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A birder on a guided tour of the Goat Farm – Photo courtesy of Jennifer Buchanan ©

“The Reserve sponsors many unique birding events. On one guided birding trip by boat out to the Grand Battures overwash, we observed a wintering flock of American White Pelicans, hundreds of Dunlins, American Oystercatchers, Dowitchers, plovers, ducks and wading birds. The view to the north from the relic islands revealed a stunning, intact natural ecosystem of interconnected forests, rivers, bayous and savannas. To top that, we were treated to a close-up look of Seaside and Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrows. This once-in-a-lifetime trip provided several new life birds for many of the participants!”

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