

Young Birders' Club @ Heritage Park

The Young Birders' Club visited Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on January 13. It was a clear, cold day. Veteran birder Mike Mencotti led the group along the trails. Mike volunteers at Heritage Park and offers his expertise for several nature programs there. Turnout for the day was high with three new families joining the hike. In total, twenty-five birders including eight young birders and their families enjoyed the sights at Heritage Park. The lack of snow made travel on the trails easy. The park has several wonderful vistas to enjoy nature. Although bird activity was low, the group was treated to a fly over by an adult Bald Eagle. Mike noted this is only the second time he had seen an eagle at the park. Eighteen species were observed along the trail with two other species heard, but not seen - a Belted Kingfisher and Eastern Bluebird. Heritage Park has an extensive Bluebird Trail with nest boxes. The group visited the Nature Center after the hike for snacks and hot cocoa. Everyone spent time looking at the wonderful bird feeding station and exploring the exhibits indoors. The Nature Center is a great place to visit and has numerous events and programs for the community. Photo credits: Lynn Manzi and Jim Law.

Mourning Dove

Bald Eagle

Red-tailed Hawk

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Blue Jay

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch

American Robin

European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

House Finch

Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch

Dark-eyed Junco

Northern Cardinal

