

Sample Thank You

Dear Friend,

The Philanthropic Phalaropes (Martha, James, Sophia, Cybil, Kurt and I) and The Apalachee Audubon Society thank you for your generous sponsorship of our Birdathon (in the amount of \$50. OR Your pledge of \$.25 per bird, means you owe AAS \$30.25. Checks should be made out to Apalachee Audubon and sent to AAS at P.O. Box 1237, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1237 [or your address]) Our list of 121 sighted and heard birds is enclosed.

The combined total of all teams was 182 species. However, the results are closely clustered and are likely a reflection of the day chosen and the number of hours spent in the field. The prevailing winds throughout the Birdathon period were southerly, which is advantageous to the birds and a challenge to the birders. With a tail wind, our quarry may have been lifted clear over Florida and into Georgia. Good for them!

While April 19, our primary day, was a pleasant, partly cloudy/sunny mid 70's day with enough breeze to keep the bugs down for most of the day, it died down while we were on St. George Island. We suffered many mosquito and no-see'um bites, despite precautions.

This years' highlights would have to include the Cerulean Warbler and the Dickcissal, both on St. George. Also on the island were a flock of Cape May Warblers. I've never seen such a large number and it certainly stood out from the other migrants. St. Marks always gives us a nice variety and is especially helpful with shore birds. The highlight there this year was the Black Rail

Despite the itching it was a fun and satisfying day of birding made all the more special by your support. Thank you again.

Sincerely,