

April 10, 2019 – Kensington Metropark

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This was another Wednesday morning field trip. 13 hearty birders came out to brave cool temperatures and a slight breeze under cloudy skies. We birded several parts of the park: The boardwalk at Wildwing Lake along the road, the trails behind the nature center, portions of Island Road, from the parking lot at the Rental station and the trails behind the farm unit at the north end of the park. Plenty of ducks and woodland birds were seen. A Northern Harrier flying over the woods on the trails was one highlight. Horned grebes in breeding plumage at the rental site was another. We also had a very cooperative male Eastern Towhee presenting himself for photos. The other highlight of the day was Tom Koontz's pied-piper imitation as he had three male Turkeys following him after he took some pictures. (They must have wanted the negatives!!) It was a good day with 52 species seen at the various locations. The entire list of species is provided below.



Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard

Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Bufflehead
Ruddy Duck
Horned Grebe
American Coot
Wild Turkey
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
Mourning Dove
Sandhill Crane
Great Blue Heron
Killdeer
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Osprey
Northern Harrier
Red-tailed Hawk
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
American Crow
Tree Swallow
Tufted Titmouse
Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
European Starling
House Finch
Dark-eyed Junco
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Eastern Towhee

Red-winged Blackbird

Brown-headed Cowbird

Common Grackle

Northern Cardinal

House Sparrow