

November 13, 2019 - Stony Creek Metropark

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Three intrepid birders braved the unseasonably cold weather to bird Stony Creek Metro Park on a frigid November day. It started out at a chilly 8 degrees and by the time we left it warmed up to a balmy 19 degrees. We saw 28 species with the highlights being a late Phoebe, a beautiful Red Fox Sparrow and two eagles which looked as though they were pairing up for the upcoming breeding season.



Stony Creek Lake had just two places where there was any open water of any size, the rest of the lake was frozen. The number of ducks and mergansers in these two areas was amazing. Hooded Mergansers were the most numerous waterfowl along with a good number of Goldeneyes, Common Mergansers, and a good variety of other ducks.



We really enjoyed the last Wednesday birding trip of the year and we are looking forward to doing it again next spring when it is much warmer. Breaking out your January's clothes in November is a shock to your system. Please join us next spring when we guarantee it to be much warmer. The list of species seen is below.



Photos courtesy of Manny Salas



- Wild Turkey - *Meleagris gallopavo*
- Downy Woodpecker - *Dryobates pubescens*
- Redhead - *Aythya americana*
- Pied-billed Grebe - *Podilymbus podiceps*
- House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*
- Red-tailed Hawk - *Buteo jamaicensis*
- Eastern Bluebird - *Sialia sialis*
- American Tree Sparrow - *Spizelloides arborea*

Mourning Dove - *Zenaida macroura*
Sandhill Crane - *Antigone canadensis*
Eastern Phoebe - *Sayornis phoebe*
Cedar Waxwing - *Bombycilla cedrorum*
Northern Cardinal - *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Wood Duck - *Aix sponsa*
Gadwall - *Mareca strepera*
Greater Scaup - *Aythya marila*
Bufflehead - *Bucephala albeola*
Common Goldeneye - *Bucephala clangula*
Hooded Merganser - *Lophodytes cucullatus*
Common Merganser - *Mergus merganser*
Red-breasted Merganser - *Mergus serrator*
Ruddy Duck - *Oxyura jamaicensis*
American Coot - *Fulica americana*
Bald Eagle - *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
Red-bellied Woodpecker - *Melanerpes carolinus*
Blue Jay - *Cyanocitta cristata*
American Crow - *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
Black-capped Chickadee - *Poecile atricapillus*