

August 19, 2018 – Ottawa NWR and Howard Marsh

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Seven adventurous birders traveled to northwest Ohio in search of shore birds and early fall migrants. While shore birds were scarce we did find a nice variety of other birds. Our first stop was the newly constructed Howard Marsh. This Toledo Metroparks property had a good amount of birds and it has the potential to be a hot spot as the park matures. We were able to locate the pair of rare Black-necked Stilts that bred there this Spring. We also found four species of Terns along with the many gulls and egrets. Next stop was Ottawa NWR. This vast reserve has many large regulated ponds, tall-grass prairie, lakeside wood lots, and marshland. The different habitats provide a good mix of birds and other animals. It also hosts the largest concentration of Bald Eagles in the area. 59 species.

- Trumpeter swan
- Wood Duck
- Blue-winged Teal
- Gadwall
- Mallard
- Ruddy Duck
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- American Coot
- Killdeer
- Black-necked Stilt
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Dbl-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Green Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Bald Eagle
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Belted Kingfisher
- Downy Woodpecker

- Northern Flicker
- Horned Lark
- Wood Pewee
- Eastern Phoebe
- Eastern Kingbird
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Marsh Wren
- America Robin
- Gray Catbird
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- American Goldfinch
- Field Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Baltimore Oriole
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Magnolia Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Northern Cardinal
- Indigo Bunting
- House Sparrow