

September 9 2017 – Lake St. Clair Metropark

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The calendar said “summer,” but the weather – and the bird life – screamed “autumn,” as 13 observers enjoyed a morning of cool sunshine and lots of birds at Lake St. Clair Metropark on September 9. We all had “warbler neck” from trying to identify individuals of the pockets of warblers and vireos. We ended up with about 16 species of warblers, and an awesome variety of other species made the morning special. It was great to hear the discussions about a confusing raptor, finally settling on a Red-shouldered Hawk. True to form with group birding, not everyone was able to see every bird; but everyone enjoyed the show. A great way to kick off fall migration. A species list is below.

Canada Goose  
Mute Swan  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Blue Heron  
Green Heron  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Bald Eagle  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Virginia Rail  
Sora  
Common Gallinule  
Semipalmated Plover  
Killdeer  
Sanderling  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Ring-billed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Caspian Tern  
Mourning Dove  
Common Nighthawk  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Tree Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Marsh Wren  
Swainson's Thrush  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
American Redstart  
Cape May Warbler  
Northern Parula  
Magnolia Warbler  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler  
Song Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow