

May 16, 2021- Magee Marsh and nearby areas

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An unmasked (finally!) group of 13 birders traveled to Northwest Ohio for our traditional spring warbler trip. This is the warbler (and Bald Eagle) capital of Ohio. The day started with a light rain that stopped as we began. Mostly overcast after that with the sun breaking out in the afternoon with temperature in the high sixties. We started on the boardwalk with many warblers as well as other species being seen despite the nearly leafed-out foliage. Many life birds for several people in our group.



We cut our stops at Metzger Marsh and the Autotour at Ottawa National Wildlife Reserve short as they were unproductive except for the many Bald Eagles seen. Adults on several nests and many juveniles also on the reserve. It is very gratifying to see how these magnificent birds have rebounded from the Endangered Species List. Trumpeter Swans were also seen in good numbers having also come back from the brink of extinction. It emphasizes the importance of wetland management and appropriate legislation. We were also treated to two fly-overs by American White Pelicans which are also fairly new to the area.



We finished our day at Howard Metropark where the highlights were a black-necked stilt a pair of very cooperative yellow-headed blackbirds. Both are new breeders to the area. We also observed a very acrobatic and synchronized flight of about 200 Dunlin. Attached is the trip species list. We tallied 83 species including 18 warblers. Photos courtesy of April Campbell and Sharon Korte.

Complete list of the birds seen on this trip are provided below.

Canada Goose
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Mourning Dove
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested
Cormorant
American White Pelican
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Black-necked Stilt
Spotted Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Dunlin
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Common Tern
Mourning Dove
Ruby-throated
Hummingbird
Red-headed
Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood-pewee

Acadian Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Blue Jay
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Purple Martin
Red-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Marsh Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue
Warbler
Palm Warbler
Black-throated Green
Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Field Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow

Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
American Goldfinch
Northern Cardinal