

**Field Trip Report: Pointe Mouillee SGA, Monroe County, MI**  
**May 5, 2024**

**Leader: Jim Fowler**

**OBA Coordinator: Kayla Niner**

The forecast called for rain, but sunny skies greeted the 16 birders that gathered at Pointe Mouillee SGA. The number worked out well and four people piled into each car and we began our trip along the dikes. At our first stop the shorebirds were already plentiful with some Yellowlegs, a pectoral sandpiper, and Killdeer. Also present were Caspian Terns.



Caspian Tern - Kayla Niner

Group photo – Andrea Niner

Along the way to the second stop, the last car had a bird fly over and stopped to check it out. It was a plover, so they contacted the rest of the group and everyone came back to see the Black-bellied Plover. Across the way, another birder spotted a Wilson's Snipe. There were three in all poking through the mudflats.



Black-bellied Plover - Kayla Niner

Wilson's Snipe - Kayla Niner

We then drove along to a spot where the Great Egrets were roosting. There were well over 100 Great Egrets and a few Great Blue Herons, but no one was able to find any rare herons or egrets in the group. In the back, there was a flock of Caspian Terns. There weren't many shorebirds in that side of the area, so we drove around to the other side. By then, it was cloudy and was threatening to rain, but that was the most productive part of the trip. We had Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, White-rumped Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpipers, Least Sandpipers, and Short-billed Dowitchers.



Greater Yellowlegs - Kayla Niner



Lesser Yellowlegs - Kayla Niner



Short-billed Dowitcher - Kayla Niner



Semipalmated Sandpipers & White-rumped Sandpiper - Kayla Niner



Least Sandpiper - Kayla Niner



Semipalmated Sandpiper - Kayla Niner

We checked one more spot before calling it quits and added Baird's Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, and Semipalmated Plovers to our list. All in all it was a great day with a total of 14 shorebird species and many of us left with Lifers and Year Birds on our lists.



Semipalmated Plovers - Kayla Niner



Baird's Sandpiper - Kayla Niner



Stilt Sandpipers - Kayla Niner

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To meet eBird protocol for mileage, the trip coordinator split the list into three separate lists.

**Pte. Mouillee SGA (permit required Sep 1-Dec 15), Monroe, Michigan, US**

Aug 17, 2024 8:08 AM - 8:55 AM

Protocol: Traveling 1.33 mile(s) 23 species (+2 other taxa)

Canada Goose 3  
Mute Swan 1  
Wood Duck 1  
Blue-winged Teal 3  
Mallard 3  
Green-winged Teal 2  
Mourning Dove 6  
Killdeer 5  
Spotted Sandpiper 1  
Lesser/Greater Yellowlegs 5  
Pectoral Sandpiper 2  
Caspian Tern 2  
Forster's Tern 2  
Black-crowned Night Heron 2  
Green Heron 2  
Great Egret 2  
Great Blue Heron 2  
Osprey 2  
American Kestrel 1  
Eastern Kingbird 1  
Purple Martin 4  
Barn Swallow 5  
Cedar Waxwing 2  
Red-winged Blackbird 1  
blackbird sp. 48

**Pte. Mouillee SGA (permit required Sep 1-Dec 15), Monroe, Michigan, US**

Aug 17, 2024 9:01 AM - 12:29 PM

Protocol: Traveling 2.88 mile(s)

31 species

Canada Goose 6

Mute Swan 1

Mallard 4

Pied-billed Grebe 3

Mourning Dove 1

Common Gallinule 12

American Coot 1

Black-bellied Plover 1

Killdeer 6

Semipalmated Plover 3

Short-billed Dowitcher 2

Wilson's Snipe 3

Solitary Sandpiper 3

Lesser Yellowlegs 3

Greater Yellowlegs 4

Stilt Sandpiper 7

Baird's Sandpiper 1

White-rumped Sandpiper 2

Least Sandpiper 12

Pectoral Sandpiper 1

Semipalmated Sandpiper 12

Ring-billed Gull 1

Herring Gull 1

Caspian Tern 48

Double-crested Cormorant 36

Great Egret 120

Great Blue Heron 24

Osprey 3Northern Harrier 1

Bald Eagle 2

Tree Swallow 2European Starling 2

**Pte. Mouillee SGA (permit required Sep 1-Dec 15), Monroe, Michigan, US**

Aug 17, 2024 12:31 PM - 12:52 PM

Protocol: Traveling 2.93 mile(s)

9 species (+1 other taxa)

Mallard 12

Lesser Scaup 1

Greater/Lesser Scaup 1

Common Merganser 1

Ring-billed Gull 1

Caspian Tern 1  
Double-crested Cormorant 28  
Great Egret 2  
Great Blue Heron 1  
Cooper's Hawk 1