

March 27, 2019 – Robert Long, Walled Lake, Heritage Park

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A hearty band of close to 20 birders arrived at Robert Long Park, ready to bird on this gloriously sunny day. With open water, there were a number of species on the water including two species of mergansers, bufflehead, Great Egret and Osprey. A couple of Killdeer were the only shorebirds to arrive. The Canada Goose at the small pavilion, that had a broken wing last fall, appears to have survived the winter and was still present. We also ran into Mike Mencotti, enjoying a day upright after his medical work. Welcome back, Mike.

At Walled Lake, Common Goldeneyes and Bufflehead dominated the water while a few land species were found in the southwest corner in the woods. Another Osprey graced us with a fly-by and an American Eagle was also present.

At Heritage Park, we finally got a White-breasted Nuthatch along with a Hermit Thrush, some Cedar Waxwings and some Eastern Bluebirds singing nearby. We netted 47 species total for the three parks. The list is provided below for each park.

Robert Long Park (29 species)

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Mourning Dove
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Great Egret
Osprey
Red-tailed Hawk
Downy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
American Robin
European Starling

American Goldfinch
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Northern Cardinal

Walled Lake (27 species)

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Mallard
Redhead
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
American Coot
Ring-billed Gull
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Wren
American Robin
European Starling
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Northern Cardinal
House Sparrow

Heritage Park (22 species)

Mallard
Mourning Dove
Turkey Vulture
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker
Blue Jay
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Cedar Waxwing
American Goldfinch
Dark-eyed Junco
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Grackle
Northern Cardinal
House Sparrow