

BUCKEYE/ARLINGTON TRIP REPORT

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BUCKEYE

We couldn't have asked for better weather – 60's in a.m. and upper 80's by afternoon. Taking two cars, we meandered through Buckeye Fields and ditches – essentially going down Perryville Road and its cross streets. Of course - there were Burrowing Owls. At this time of year the Red-tailed Hawks are back – we must have seen about 35 of them.

A nice find in one of the fields was a Ferruginous Hawk. The nesting pair of Bald Eagles is back – hoping for young this year. Brewer's, Red-Winged, and Yellow-headed Blackbirds were plentiful in the cattle barn areas.

ARLINGTON

At the Lower River Ponds, we found double-crested and Neo-tropic Cormorants, Eared and Western Grebes, American Coot, Ruddy Ducks, and the usual large family of Black-crowned Night Herons. Down the road at another pond a small flock of American Pelicans was cavorting.

In all, a great day – **56 species!!** And some good looks. The pictures included are not the best shots. We're hoping one of the photographers along will post some of her photos on the website.

Kathy Dashiell





