November 26 2017 – Lake Erie Metropark Leader – Dave Frye

A crisp, but brilliantly clear and calm morning greeted eight participants and made for perfect birding conditions at Lake Erie Metropark. The group birded both the trail system around the Museum / Nature Center and the Boat Launch shoreline stretch to the south. 44 species were observed in total with the highlights being a Common Loon, seven species of raptors (including Northern Harrier and both Bald and Golden Eagles), Carolina and Marsh Wrens, and Northern Flickers. Species listed below.

Canada Goose

Mute Swan

Swan sp.

Hooded Merganser

Mallard

Wood Duck

Ruddy Duck

Common Loon

Great Blue Heron

Northern Harrier

Sharp-Shinned Hawk

Coopers Hawk

Red-Tailed Hawk

Rough-Legged Hawk

Bald Eagle

Golden Eagle

Red-Shouldered Hawk

American Coot

Bonaparte's Gull

Ring-Billed Gull

Herring Gull

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher

Red-Bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

American Crow

Blue Jay

Black-Capped Chickadee

White-Breasted Nuthatch

Tufted Titmouse

Brown Creeper

European Starling

Marsh Wren
Carolina Wren
Golden-Crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-Throated Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-Winged Blackbird
American Goldfinch