

November 17, 2018 – Belle Isle State Park

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(Jointly with Washtenaw Audubon)

It was a cool and breezy day at Belle Isle where we began the day's adventure, a joint Oakland/Washtenaw Audubon venture. 35 birders joined us for this trip. From the Nature Center parking lot, we wandered to the Blue Heron Lagoon for a large variety of ducks. En route we had a Cooper's Hawk fly over and an American Kestrel flying nearby. Then a Bald Eagle also flew through. Lots of ducks, as can be seen on the list below.

We then began to circumnavigate the island by car, gathering all three Swans, a Common Loon, lots of Horned Grebes and many other water species. We stopped at the Detroit Rowing property and we surprised by a Palm Warbler, still working the area for bugs. We continued around the island and got Great Blue Heron and other species but no scoters today. We also spotted the Peregrine Falcon on the Whittier Building. 6 raptors

We ventured inland to hike the trails west of the nature center and we rewarded with Winter Wren, Cedar Waxwings, both Kinglets and a flyover Northern Harrier. We ended at the Nature Center for a few mop-up species and White-crowned Sparrow. 57 species overall and a good time had by everyone.

1. Canada Goose
2. Mute Swan
3. Trumpeter Swan
4. Tundra Swan
5. Gadwall
6. Mallard
7. Canvasback
8. Redhead
9. Ring-necked Duck
10. Greater Scaup
11. Lesser Scaup
12. Bufflehead
13. Common Goldeneye
14. Hooded Merganser
15. Red-breasted Merganser
16. Ruddy Duck
17. Horned Grebe
18. Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
19. Mourning Dove
20. Bonaparte's Gull
21. Ring-billed Gull

22. Herring Gull
23. Great Black-backed Gull
24. Common Loon
25. Great Blue Heron
26. Black-crowned Night-Heron
27. Northern Harrier
28. Cooper's Hawk
29. Bald Eagle
30. Red-tailed Hawk
31. Belted Kingfisher
32. Red-bellied Woodpecker
33. Downy Woodpecker
34. Hairy Woodpecker
35. American Kestrel
36. Peregrine Falcon
37. Blue Jay
38. American Crow
39. Black-capped Chickadee
40. Tufted Titmouse
41. White-breasted Nuthatch
42. Winter Wren
43. Golden-crowned Kinglet
44. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
45. European Starling
46. Cedar Waxwing
47. House Finch
48. American Goldfinch
49. American Tree Sparrow
50. Dark-eyed Junco
51. White-crowned Sparrow
52. White-throated Sparrow
53. Song Sparrow
54. Swamp Sparrow
55. Palm Warbler
56. Northern Cardinal
57. House Sparrow