

December 6 2017 – Robert Long/Walled Lake/Heritage Park

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The 2017 Wednesday Field Trip/ Workshop series ended Dec. 6 on a colder note, with temperatures under 30F and brisk winds. Nonetheless, nine attendees enjoyed the day. We started at Robert Long, where about 50 gulls gave us the opportunity to study the various plumages of Herrings and Ring-billed. The back pond yielded Black-crowned Night-Herons as well as a variety of waterfowl, all scopable. Onto Walled Lake, which unfortunately did not have many birds on it, but the notable number of Buffleheads delighted us with great views. We ditched the lake for Heritage Park and some welcome feeder-watching. A big thanks goes out to all attendees this year, and see you next February, when the series resumes. The species list follows. (30 species)

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Sandhill Crane
Red-tailed Hawk
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow