

March 27, 2010 – Crosswinds Marsh, Oakwoods Metropark and Grosse Isle (10 participants)

The weather was cold (mid 20's) with mostly sunny skies and a light wind out of the south early. The temperature rose to nearly 50 by mid-afternoon. We started at Crosswinds Marsh and surveyed water birds and then some adjacent woods and fields. We then drove to Oakwoods Metropark where we checked the Nature Center and then hiked the Long Bark trail. After a brief lunch, we drove to Grosse Isle and viewed the Detroit River from the Lookout platform on the east side. We then went to Westcroft gardens. Below is a listing of all species seen by some or the entire group.

Pied-billed Grebe – seen in water near the woods off the Bald eagle trail

Great Blue Heron – seen flying over the marsh

Mute Swan – seen on the water at Crosswinds and at Oakwoods

Canada Goose – seen at all three locations

Wood Duck – seen at Crosswinds flying by

Green-winged Teal – seen at Crosswinds back in the major pond

Blue-winged Teal – seen at Crosswinds back in the major pond

Mallard – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

American Wigeon – seen at Crosswinds back in the major pond

Canvasback – seen flying over the marsh at Crosswinds

Tufted Duck – seen in Crosswinds on the major pond

Greater Scaup – seen at Grosse Isle

Bufflehead – seen at Grosse Isle

Common Merganser – seen at all three locations

Turkey Vulture – seen at Oakwoods and Crosswinds

Bald Eagle – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

Northern Harrier – seen at Oakwoods in the fields

Red-tailed Hawk – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

American Coot – seen at Crosswinds

Sandhill Crane – heard at Crosswinds

Killdeer – seen at Crosswinds

Bonaparte's Gull – seen at Grosse Isle

Ring-billed Gull – seen at all three locations

Herring Gull – seen at Crosswinds

Rock Dove – seen on Grosse Isle

Mourning Dove – seen at Crosswinds

Red-bellied Woodpecker – seen at Oakwoods

Downy Woodpecker – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

Hairy Woodpecker – seen at Oakwoods

Eastern Phoebe – seen at Crosswinds in the woods

Tree Swallow – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

Blue Jay – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

American Crow – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods

Black-capped Chickadee – seen at all three locations
Tufted Titmouse – seen at Oakwoods
Red-breasted Nuthatch – seen at Gosse Isle (Westcroft Gardens)
White-breasted Nuthatch – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods
Golden-crowned Kinglet – seen at Oakwoods
Eastern Bluebird – seen at Oakwoods
American Robin – seen at all three locations
European Starling – seen at all three locations
Northern Cardinal – seen at all three locations
American Tree Sparrow – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods
Fox Sparrow – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods
Song Sparrow – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods
Dark-eyed Junco – seen at Crosswinds and Oakwoods
Red-winged Blackbird – seen at all three locations
Common Grackle – seen at all three locations
Brown-headed Cowbird – seen at Crosswinds
House Finch – seen near Oakwoods
American Goldfinch – seen in Oakwoods
House Sparrow – seen on Gosse Isle

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