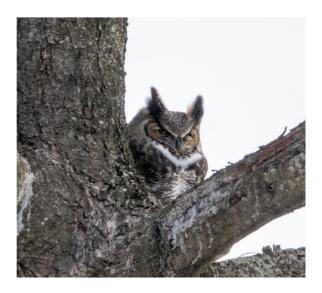
## <u>Field Trip Report – Beaudette Park, E L Johnson Nature Center – February 13, 2022</u>

**Leader: Don Burlett** 

The trip began with 12 hearty souls braving cold winter conditions – temperature about 13°F and mostly cloudy skies. We began by checking out the open water of Beaudette Park where a number of waterfowl would be found. Species of note included several Canvasback, Hooded Mergansers, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Ducks and Trumpeter Swans. There were surprisingly low numbers of Canada Geese and no Wood Duck. A Belted Kingfisher and several other species were also found in the area. All totaled, we saw 23 species of birds in the park.

We then headed to E L Johnson Nature Center to see what else we could find. We started a small hike and almost immediately found a Great Horned Owl perched in a pine tree. It was perched there within yards of the penned Great Horned Owl on the grounds. We continued our hike and later







found some Wild Turkeys enjoying a view of the grounds. And we got to watch them fly quite nimbly from their roost to another part of the park, dispelling the idea that they don't fly well. Finally, as we arrived back at the nature center, we were able to find a Fox Sparrow hiding in the bushes near the feeders, along with several White-throated Sparrows.



We ended the day having seen 30 species of birds and enjoyed a good time birding together. Hope to see you next time we visit these locations. The list of species seen is provided below.

## **List of Species**

Canada Goose Mute Swan Trumpeter Swan American Black Duck Mallard

Canvasback

Ring-necked Duck

Bufflehead

**Hooded Merganser** 

Wild Turkey

Mourning Dove

**Great Horned Owl** 

**Belted Kingfisher** 

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Blue Jay

**American Crow** 

Black-capped Chickadee

**Tufted Titmouse** 

White-breasted Nuthatch

**Brown Creeper** 

American Robin

**European Starling** 

**House Sparrow** 

Fox Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

White-throated Sparrow

**Northern Cardinal** 

American Goldfinch

**House Sparrow**