

## **May 5, 2021 – Bear Creek Nature Park (Rochester)**

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A group of four birders survived a cool, windy start to the day with temperatures in the 40's while it felt cooler because of the wind. This spring has been really slow for migration with constant front and winds from the north, typically followed by cool and wet days. This was the case for this trip. We hiked through fields that had been subjected to prescribed burns and then back to the marsh and ponds in the back part of the grounds. We also hiked a major portion of the trails through the woods. We were fortunate to come upon a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher who responded to tape and came close for observation. We also enjoyed seeing Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Gray Catbird, several Swamp Sparrows, and a flyover Sharp-shinned Hawk. This was considered a slow spring day, primarily from weather and the nature of this spring. 29 species were observed on this outing.

List of species seen:

Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Mourning Dove  
Turkey Vulture  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
House Wren  
European Starling  
Gray Catbird  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
American Goldfinch  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Common Grackle  
Common Yellowthroat

Northern Cardinal

Rose-breasted Grosbeak