fieldtrip will be Saturday, May 10th. We will meet at Thompson's Realty parking lot at the Reef Golf Course.

Good birding!
Erika Gates
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher