

WRA Birdathoners find 159 species

Birders who participated in the 21st annual Macomb Audubon Birdathon cast a wide net and turned up 159 species. Fifteen birders combed Pt. Pelee, Lake St. Clair and Stony Creek Metroparks and other Macomb County birding spots, Alcona, Oakland, Shiawassee and Oakland counties. It was a blast to participate, despite the rain.. The highlight species had to be Snowy Owl, Ross's Goose, White-eyed Vireo, Henslow's and Lark sparrows, both bitterns, and 26 species of warblers. The count took place on May 11-13.

Our hats are tipped to our participants: Barb Baldinger, Ruth Glass, Mike Goethe, Tom Heatley, Cliff Jones, Vicki Jones, Dave Lancaster, Mike Mencotti, John Porath, Carole Rolph, Andrea Rose, Andrew Simon, Heather Slayton, Ken Slayton, and Jeff Stacey. A shout-out, too, to all who attended the Stony Creek walk, led by Ruth. A special thanks goes out to Barb Baldinger, who once again coordinated the sign-up sheet and follow-through at the Macomb meeting. Andrea Rose gave invaluable suggestions for the web page story as well as putting together a kick-butt team in the field.

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The species list:

Ross's Goose

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Lesser Scaup
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Ring-necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer
Dunlin
Least Sandpiper

Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Wilson's Snipe
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Eastern Screech-Owl
Snowy Owl
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Peregrine Falcon
American Kestrel
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark

Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Marsh Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Grasshopper Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow