

Apalachee Audubon Society Field Trip to St Marks NWR - September 17th 2011



Our intrepid group watch a splendid flock of Buff-breasted Sandpipers on Mounds Pool 3

Julie and I had the pleasure of leading AAS' first trip of the 2011-2012 season to one of our favorite birding destinations, St Marks NWR. We had a total of 19 birders show up, and had an enjoyable morning hiking out to Mounds Pool 3, followed by a relaxing 45 minutes down at the lighthouse. We saw a lot of cool birds, as well as a few thousand butterflies (our butterfly garden is literally hopping with 'em!) and several Gators of course.

Here are some of the highlights of the morning outing:

Buff-breasted Sandpiper, American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, Red Knot, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Yellow Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Reddish Egret, Cliff Swallow, Blue-winged Teal, Bobolink, Black Tern and Osprey.

Julie and I would like to thank everybody who took part in the trip, and sincerely hope to see y'all again!