

May 11, 2019 Magee Marsh and Environs – Crazy Day

Leader: Don Burlett

A group of 15 birders came out for the “crazy day” and were split into at least three groups as the boardwalk was “crazy” as usual. It was a sunny start to the day bit cold and winding (40” and wind gusting from the ENE). The boardwalk was productive with 22 warbler species and also produced Screech-owls and a Common Nighthawk and many other species.

We then headed to Ottawa NWR for the auto-drive where we added American White Pelican, lots of Bald eagles, Marsh Wren and several other species.

Next was Howard Marsh, with very good shorebird habitat and reeds. Two Yellow-headed Blackbirds were a highlight along with terns, gulls, shorebird, ducks and some Horned Larks.

At this point, the trip was reduced to two birders. We headed to Metzger Marsh where we got a Least Bittern. Krause Road produced a northern Mockingbird. The “Boss Unit” of Ottawa NWR produced Red-tailed Hawk, Lesser Scaup and Bonaparte’s Gull.

A final stop back at the boardwalk gave us a Mourning Warbler to cap off the day. 112 species were seen for the day, reaching the annual goal for this trip. Thanks to all who participated. (The leader was there Friday through Sunday and totaled 120 species for the weekend, including a Whip-poor-will.) Hope to see you next year. The list of species seen is included below.

Canada Goose
Trumpeter Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Ruddy Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk

Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Black-necked Stilt
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Dunlin
Short-billed Dowitcher
American Woodcock
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Forster's Tern
Black Tern
Mourning Dove
Black-billed Cuckoo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Eastern Screech-owl
Great Horned Owl
Common Nighthawk
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Kingbird
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Veery
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Tennessee Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Palm Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Prothonotary warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Red-winged Blackbird
Yellow-headed Blackbird

Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow