



# Starkey Market



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## ABOUT

Starkey Market, which opened in November of 2017, first came on the birding radar in the fall of 2021 when local birders visiting the market noticed the marsh behind the overflow parking lot. It is regularly filled with waders, including Roseate Spoonbills and large flocks of Glossy Ibis, and in the winter has become a prized location for ducks, notably American Wigeon, Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal and Black-bellied Whistling Ducks.

### BIRDS

American Wigeon, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Blue and Green-winged Teal, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, Limpkin, all Egrets and Herons, Glossy Ibis, Marsh and Sedge Wren, Bald Eagle, Osprey, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark, Killdeer, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs

eBird hotspot link:

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L17174567>

### DIRECTIONS

From SR 54 turn north on Starkey Boulevard. Market is about a mile on the right. 3640 Starkey Blvd. New Port Richey

### FACILITIES

Parking, restrooms, observation tower, coffee and bakery items, ice cream, farmer's market, hot food and alcoholic beverages.

# Pasco Audubon's Hotspot Highlights



## TIPS

Park at the back of the overflow parking. The field under the power lines to the north is home to cattle, and thus attracts Cattle Egret, Loggerhead Shrike, Meadowlark, etc. Check the opening to the marsh to the east of the parking lot (note that you may bird from the openings but must not enter the marsh). Marsh Wren and Eastern Phoebe can be seen here. Then walk along the hedge along the path to the southern opening. You may find warblers, sparrows, Gnatcatchers etc. in the hedgerow, and don't forget to check the wires for American Kestrel and Eastern Bluebird. Towards the southern end of the marsh is another opening. Most ducks (in season) and waders can be found here. Be as quiet as possible as they flush easily. During the U-pick berry season in the spring, you may find large numbers of Cedar Waxwing feasting on blueberries. Not surprisingly, the market gently discourages them, yet they tend to be persistent. When you have finished your tour, take a beverage and snack to the viewing tower - this is an ideal location to survey for raptors and to use your scope to find additional species further out in the marsh.



Starkey Market is a boutique produce market (and so much more!). From fulfilling your grocery needs, and introducing you to unique, locally made products, to being your favorite local coffee, ice cream, and beer and wine stop - we've got you covered! Now introducing *The Trough*: Relax | Eat | Enjoy at our new casual gourmet food truck. If you are in the area, stop by the Starkey Blueberry Farm, just down the street, for u-pick strawberry and blueberries.

Farm address: 10730 Lake Blanche Dr. Trinity

