

Oak Openings (Toledo, Ohio) Field Trip – May 13, 2017

Leader – Don Burlett

A group of 13 birders headed south to visit this popular location in search of several key species. We were rewarded by great looks at lark sparrow and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Unexpectedly, we also reaped a group of Henslow's Sparrows and Summer tanagers. We birded the Girdham Road area first and then headed back to the nature center and walked a trail in the woods. We then traveled north to Sager Road looking for open grass species. We then went back to the lodge area and birded Tornado Alley. From there we drove north to Irwin Prairie where the water level forced closure of some of the boardwalk. We marched on (some with shoes off, other getting wet, only Jeff wearing rubber boots) and were rewarded with a surprise Common Nighthawk.

All-in-all, it was a good day with 73 species. The species listed below were seen by the leader and some members of the group. (listed below)

Canada Goose
Trumpeter Swan
Wood Duck
Mallard
Wild Turkey
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Sora
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Least Sandpiper
Mourning Dove
Barred Owl
Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Yellow-throated Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Blue-winged Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Yellow Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting

Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

Orchard Oriole

Baltimore Oriole

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow