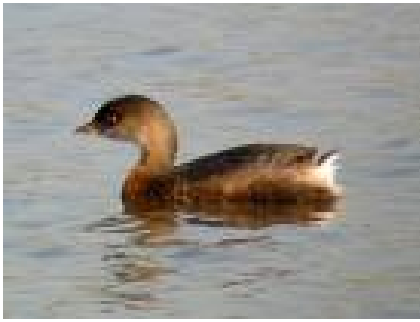


Plantation Shade Brigade Holds Bird and Plant Walk at Plantation Preserve's Linear Trail

On February 23rd the Plantation Shade Brigade held a 'Bird Walk' at the Linear Trail at the Plantation Preserve golf course. Over 50 people attended the event at 4:00 p.m. Barbara DeWitt, Plantation resident and Birder for over 40 years lead the group through the Preserve spotting and identifying birds for the group. Nearly 30 species of birds were identified (see the list and photo grouping of the birds of this website). One species was not immediately identified since it was not in the North American Bird Guide handbook. It was photographed by A.J. Hartman and photos were sent to birding authority, Bill Pranty, author of "A Birder's Guide to Florida" for verification and to the TAS (Tropical Audubon Society) Bird Board. It was identified as the Red-Capped Cardinal, native to South America, last seen in Florida in 1965. Our sighting is the first confirmed photo documented sighting of this species in Florida.

David McLean, noted plantsman, was the group's plant guide through the winding 1.5 mile trail through wetland and upland sites, through plant material still not mature from planting less than 2 years ago.



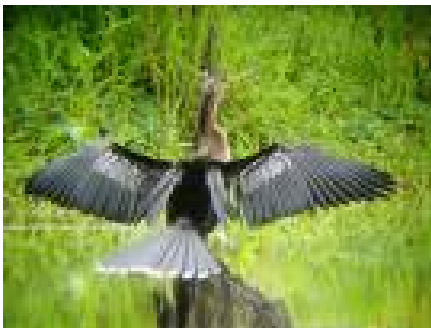
Pied-billed Grebe



Wilson's Snipe



Double-crested Cormorant



Anhinga



Great Blue Heron



Great Egret



Green Heron



American Bittern



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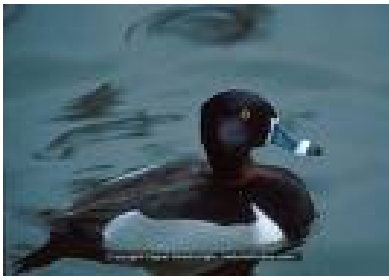
White Ibis



Wood Stork



Blue-winged Teal



Ring-necked Duck



Red-winged Blackbird



Common Grackle



Boat-tailed Grackle



Southeastern American Kestrel



Common Moorhen



American Coot



Belted Kingfisher



Palm Warbler



Osprey



Cooper's Hawk



Song Sparrow



Red-capped Cardinal