April 24, 2019 – Robert Long Park and Heritage Park

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13 birders came out on a cool and sunny morning to check on the progress of migration. At Robert Long, we were rewarded with many Yellow-rumped Warblers and a couple of Yellow and a Palm Warbler. Three species of swallows were around and the ducks were few and far between. Lots of geese and swans were around and a few Spotted Sandpipers.

We then went to Heritage Park where we added a few more passerines and raptors to the list, including Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Red-tailed and Cooper's Hawks. We also had a couple of White-throated Sparrows. As usual, when we were at this park, it was later in the morning and things had quieted down a bit.

The total species count was 52, not bad for an early spring day. And spring is upon us and should bloom fully in the next few weeks. The list of species is included below.

Canada Goose

Mute Swan

Wood Duck

Blue-winged Teal

Mallard

Ring-necked Duck

Lesser Scaup

Bufflehead

Red-breasted Merganser

Pied-billed Grebe

Mourning Dove

Chimney Swift

Sandhill Crane

Killdeer

Spotted Sandpiper

Ring-billed Gull

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Osprey

Cooper's Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Blue Jay

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Tree Swallow

Barn Swallow

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

White-breasted Nuthatch

Carolina Wren

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

American Robin

European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

American Goldfinch

Chipping Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Red-winged Blackbird

Brown-headed Cowbird

Common Grackle

Yellow Warbler

Palm Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Northern Cardinal

House Sparrow