

October 24, 2018 – Kensington

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The 17 participants trekked to Kensington Metropark on Oct. 24, and were treated to beautiful sunshine (at times) and excellent birds. The trip showed how fall migration is winding down for passerines. The Wednesday workshop group was scoping out some of the first migrant waterfowl of the season on Wildwing Lake, as two Pileated Woodpeckers made an appearance in the trees not far from the hundreds of Rick-necked and Wood ducks, Gadwall, and assorted divers and puddle ducks and geese. Interestingly, the sparrows seems AWOL, but the usual gang of begging passerines ate out of our hands along the trails, delighting the group. Later, we enjoyed a couple of Bald Eagles at Kent Lake. A total of 48 species were seen. The list:

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Ruddy Duck
Wild Turkey
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Mourning Dove
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Double-crested Cormorant
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
European Starling
American Goldfinch
Purple Finch
Dark-eyed Junco
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Northern Cardinal