

Orion Oaks Field Trip – June 7,2017

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The annual hike through the grasslands at Orion Oaks County Park yielded a nice population of birds (40 species). The trip was attended by 7 individuals with near perfect weather conditions. The group was a bit disappointed by a lack of grassland species observed. Even though the grassland area at the park is vast, the birds that might be expected there just have not returned to adopt the area for breeding.

Species observed include:

Mute Swan
Double-Crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Red-Tailed Hawk
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Red-Eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Tree Swallow
Black Capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
House Wren
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow Warbler
Grasshopper Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Northern Cardinal
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-Winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark

Common Grackle
Brown-Headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
American Goldfinch