

August 11, 2018 – Point Mouillee SGA

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Twenty two OAS Members were guided across the dikes by Jim Fowler on a beautiful August morning, looking for birds that one cannot expect to see in many other spots in Michigan. Point Mouillee often delivers species that would prompt one to remark, “What is that bird doing here? Isn’t that a Gulf of Mexico bird?” Of special interest today was the prospect of seeing a King Rail that had been regularly seen here this summer.

The contingent was treated to a tasty menu of birds, but really nothing extra-ordinary that morning – totaling 67 species in all. Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Great Egrets, Great Blue Herons, and Caspian Terns dominated the scene this day. Just when the group had resigned itself into having missed out on the King Rail, the bird decided to emerge from the high grasses and traipse across the path in front of our lead vehicle on the way back to the car park. The pedestrian rail, then disappeared on the other side of the dike, to have been seen by only a handful of our members – but having been seen, just the same!

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Blue-Winged Teal
Gadwall
Mallard
Green-Winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Lesser Scaup
Ruddy Duck
Pied-Billed Grebe
Mourning Dove
Common Nighthawk
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird
King Rail
Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Short-Billed Dowitcher
Short-Billed Dowitcher/Long-Billed Dowitcher
Wilson’s Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Greater Yellowlegs
Ring-Billed Gull
Herring Gull

Caspian Tern
Double-Crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Great Egret
Black-Crowned Night Heron
Osprey
Northern Harrier
Cooper's Hawk
Bald Eagle
Red-Tailed Hawk
Downey Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's Flycatcher)
Eastern Kingbird
Warbling Vireo
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Bank Swallow
Marsh Wren
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
American Goldfinch
Song Sparrow
Bobolink
Red-Winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
House Sparrow