

## Field Trip Report: Circle B Bar Reserve - January 12, 2018

*by Wally Handeland*

A group of eight birders ventured forth to Circle B Bar Reserve, despite a rainy forecast, and had a good time walking the marshland in cloudy-bright weather that was perfect for photos without harsh shadows or blown out highlights. We saw 49 species, including Painted Buntings and a Wilson's Snipe, both very closely viewed. The full report is on eBird ([accessible here](#)). To our amazement, a huge alligator showed himself prominently. The sky and ground were abundant with vultures attracted by the frost-killed fish they were determined to clean up. With the temperature around 70 F, we were comfortable and enjoyed a talkative and informative lunch together.



The Wilson's Snipe by Wally Handeland and three intrepid birders by Lee Handeland.



The Painted Bunting by Wally and our group searching for birds along the trail by Lee.