

# Stella's Birding Adventures

A True Story



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It's hard being a birder, but also AMAZING!

My name is Stella and I am a birder.

I like to go birding with my dad.



Birding is basically a treasure hunt, but you're looking for birds, not treasure. When you add an ultra-rare bird to your life list, it feels pretty good.





One of my favorite bird adventures was at Apopka Lake in Florida. We saw 21 alligators and so many amazing birds.



I saw a Glossy Ibis. It looked cute and big and kind of glossy.

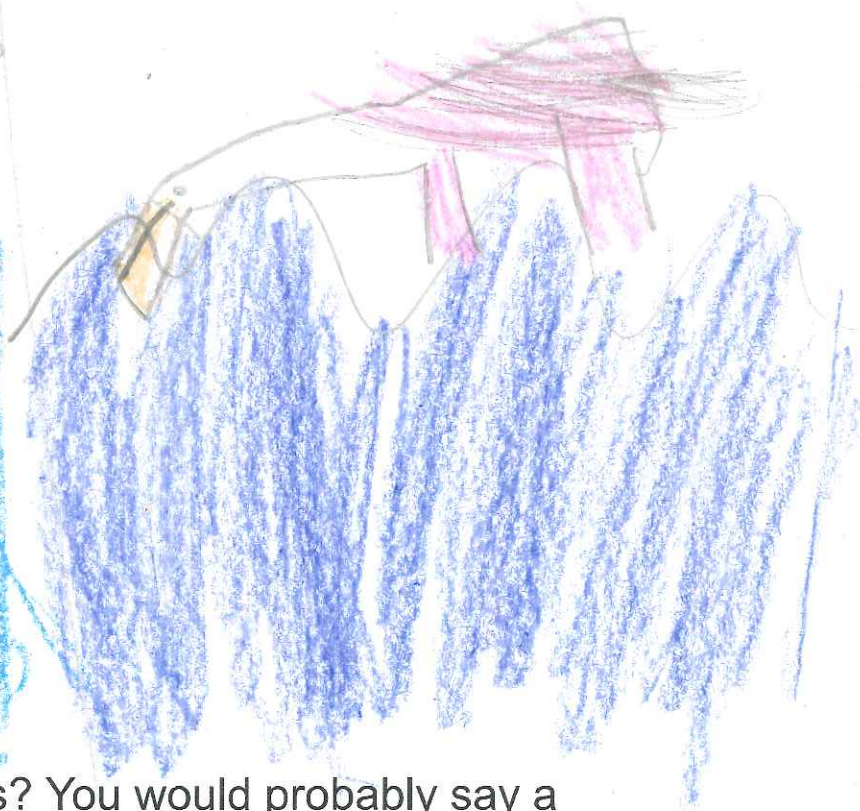


I even saw an American Bittern. It's very hard to find,  
but I found it camouflaged in the weeds.



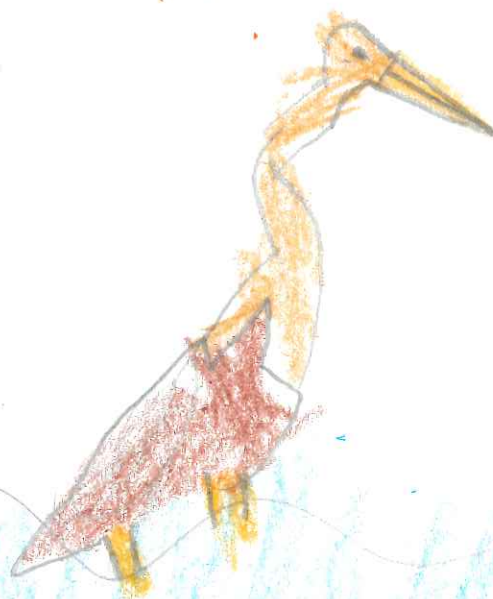
I also went to Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge. We were searching for a special bird with pink feathers.





Can you guess what it is? You would probably say a Flamingo, but it's a Roseate Spoonbill! We finally saw it sticking its beak in the water.





We also saw a brown pelican for the first time!



I love to spend time birding with my dad. I love how he comes and gets me when he sees a bird that would be a lifer for me.



I love birding with my family!