

October 29, 2017 - Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

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Fourteen enthusiastic birders went to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on a cool and breezy morning. We were met by Jimmy from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who acted as our driver and guide on the refuge bus. The waterfowl was in good supply but skittish because of the ongoing hunting season. The diving ducks had not arrived yet but we did have a fair number of late shorebirds. Eagles were carrying sticks to expand their nests and a nice flock of 46 White Pelicans was a welcome sighting. Best bird of the day was a rare Cattle Egret found by eagle eye Jeff Stacey. Species count was 66 as follows:

Canada Goose	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Trumpeter Swan	Downy Woodpecker
Tundra Swan	Hairy Woodpecker
Wood Duck	Northern Flicker
Gadwall (lots)	American Kestrel
American Widgeon	Blue Jay
Am. Black Duck	Horned Lark
Mallard	Tree Swallow
Northern Shoveler	Black-capped Chickadee
Northern Pintail	White-breasted Nuthatch
Green-winged Teal	Marsh Wren
Pied-billed Grebe	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Double-crested Cormorant	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Am. White Pelican	Hermit Thrush
Great Blue Egret	American Robin
Great Egret	European Starling
Cattle Egret	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Am. Tree Swallow
Bald Eagle	Fox Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Swamp Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	White-throated Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Dark-eyed Junco
American Coot	Northern Cardinal
Sandhill Crane	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Rusty Blackbird
Greater Yellowlegs	Common Grackle
Lesser Yellowlegs	Brown-headed Blackbird
Pectoral Sandpiper	American Goldfinch
Dunlin	House Sparrow
Long-billed Dowitcher	Song Sparrow
Wilson's Snipe	
Bonaparte's Gull	

Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher