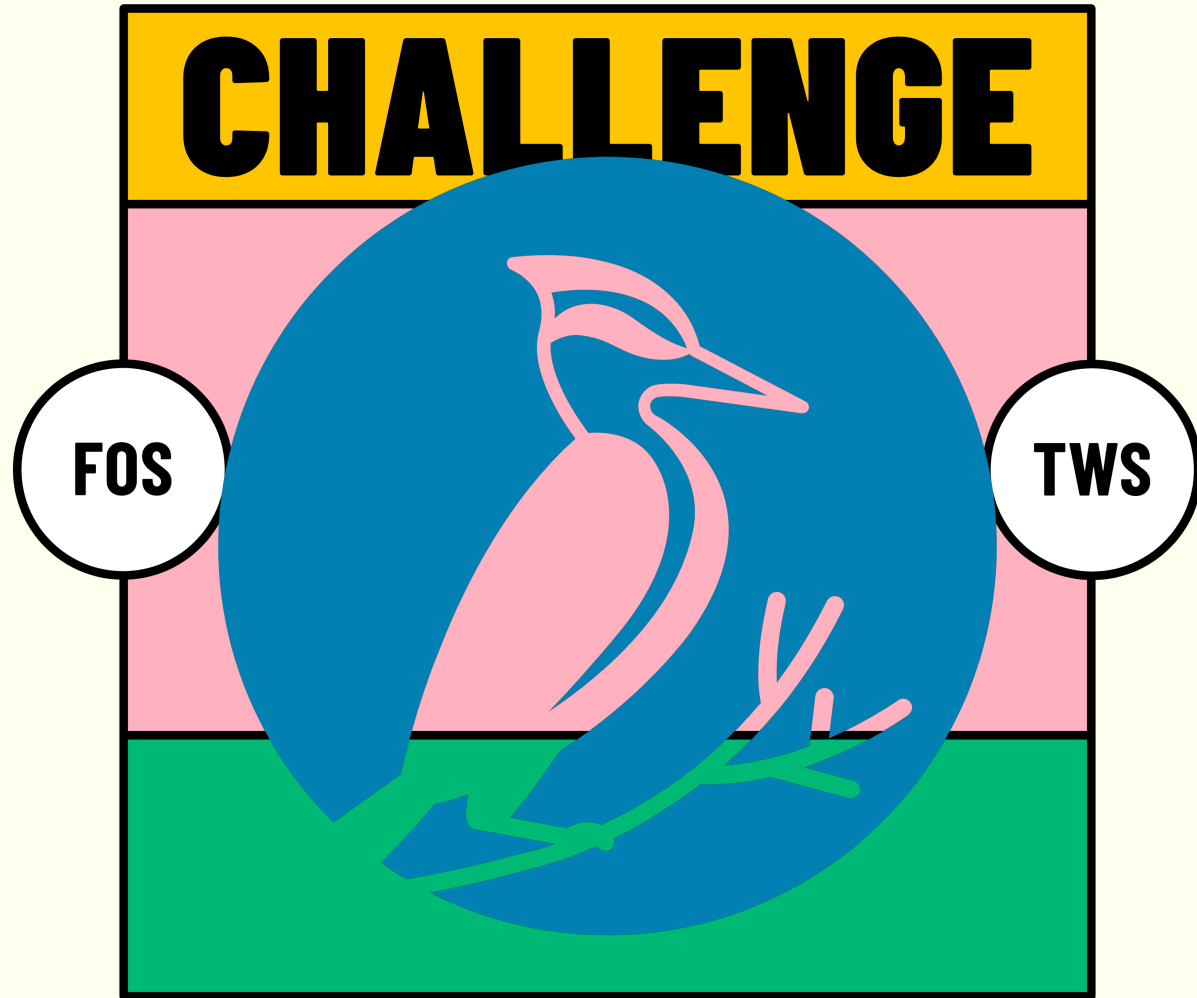


#FOSChallenge2021



Species seen

& winners!

A selection of species
encountered



Challenge stats

- 13 sites birded
- 13 birders
- 2,031 individual birds
- 26+ total hours of effort!



Predators



- Bald eagle
- Peregrine falcon
- Red-shouldered hawk
- Merlin
- Burrowing owl
- Kestrel (photo by Ken Spilios)

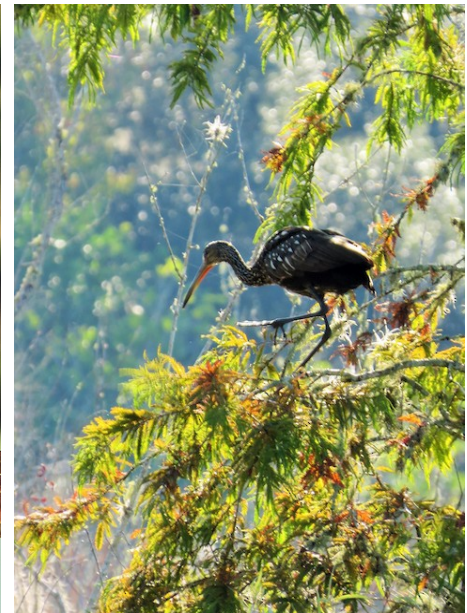
Warblers



American redstart, Black-and-white warbler, Yellow warbler, Blackburnian warbler, Ovenbird, Worm-eating warbler, Northern waterthrush, Black-throated blue warbler, Northern parula, Prairie warbler, and others

Waterbirds

Green heron, Glossy ibis, Tricolored heron, Limpkin (photo by Ken Spilios), Little blue heron, Roseate spoonbill, Belted kingfisher





Sea birds

- Willet
- American white and brown pelicans
- Ruddy turnstone
- Black skimmer
- Least sandpiper
- ...and more!

Ducks



- Ring-necked duck
- Wood duck
- Blue-winged teal
- Black-bellied whistling duck
- Pied-billed grebe



Forest dwellers



Painted bunting, Tufted titmouse, Blue grosbeak, Red-eyed vireo, white-eyed vireo, Eastern phoebe, Indigo bunting, Blue-gray gnatcatcher, among others

Icterids

- Bobolink
- Eastern meadowlark
- Boat-tailed and Common grackles
- Red-winged blackbirds





FOS & TWS

BIRDING CHALLENGE

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WINNERS



Third place - Individual

Michelle Wilcox

- 33 species
- 2.5 hours
- Unique finds include:
 - Eastern Towhee
 - Brown thrasher



Second place - Team

Judith and Ed Milcarsky

- 40 species
- 3 hours
- They visited a record-breaking 4 sites!
- Unique finds include:
 - Sanderling
 - Willet
 - Ruddy turnstone





Second place - Individual

Ken Spilios

- 40 species
- ~5 hours
- Unique finds include:
 - Limpkin
 - Wild turkey
- Photos by Ken





First Place - Team

**Mary Keith,
Lynn Mitchell,
Mitch McCarty**

- 45 species
- 3.5 hours
- Unique finds include:
 - Roseate spoonbill
 - Ring-necked duck
 - Blackburnian warbler
 - Loggerhead shrike



First Place

David Simpson

- 72 species
- 5.5 hours
- “Big Sit” at his home near Fellsmere Reservoir
- Finds unique to David include:
 - American Bittern
 - Gray-headed swamphen
 - Painted bunting
 - Snail kite



David's finds continued

- Sharp-shinned hawk
- Swainson's thrush
- Wood stork
- Wilson's snipe
- Veery
- And others!



Congratulations!



Other unique finds

David Kerstetter logged: Monk parakeet,
Egyptian goose, Northern flicker, Burrowing owl



Other unique finds

Jim McGinity logged:

- Ovenbird
- Worm-eating warbler
- Merlin
- Peregrine falcon



Thank you to
all
participants!