

April 28, 2021 – Robert Long Park – Walled Lake

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A group of seven birders enjoyed a warm April day for birding at the park. We did get some rain later in the morning, but it was pleasant otherwise. We birded all the trail areas and found a handful of shorebirds at the muddy pond on the east side of the park. Ducks were scarce as we only had Mallard at Robert Long. We did find some warblers in the northwestern section of the park including Palm, Yellow and Yellow-rumped. We also had two flycatchers – Eastern Phoebe and Eastern Kingbird. So, it appeared that spring was going to happen with a bird migration.



We subsequently headed to Walled Lake, fully expecting to see an empty lake and were quite surprised by our first sighting – 6 American White Pelicans. We noted some water birds at the far west end of the lake and investigation proved correct with rafts of Ruddy Ducks, Bufflehead, Lesser Scaup and one female Red-breasted Merganser. All totaled, we had 44 species on this warm morning.

List of species seen:

Mute Swan

Mallard

Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
Mourning Dove
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Ring-billed Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Common Loon
American White Pelican
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
Blue Jay
American Crow
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
White-breasted Nuthatch
European Starling
Gray Catbird
American Robin
House Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Yellow Warbler
Palm Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler

Northern Cardinal