

March 9, 2019 - Lake Erie Metropark

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One of the very best areas for birds in all seasons, Lake Erie Metropark, played host to 20 OAS Field Trippers on a late winter day that was anticipated to be mild and productive. However, the group found all of the waterways were frozen and, not only did the day turn cold with brutal offshore winds, but birds were scarce. All in all, a bit of a disappointment, BUT we have another LEMP Field Trip scheduled for this fall (12Oct2019). We're due for a bonanza, then!

Overall, 37 species were encountered, with the highlights being... well, not that many outstanding highlights. We found a half dozen Bald Eagles. A gull that the group found too far away to be properly identified was called either an Iceland Gull or a Glaucous Gull. We also had a good time watching two Brown Creepers frolicking on the tree trunks all around us. With a lot of effort, we did manage to scrape up one House Sparrow, so it wasn't an entire loss! 😊

The total species list follows:

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Gadwall
Mallard
Canvasback
Redhead
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Mourning Dove
American Coot
Ring-Billed Gull
Herring Gull
white-winged gull (sp)
Great Black-Backed Gull
Great Blue Heron
Bald Eagle
Red-Tailed Hawk
Red-Bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Black-Capped Chickadee
Brown Creeper
White-Breasted Nuthatch
Golden-Crowned Kinglet
American Robin
European Starling
American Goldfinch
American Tree Sparrow
Red-Winged Blackbird

Common Grackle
Northern Cardinal
House Sparrow