

## **April 25, 2018 – Kensington Metropark**

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Thirteen lucky birders got dry, cool weather and lots of great birds -- on the April 25 trip to Kensington Metropark. We were greeted by the usual Sandhill Cranes in the parking lot. Further along the trail, tom turkeys serenaded us while walking up to our feet, displays their breeding feathers. They put on quite a show. An early Green Heron surprised and delighted us as well. The waterfowl had mostly cleared out, but the Ruddy Ducks, loons and Horned Grebes were still present. Strangely, a Savannah Sparrow was on the beach, bathing in the water. Brown Thrashers, Bald Eagles, Osprey and a Broad-winged Hawk rounded out our prize sightings for the morning. We had 58 species in all.

Canada Goose  
Mute Swan  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Canvasback  
Bufflehead  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Ruddy Duck  
Wild Turkey  
Common Loon  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Horned Grebe  
Double-crested  
Cormorant  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Green Heron  
Turkey Vulture  
Osprey  
Cooper's Hawk  
Bald Eagle  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
American Coot  
Sandhill Crane  
Killdeer  
Ring-billed Gull  
Mourning Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Tree Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
(Myrtle)  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
Eastern Towhee  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Common Grackle  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow