

November 8 2017 – Robert Long Park and Walled Lake  
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The Wednesday workshop/field trip series continued on Nov. 8, on a crisp, cloudless, windless morning at Robert Long Park. The fall colors were still spectacular, but the birds weren't shabby, either. We were greeted by a line of about 40+ Tundra Swans migrating way overhead, the first of many of that species we would see. The first pond had Green-winged Teal, and the back pond yielded lots of puddle ducks, some Ring-necked Ducks, and Pied-billed Grebes in perfect viewing light. Two late Black-crowned Night-Herons were a treat. Onto Walled Lake, where the waterfowl and gulls were starting to congregate. We could clearly see the difference between the Mute and Tundra swans. A loon, more grebes, and a ton of Bufflehead delighted all. A cruising adult Bald Eagle made the Coots quite nervous! Funny thing about Walled Lake: No matter where you stand to view the birds, they seem to be on the other side of lake! We tallied about 43 species.

Canada Goose  
Mute Swan  
Tundra Swan  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Green-winged Teal  
Redhead  
Ring-necked Duck  
Greater/Lesser Scaup  
Bufflehead  
Common Goldeneye  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Ruddy Duck  
Common Loon  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Great Blue Heron  
Black-crowned Night-Heron  
Bald Eagle  
American Coot  
Sandhill Crane  
Killdeer  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Rock Pigeon  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Blue Jay

American Crow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
American Robin  
European Starling  
American Tree Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal