

June 8, 2019 - Lapeer State Game Area

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One of Spring's sweetest mornings greeted thirteen attendees at the Lapeer State Game Area. It was truly a pleasure to be out on the trails on such a morning (where else would you have rather been?) Once again, the group had the good fortune to be joined by birder and local historian, Lee Western, who added so much to the trip and served as our "local guide". The group visited four different locales within the eastern units of the SGA and the compilation of the four checklists is attached below, 57 species in all.

The highlight of the trip was an abundance of Cerulean Warblers singing. These elusive birds normally perch at the very tops of tall trees and are happy to stay where they are and not bounce around much--hence they are difficult to find. The group did manage to latch onto one who afforded us prolonged views of its tummy and vent. Other notables were Blue-winged Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Acadian Flycatcher, Pileated Woodpecker, Scarlet Tanager, and Hooded Warbler and Yellow-billed Cuckoo (both of whom were heard singing).

Canada Goose
Mallard
Hooded Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Sandhill Crane
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Great Blue Heron
Killdeer
Turkey Vulture
Red-shouldered Hawk
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Kingbird
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Tree Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch

House Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Veery
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Cedar Waxwing
American Goldfinch
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Baltimore Oriole
Eastern Towhee
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Blue-winged Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Cerulean Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting