

March 3, 2018 - Lake St. Clair Metropark/Harley Ensign Boat Launch

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Twenty birders migrated to Lake St. Clair Metropark on March 3 to see a fine mix of late-winter and early-spring birds. The sun against the blue sky offered excellent looks at blackbirds, waterfowl, gulls, and, of course, nesting Great Horned Owls. However, the real prizes were a flyover Snow Bunting and a Snowy Owl that was sitting at a picnic table, nonplussed as a 5K running race took place not far from it! We were able to pick out Wigeon, Gadwall, Black Duck, and Coot among the common regulars. A line of Canvasbacks stretched quite a distance in the open water. In all, we tallied 45 species, and some birders notched Life Birds.

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
American Black Duck
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Bald Eagle
American Coot
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren

Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
European Starling
Snow Bunting
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Grackle
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow