



CANADA – POINT PELEE TOUR REPORT

6th May to 16th May
2013

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Pacific Diver
- American Bittern
- Wood Duck
- Bald Eagle
- Sandhill Crane
- American Woodcock
- Piping Plover
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Whip-Poor-Will
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Grey Catbird
- Wood Thrush
- Carolina Chickadee
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Kirtland's Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler
- Mourning Warbler
- Hooded Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Harris's Sparrow
- Blue Grosbeak
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Rusty Blackbird
- Eastern Towhee

SUMMARY:

There's nothing more exciting than witnessing the miracle of migration and where better to experience it than at the watch-points along the northern shore of Lake Erie in Canada. We spent most of our time at the world famous Point Pelee, but also visited Long Point and Rondeau Provincial Park as well in our quest for migrants. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all, as we notched up a number of scarce birds amongst the multitudes of brightly coloured warblers arriving here on a daily basis. Every day had a different species composition and you never knew what to expect, with waves of warblers, thrushes and sparrows taking it in turns to vie for our attention. Watching the amazing reverse migration spectacle from the far southern tip of Canada on a couple of mornings, with thousands of birds flying the 'wrong' way was special. We also had 'in your face' views of numerous newly arrived, brightly-coloured warblers that were just so exhausted from their crossing to bother about us. And the flocks of shorebirds that graced Hillman Marsh, with 100's of dowitchers avidly feeding in the late evening sunshine right in front of us was also pretty cool! In all we did very well with 29 species of warbler, including the rare Kirtland's, that was most people's bird of the trip. We can't wait to return!

Days 1 - 2 6th – 7th May

Flew on a seven and a half hour Air Canada flight from London to Toronto, picked up a beast of a SUV and drove 130kms to Niagara. Was good to check out the falls in the early evening sunshine, which were rather spectacular and we also saw a few commoner birds such as **Ring-billed Gull**, **Common Loon**, **Red-breasted Merganser** and **Red-winged Blackbird**. Dinner at Denny's next to our motel proved to be the first of many huge meals during this trip and I think we were all rather tired after the journey here so were safely tucked up in bed quite early but nevertheless excited as to what the next few days would bring.

Day 3 Wednesday 8th May



Our first Eastern Towhee at Long Point Bird Observatory

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So we scoffed some lunch we had purchased at the wonderful Tim Horton's in Simcoe earlier (and had **Chimney Swifts** flying over) and then twitched the reported **Harris's Sparrow** down at the nearby park. I

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Harris's Sparrow at Long Point

don't really like chasing other people's birds but this sounded a good bet. Sure enough we nailed the sucker in double-quick time as it fed with some **White-crowned Sparrows** along the road – and we also got a **Field Sparrow** into the bargain as well. So with that done we drove back to the Obs, where a **Song Sparrow** was coming into the feeders and then drove off. Our last birding stop of the day was at a watchtower overlooking a marsh where we had 3 **Sandhill Cranes**, **American Bittern**, 2 **Lesser Scaup**, **Canada Goose**, **Mute Swan** and a **Swamp Sparrow**. Finishing the day with a very well marked **Yellow-rumped Warbler** in the trees opposite the car park was almost bettered by hearing **American Woodcocks** roding behind the Pelee Days Inn as we finally crashed out after a long and tiring day.

Day 4 Thursday 9th May

Not a good day for photos today but it's quite interesting that we turned a slow start where few migrants seemed to have arrived into a pretty decent day where we dragged our warbler total up to a humble 13 species by close of play. It was manic at the Visitor Centre Car Park at Point Pelee by 6.30am with crowds of people heading for the electric bus to take them down to the point. Anyway, bird-wise it was quiet down at the southernmost tip of Point Pelee but we enjoyed both **Red-bellied** and **Red-headed Woodpeckers** perched up in a bare tree, with a beautiful blue sky behind them. So much for overnight rain. As an aside, Rondeau Provincial park, another headland about an hour or so drive away had a major fall today, which made the early morning pain so much more severe. And apart from finding a **Chestnut-sided Warbler** down here we managed to do very well in avoiding all the other goodies reported this morning...! Oh we also had a fast moving **Palm Warbler** that shot inland the minute we put our bins on it. So we scoped the **Greater Scaups** and **Red-breasted Mergansers** out on the glassy-calm Lake Erie, took a while to watch fantastic drake **Surf Scoters**, and admired flocks of **Bonapartes Gulls** flying by. Even a **Lesser Black-backed**



Red-headed Woodpecker



Scarlet Tanager

Gull (a rarity here) warranted a minute or two amongst the flock of **American Herring** and **Ring-billed Gulls**. So by 10am we had had enough and got the bus back up to the Visitor Centre and thoroughly enjoyed the coffee and cookies. Almost as much as the pair of **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** skulking in some low vegetation nearby!

So once fully refreshed we walked back down the road for a kilometre and found it slow going, apart from numerous **Yellow Warblers** – oh boy are they common here. But 2 male and a female **Scarlet Tanager** made it worthwhile, and lots of **Baltimore** and **Orchard Orioles** added further splashes of colour to the leafless trees. We sat on the benches, kicked our heels, took more **Yellow Warbler** pics and rested a while, toying with different plans but in the end decided to take a trail back up to the car that went through the woods. A great decision as it turned out, as we found a cracking male **Black-**

throated Blue Warbler, followed by a **Black-throated Green Warbler** and finally 3 **Blue-winged Warblers**. What a turnaround from earlier today. The hotdogs tasted all the better I can tell you!

We then drove north to the DeLaurier Trail and had our first **Eastern Kingbird** and a few more **Chipping Sparrows** in the mid-afternoon heat, before driving up to Sleepy Hollow. What a nice little spot this was and my theory that the reported **Cape May Warblers** were pushing north turned out to be true but they



Yellow Warbler is particularly common.

weren't here – my only possible warbler lifer still eludes me (and not counting Connecticut Warbler as that bird is just a myth). But we did have a **Raccoon**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, more grosbeaks, **Nashville Warbler** and a few other bits and pieces.

By now it was late afternoon and decided to go to Hillman Marsh but we took a meandering route around the fields which did turn up a breeding plumage **Spotted Sandpiper**, another brief **Palm Warbler**, **Savannah Sparrow**, **Horned Lark**, some more **Scarlet Tanagers**, **Warbling Vireo**, **Northern Harrier**, and others. Finally we got to the marsh and enjoyed a pleasant hour watching both **Greater** and **Lesser Yellowlegs**, **Semipalmated Sandpiper**, **Semipalmated Plover**, lots of very bright gingery and long-billed **Dunlins**, **Blue-winged Teal**, **Green-winged Teal**, a **Redhead**, and a **Red-eyed Vireo** as well.

So that was our day, the highs and lows. Everyone is saying tomorrow is going to be **THE** day. I'm just hoping for a Cape May – please.....

Day 5 Friday 10th May

Well today wasn't **THE** day but it was a good day. As soon as I had parked the car up at the Visitor Centre there was some movement at the edge of the wood that borders the parking lot and we had 2 **Swainson's Thrushes** and a 2 male **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**. Nice! Joining the crowds down at the tip proved to be totally worthwhile. What fascinated me was seeing high-flying warblers and flocks of jays and blackbirds all heading south back across the lake, when they should be pushing on north. I'd never experienced this reverse migration before. Anyway, there were lots of birds in the woodland down at the tip and we spent the morning sifting through all the goodies. My approach is always to take it slow and see what happens and this paid off as at one spot we had a **Common Yellowthroat**, **Yellow Warbler**, **Least Flycatcher**, **Blackburnian**, **Magnolia** and **Nashville**



A confiding Magnolia Warbler today.

Warblers and several **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**.

Wandering around the network of trails right down here at the bottom of Pelee Point then produced superb **Black-throated Green**, **Black-throated Blue**, **Chestnut-sided**, **Palm**, **Wilson's**, **Black-and-white** and eventually a **Cape May Warbler** – yahoo. Oh and also a wonderful male **American Redstart**. I also had a brief view of a **Mourning Warbler** and a few of us got onto a skulking **Veery** as well. Bright blue **Indigo Buntings** added yet more splashes of colour to proceedings as they headed south with flocks of **White-crowned** and **White-throated Sparrows**. Offshore we had drake **Greater** and **Lesser Scaups** side-by-side and all the usual gulls flying by. Keith & Margaret brought us back coffee and cookies for our mid-morning snack before we

carried on doing circuits of the trails, getting better and better views of everything. But a roosting **Whip-poor-will** was most excellent!



The rare Yellow-throated Warbler

After lunch up at the Visitor Centre and a quick look at a day roosting **Eastern Screech-owl**, we dived up to one of the parking areas in search of a reported **Hooded Warbler**, but to no avail. So got the tram back to the point where it was actually very quiet and picked up nothing new. From here we got our car and called into a few of the parking sites higher up the promontory and had enjoyable last couple of hours checking out some new scenery. An **Eastern Phoebe** was new, as was **American Black Tern** from the Marsh Boardwalk, but I also enjoyed cracking views of a male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** that came very close and a male **Scarlet Tanager**, and there had obviously been a fall of these birds today as they are everywhere. We also saw **American Goldfinch**, more **Warbling Vireos** than you could wave a stick at, a **Bald Eagle**, **Northern Harrier** and other bits 'n' pieces as Viv

would say.

Day 6 Saturday 11th May

My best day of the trip so far as we took the bold decision to visit Rondeau Provincial Park, about an hour's drive east from Point Pelee. At the entrance gate I had just paid the park fee when I noticed some movement across the road and managed to quickly get my bins on a male **Black-throated Blue Warbler** feeding in some bushes. A couple other birds were present so we hopped out of the car and had a nice little flock with **Yellow**, **Palm**, **Yellow-rumped** and **Nashville Warblers**. Looking around there were more warblers behind us and an awesome male **Cape May Warbler** was glowing in a fir tree with more of the same warblers nearby. A great way to start the day and I'd almost forgot to stop shivering as it was a rather cool 6 degrees centigrade here right now.

Our aim was to get the to Visitor Centre and stake out the feeders where a **Yellow-throated Warbler** had been present for some time but I couldn't drive past the Spice Bush Trail that has been so hot recently. A nice variety of birds were here including **Swainson's Thrush**, **Blackburnian**, **Black-throated Green**, **Black-and-white**, etc. But I was itching to move on and we hadn't been at the Visitor Centre for very long when the stunning **Yellow-throated Warbler** appeared on top of the suet feeder (yeah right!) and shot off. It came back a short while later to feed before it flew up into the guttering and crept around there for a while! The feeders were very busy with sparrows, **Blue Jays**, loads of **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**, **Downy Woodpecker**, **Baltimore Orioles**, **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**, **White-breasted Nuthatch** and **Tufted Titmouse**.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak (male).

We then went down to the South Point Trail, stopping to take in a pair of **Eastern Bluebirds** along the way. It was a little quiet down here although a **Least Flycatcher** was nice. So we went back to the Visitor Centre for some hot soup and coffee and to warm up a bit and as we 'chilled' out (see what I did there?) Viv wandered outside and had some **Cedar Waxwings**. Then, as we were leaving we got



Swainson's Thrush showed well today.

wind of a **Golden-winged Warbler** seen along Tulip Tree Trail, so in we went as its right next door and had great views of the baby, along with an **Ovenbird**, several **Veery's** and a bunch of other warblers. Then it was up to Spice Bush Trail as the **Worm-eating Warbler** was showing, but not when we arrived. But we only had to wait 20 minutes or so and there it was - nice. We were also entertained by some more close warblers and especially a very confiding **Ovenbird**.

A short drive then took us over to the Horse Paddock or something like that where we couldn't locate a reported **Hooded Warbler**, but did get me a lifer in the shape of a **Rusty Blackbird** – not too stunning but a bird I'd often wondered if I would ever see. A **Wood Thrush** was also nice here.

Back down at Spice Bush Trail we stopped to see if anything was occurring and jammed into a mega fall of **Yellow-rumped**, **Blackburnian** and some **Black-throated Blue Warblers**. They were passing through in waves and appeared so tired as they fed close to the ground. Our first **Parula Warbler** was here as well, and another **Palm Warbler** was cool. We ended the day back down at South Point Trail where a pair of **Brown Thrashers**, **Field Sparrow**, **Northern Flicker**, **Veery** and **Swainson's Thrushes**, **Willow Flycatcher** and a **Common Yellowthroat** brought a conclusion to a great day.



A confiding Veery.

Day 7 Sunday 12th May

This was a day that brought us 17 species of warbler and was, in fact, very slow going all round until the final early evening session at Blue Heron Trail. We began the day with a **Bald Eagle** flying over the car park before getting the tram down to the tip in a howling gale. The high winds, coupled with freezing cold conditions meant all the birds were on the sheltered eastern side of the tip. There was nothing new to report but it was amazing to see all of the hirundines sheltering on the beach. So we walked all the way back up to the Visitor Centre but didn't get anything new, apart from some really close views of migrants. But in the afternoon Viv, Keith & Margaret twitched a **Piping Plover** back at the tip and also got a **Philadelphia Vireo**, whilst Gladys and I walked the Tilden Trail and had **Swainson's**, **Veery** and our first **Hermit Thrush** feeding in the leaf litter.

Another visit to the tip resulted in more close views of **Blackburnian**, **Black-throated Green**, **Magnolia** and **Nashville Warblers** but there was no afternoon fall. So a great move then to go to Blue Heron where it was jumping. Our first **Bay-breasted Warbler** and **Northern Waterthrush** were here, and we also had **Wilson's** and **Parula Warblers** and many **Common Yellowthroats**, plus all the usual more common warblers.

Day 8 Monday 13th May

Another freezing cold day but only a light breeze rather than a howling gale but this meant that after a clear night a lot of birds seemed to have departed. The Blue Heron area was quieter than yesterday



Blackburnian Warbler

evening but we still had lots of **Common Yellowthroats**, **Northern Waterthrush**, **American Redstart**, **Black-and-white** and **Magnolia Warblers**. Also called into Sleepy Hollow on the way down and this was quite birdy but I would have liked to see the calling **Pileated Woodpecker**. So, once down at the Visitor Centre it was apparent that there wasn't a huge amount of new birds around so I made the decision to drive over to Rondeau and twitch a couple of reported goodies. As I drove there I did wonder what the heck I was doing! But things went fairly according to plan as we eventually nailed the **Hooded Warbler** after a short search – result!

We then spent some time at the feeders, drinking coffee and relaxing before walking the Tulip Tree Trail.

We all commented on the fact it was more like a dry winter's day than Spring. But with nothing doing we drove back up to Spice Bush Trail, stopping to look at a pair of **Wood Ducks** swimming at the back of a slough. The trail was quiet although along the road we had a fine **Parula Warbler**, **Black-throated Green Warbler** and a few other things. But with time passing all too quickly, I wanted to have another crack at the Maintenance Loop Trail where most of the good birds had been seen recently. Sure enough we managed to find the male **Cerulean Warbler**, which was actually skulking on the forest floor under the short grass and weeds on a bank beside the path. It was incredible to be able to look down on this chap who is normally found high up in the canopy. There was also **Cooper's Hawk**, **Broad-winged Hawk** and **Red-tailed Hawk** flying over the wood, **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Grey Catbird**, plus a **Brewster's Warbler** to finish the day off in style.



A stunning male Cerulean Warbler

Day 9 Tuesday 14th May

Got down to the tip and was full of optimism as the temperature had risen to a mighty nine degrees Celsius and was due to rise to fourteen today – and we had a moderate southerly wind with an

overcast sky. However, there was nothing doing until several **Blackburnian Warblers** suddenly appeared, then a **Nashville**, a couple of **Parulas**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, and best of all a stonking male **Cape May Warbler** dropped out of the sky. It was buzzing for a little while, as **Warbling Vireos** appeared along with plenty of other commoner migrants and I really thought we were going to experience a big



Cape May Warbler - at last!

fall. But that was it and everything petered out. So we went up to the Visitor Centre and had some soup before driving up to Hillman Marsh – seeing **Song Sparrow** and more **Wood Ducks** en-route. But the marsh was pretty quiet and things were brought to an abrupt end shortly after our arrival by a **Peregrine** dive-bombing the waders.

Back at Pelee we got the reported **Northern Mockingbird** at one of the car parks and a **Clay-coloured Sparrow** at another. We also checked out our favourite spot at the Blue Heron Trail, where **Magnolia Warbler** and an **American Redstart** were the highlights. So then it was once again on the

tram down to the tip and we had more of the same warblers as earlier with at least 3 **Parula Warblers**,

Black-throated Green Warblers and others. An unsuccessful search for the reported **Nelson's Sparrow** along West Beach ended our day and another great meal at Ray's Ribhouse was the icing on the cake.

Day 10 Wednesday 15th May

This morning we found ourselves stood on the tip of Pelee Point (the southernmost point of Canada) witness to an amazing reverse migration. Literally thousands of birds were heading south across Lake Erie this morning in a mind-boggling display of mass movement that, I must admit, I find hard to comprehend. The bulk of the species were **Baltimore Orioles**, **Red-winged Blackbirds**, **Common Grackles**, and **Brown-headed Cowbirds**. There were smaller numbers of many passerines including **Bay-breasted**, **Blackpoll**, **Yellow** and **Black-throated Blue Warblers**. Many **Indigo Buntings** were also caught up in the frenzy, along with 200+ **Cedar Waxwings**, flocks of **House Finches**, one or two **Bobolinks** and **Eastern Meadowlark**. It truly was a sight to behold and the passage took maybe two hours to run its course. So coupled with that was a huge arrival of regular spring migrants all across the peninsula, no doubt due to the warm weather and south-westerly wind.



A singing Canada Warbler.

Walking around the point itself produced a confiding **Canada Warbler**, which gave point-blank views, along with **Blackburnian**, **Parula**, the first **Scarlet Tanagers** for days, **Clay-coloured Sparrow**, and others. The rarest bird here this morning was undoubtedly the **Carolina Chickadee** found by a local birder amongst a fall of **Black-capped**

Chickadees – a very impressive find as it is not only hard to identify but very rare here. It was late morning by now so we caught the tram back to the Visitors Centre for an early lunch, and boy was it hot right now!



The very rare Kirtland's Warbler.

We began the afternoon walking along the Woodland Trail when it became apparent to us that there were far more birds around than we'd experienced here so far. Immediately we had another **Bay-breasted Warbler**, followed by a **Blackpoll Warbler** and even a **Worm-eating Warbler**. Just then a bunch of guys began running along the path to the car park – a **Kirtland's Warbler** had been sighted further up the peninsula. So we joined in and drove up to the northwest beach car park where a big crowd of birders were gathered, and sure enough there it was. An awesome **Kirtland's Warbler** feeding along the main park road and we had great views as it fed reasonably high up in the trees bordering the marsh.

A fine male **Cape May Warbler** also appeared whilst we were here.

So it was all downhill from now and on returning to the Woodland Trail, the **Worm-eating Warbler** showed even better, but I couldn't help thinking we should be elsewhere. When news came in of a **Prothonotary Warbler** back where we'd just been it was decision made and we drove back up the road and called into the Sleepy Hollow and then Blue Heron Trail. Quite a few warblers were around

and I particularly enjoyed a pair of **American Redstarts**. We walked up the road to see the **Kirtland's Warbler** again and got even better views than before – but no **Prothonotary**. Anyway, when we first arrived the **Kirtland's** was feeding low down because the few birders present were quiet, but as the crowd got bigger so did the corresponding noise level and the bird retreated to the high canopy once again. Not rocket science is it?



Worm-eating Warbler

Leaving here we had an early dinner before getting to Hillman's Marsh to view 700+ **Short-billed Dowitchers**, 2 **White-rumped Sandpipers**, **Semipalmated Sandpiper**, **Least Sandpiper**, **Semipalmated Plover** etc. A roding **American Woodcock** at dusk was a fine way to end a great day.

Day 11 Thursday 16th May

Our last day in Canada and with an evening flight we still had a few hours to get some goodies this morning. I was wondering how it would pan out to be honest, and we decided not to go to the tip as

the weather was hot and still and I thought some of the commoner breeding species we hadn't seen yet might just have arrived. So we kick-started things at the Marsh Boardwalk which was actually pretty dead apart from some **American Black Terns** flying over. But as we returned to the car park Keith saw some movement below the tower and it turned out to be a **Solitary Sandpiper** – nice! And how about this? Right in front of our car was an immature male **Blue Grosbeak** - a true rarity here and oh how good it felt to finally find something of note here!!!

So we went down to the Visitor Centre to relay our find and then walked along the Woodland Trail where **Eastern Wood Pewee** and **Great Crested Flycatcher** were new for our list, and we had a roosting **Eastern Screech-owl** and bucket-loads of warblers. With reports of a **Grey-cheeked Thrush** in Tilden Woods, just across the car park we decided on one final bash before leaving, but only found a **Wood Thrush**.

So with an hour to spare we drove up to Hillman Marsh and enjoyed a nice, easy session looking at the waders before it was time to head back to Toronto and our flight home. I must say we'd had a great time here in Canada and it really was great fun just to go out birding!

Nick Bray



Visits to nearby Hillman Marsh produced a variety of waders - here is a flock of Short-billed Dowitchers and Dunlins.



Warbling Vireo



Northern Parula



Brown Thrasher



Black-and-white Warbler



Field Sparrow



Red-breasted Nuthatch

SYSTEMATIC LIST: CANADA - POINT PELEE TOUR MAY 2013

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Canada Goose

Branta canadensis

Mute Swan

Cygnus olor

Wood Duck

Aix sponsa

Gadwall

Anas strepera

American Wigeon

Anas americana

Mallard

Anas platyrhynchos

Blue-winged Teal

Anas discors

Northern Shoveler

Anas clypeata

Green-winged Teal

Anas carolinensis

Redhead

Aythya americana

Greater Scaup

Aythya marila

Lesser Scaup

Aythya affinis

Surf Scoter

Melanitta perspicillata

Red-breasted Merganser

Mergus serrator

Ruddy Duck

Oxyura jamaicensis

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey

Meleagris gallopavo

Common Pheasant

Phasianus colchicus

GAVIIFORMES: Gaviidae

Pacific Loon

Gavia pacifica

Great Northern Loon

Gavia immer

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

American Bittern

Botaurus lentiginosus

Green Heron

Butorides virescens

Great Blue Heron

Ardea herodias

Great Egret

Ardea alba

SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Double-crested Cormorant

Phalacrocorax auritus

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

Cooper's Hawk

Accipiter cooperii

Northern Harrier

Circus hudsonius

Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Broad-winged Hawk

Buteo platypterus

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

American Coot

Fulica americana

GRUIFORMES: Gruidae

Sandhill Crane

Grus canadensis

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

American Golden Plover

Grey Plover

Semipalmated Plover

Killdeer

Piping Plover

Pluvialis dominica

Pluvialis squatarola

Charadrius semipalmatus

Charadrius vociferus

Charadrius melodus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

American Woodcock

Short-billed Dowitcher

Long-billed Dowitcher

Greater Yellowlegs

Lesser Yellowlegs

Solitary Sandpiper

Spotted Sandpiper

Sanderling

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Least Sandpiper

White-rumped Sandpiper

Pectoral Sandpiper

Dunlin

Wilson's Phalarope

Scolopax minor

Limnodromus griseus

Limnodromus scolopaceus

Tringa melanoleuca

Tringa flavipes

Tringa solitaria

Actitis macularius

Calidris alba

Calidris pusilla

Calidris minutilla

Calidris fuscicollis

Calidris melanotos

Calidris alpina

Phalaropus tricolor

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Bonaparte's Gull

Little Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Great Black-backed Gull

American Herring Gull

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Caspian Tern

Common Tern

Forster's Tern

Black Tern

Chroicocephalus philadelphia

Hydrocoloeus minutus

Larus delawarensis

Larus marinus

Larus smithsonianus

Larus fuscus

Hydroprogne caspia

Sterna hirundo

Sterna forsteri

Chlidonias niger

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Dove

Mourning Dove

Columba livia

Zenaida macroura

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Eastern Screech Owl

Megascops asio

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

Eastern Whip-poor-will

*Antrostomus vociferus***APODIFORMES: Apodidae**

Chimney Swift

*Chaetura pelagica***APODIFORMES: Trochilidae**

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

*Archilochus colubris***PICIFORMES: Picidae**

Red-headed Woodpecker

Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Melanerpes carolinus

Downy Woodpecker

Picoides pubescens

Hairy Woodpecker

Picoides villosus

Northern Flicker

Colaptes auratus

Pileated Woodpecker (H)

*Dryocopus pileatus***FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae**

American Kestrel

*Falco sparverius***PASSERIFORMES: Tyrannidae**

Eastern Phoebe

Sayornis phoebe

Eastern Wood Pewee

Contopus virens

Acadian Flycatcher

Empidonax virescens

Willow Flycatcher

Empidonax traillii

Alder Flycatcher

Empidonax alnorum

Least Flycatcher

Empidonax minimus

Eastern Kingbird

Tyrannus tyrannus

Great Crested Flycatcher

*Myiarchus crinitus***PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae**

Yellow-throated Vireo

Vireo flavifrons

Blue-headed Vireo

Vireo solitarius

Warbling Vireo

Vireo gilvus

Philadelphia Vireo

Vireo philadelphicus

Red-eyed Vireo

*Vireo olivaceus***PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Blue Jay

Cyanocitta cristata

American Crow

*Corvus brachyrhynchos***PASSERIFORMES: Bombycillidae**

Cedar Waxwing

*Bombycilla cedrorum***PASSERIFORMES: Paridae**

Tufted Titmouse

Baeolophus bicolor

Carolina Chickadee

Poecile carolinensis

Black-capped Chickadee

Poecile atricapillus

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

Horned Lark

*Eremophila alpestris***PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Sand Martin

Riparia riparia

Tree Swallow

Tachycineta bicolor

Purple Martin

Progne subis

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx serripennis

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

American Cliff Swallow

*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota***PASSERIFORMES: Regulidae**

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

*Regulus calendula***PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae**

Carolina Wren

Thryothorus ludovicianus

House Wren

*Troglodytes aedon***PASSERIFORMES: Polioptilidae**

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

*Polioptila caerulea***PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae**

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Sitta canadensis

White-breasted Nuthatch

*Sitta carolinensis***PASSERIFORMES: Mimidae**

Grey Catbird

Dumetella carolinensis

Northern Mockingbird

Mimus polyglottos

Brown Thrasher

*Toxostoma rufum***PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae**

Common Starling

*Sturnus vulgaris***PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae**

Eastern Bluebird

Sialia sialis

Veery

Catharus fuscescens

Swainson's Thrush

Catharus ustulatus

Hermit Thrush

Catharus guttatus

Wood Thrush

Hylocichla mustelina

American Robin

*Turdus migratorius***PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**

House Sparrow

*Passer domesticus***PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**

House Finch

Haemorhous mexicanus

American Goldfinch

Spinus tristis

Pine Siskin

Spinus pinus

PASSERIFORMES: Parulidae

Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Kirtland's Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
American Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Myrtle (Yellow-rumped) Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler

Seiurus aurocapilla
Helmitheros vermivorum
Parkesia noveboracensis
Vermivora chrysoptera
Vermivora cyanoptera
Mniotilta varia
Leiothlypis peregrina
Leiothlypis ruficapilla
Geothlypis philadelphia
Geothlypis trichas
Setophaga citrina
Setophaga ruticilla
Setophaga kirtlandii
Setophaga tigrina
Setophaga cerulea
Setophaga americana
Setophaga magnolia
Setophaga castanea
Setophaga fusca
Setophaga aestiva
Setophaga pennsylvanica
Setophaga striata
Setophaga caerulescens
Setophaga palmarum
Setophaga coronata
Setophaga dominica
Setophaga virens
Cardellina canadensis
Cardellina pusilla

PASSERIFORMES: Icteridae

Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Baltimore Oriole
Orchard Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle

Dolichonyx oryzivorus
Sturnella magna
Icterus galbula
Icterus spurius
Agelaius phoeniceus
Molothrus ater
Euphagus carolinus
Quiscalus quiscula

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow

Melospiza melodia
Melospiza lincolnii
Melospiza georgiana
Zonotrichia querula
Zonotrichia leucophrys
Zonotrichia albicollis

Savannah Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Eastern Towhee

Passerculus sandwichensis
Spizella passerina
Spizella pusilla
Spizella pallida
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

PASSERIFORMES: Cardinalidae

Scarlet Tanager
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting

Piranga olivacea
Pheucticus ludovicianus
Cardinalis cardinalis
Passerina caerulea
Passerina cyanea