

March 14, 2018 – Robert Long, Walled Lake and Heritage Park

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The Wednesday field trip series picked up again in 2018 with a trip to Robert Long, Walled Lake and Heritage Park. Although the north winds were blowing, the seven participants were greeted at Robert Long by Sandhill Cranes, Pied-billed Grebes and assorted waterfowl. The lighting conditions were ideal. Walled Lake was ice-free, but the winds sent the waves whipping, making us play hide-and-seek with the waterfowl. We were able to pick out Red-breasted Merganser, Goldeneye and Ring-necked Ducks. In the shelter of Heritage Park, we had smattering of passerines that left us with the promise of warmer weather and more migrants. We tallied 32 species that morning.

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Gadwall
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Mourning Dove
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
American Robin
European Starling
Dark-eyed Junco
Song Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow