

April 28, 2018 – Drayton Plains Nature Center

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On the last Saturday in April, our group of 16 experienced weather that one would expect from late winter “perfect birding conditions”! Those being: cold, drizzle, and winds. Sometimes, however, the worst weather days can be good birding days and this was one of those! We were fortunate to follow along with Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Board Member, Terri Chapdelaine, as she guided us into areas of the property that our group had not explored on previous visits.

We gathered 36 species that morning, with the highlights being Great Horned Owl nestlings, Hermit Thrush, American Tree Sparrow (still winter?), and an Osprey.

Observed that morning:

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Osprey
Coopers Hawk
Ring-Billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Red-Bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Blue Jay
American Crow
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow
Tree Swallow
Black-Capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-Breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
European Starling
Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Northern Cardinal
Red-Winged Blackbird
Brown-Headed Cowbird

Common Grackle
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow