

Dauphin Island Migration Spectacular Species List | April 12 – 18, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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Our Naturalist Journeys Dauphin Island tour was a spectacular adventure, leading us from the coastal range of Alabama, through the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and the Bog of Splinter Hill. Encountering Gull-billed and Least Terns, while scouring the beaches for Snowy and Piping Plovers, made for a pleasant outing. Walking Shell Mound Park—or the “Mounds” as we began to call it—each evening waiting for migrating Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Scarlet Tanagers, and Red-eyed Vireos to arrive, was a perfect way to close out each evening. Getting to listen and see a Bachman’s Sparrow sing among the thousands of pitcher flowers at Splinter Hill Bog felt like a truly special moment. Not to be forgotten, though, was a truly unique and special day with Ben Raines on the Mobile-Tensaw Delta—a tour with many unforgettable moments, 125 bird species, delicious food, and fabulous company.

The eBird link below details the 125 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you’re new to eBird, be sure to click “Show All Details” on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the plants, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS (4):

- White-topped Pitcher Plant** *Sarracenia leucophylla* – Splinter Hill Bog
- Purple Pitcher Plant** *Sarracenia purpurea* – Splinter Hill Bog
- Parrot Beaks Pitcher Plant** *Sarracenia psittacine* – Splinter Hill Bog
- Wherry’s Sweet Pitcher Plant** *Sarracenia rubra* – Splinter Hill Bog

MAMMALS (1):

- Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis* – Numerous in many locations

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (4):

- American Alligator** *Alligator mississippiensis* – The official greeter at the “Mounds”. Also see on delta tour
- Pond Slider** *Alligator mississippiensis* – Seen on numerous ponds
- Florida Softshell Turtle** *Apalone ferox* – Audubon Bird Sanctuary pond
- Green Anole** *Anolis carolinensis* – Seen numerous times at the “Mounds”

Butterflies (2):

- Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** *Papilio glaucus*
- American Snout** *Libytheana carinenta*