

**A TRIP-REPORT FOR A BIRDING PHOTO-TRIP
TO THE GREATER CINCINNATI AREA AND
PORT CLINTON IN NORTHERN OHIO -THE
EARLY SPRING AND EASTERN WOOD
WARBLERS MIGRANTS**

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habitats and record its key species**



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BIRDING LOCALITIES AND GPS COORDINATES

Gilmore Ponds Preserve - 39° 21'21.5"N 84° 30'55.5"W

Shawnee Lookout Park - 39° 07'26.1"N 84° 48'01.5"W

Spring Valley Wildlife Area - 39° 33'56.3"N 84°

01'13.9"W Caesar Creek State Park - 39° 30'55.3"N 84°

01'05.0"W Sharon Woods Park - 39° 16'46.7"N 84°

23'39.5"W

Rick Lissi bird Sanctuary - 39° 17'38.7"N 84° 17'01.7"W

Voice of America Park - 39° 21'45.9"N 84° 20'59.3"W

Houston Woods State Park - 39° 34'07.6"N 84°

45'20.7"W East Harbor State Park - 41° 32'45.6"N 82°

47'50.8"W Magee Marsh Wildlife Area - 41° 37'40.9"N

83° 11'21.7"W Maumee Bay State Park - 41° 41'03.4"N

83°21'51.3"W

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge - 41° 36'40.0"N 83° 12'42.3"W

DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

May 3th.- Start at evening arrival in Cincinnati/Kentucky International Airport and then transfer to the Kirkwood Inn Hotel in Mason.

May 4th.- Early start to Gilmore Ponds Preserve for most common Warblers and great opportunities for White-breasted Nuthatch and Indigo Bunting. After we drove to Shawnee Lookout Park near Indiana and Kentucky states. Here, the hilly forest habitat offers best in opportunities to sight Song-birds and other migrants also good for resident species.



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May 5th.- Next early start to Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Wetland and Marshy-forest. Good opportunities for Prothonotary Warbler, Yellow Warbler and Red-headed Woodpecker. After our picnic meal lunch, we cover the beach area and surrounding of Caesar Creek State Park. Then we drove to Sharon Woods Park. George Trail has excellent sights for Louisiana Waterthrush, Black-and-white Warbler and the Eastern Phoebe.

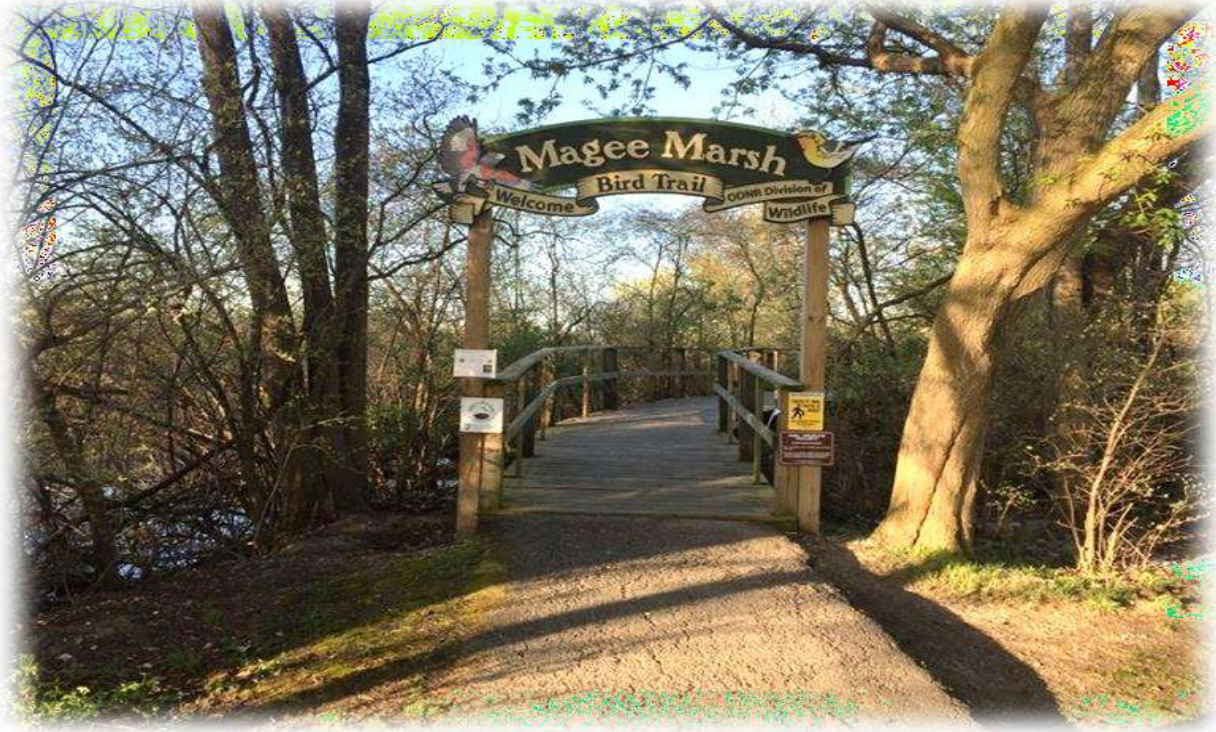
May 6th.- Early morning to visit to Rick Lissi Bird Sanctuary, The site is a model of sustainable residency with pond-lake include. Good for Wood Duck. Then we birded Voice of America Park with excellent sights of ten Bobolinks, Horned Larks and incredible opportunity of Bell's Vireo, also here. After meeting local new friend who lead us to couple sites with nesting Red-shouldered Hawk and Great Horned Owl, with chicks all near Houston Woods State Park.



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May 7th.- Before leaving Mason area at early morning we bird Voice of America Park again in search for Blue Grosbeak. After that we drove for almost four hours toward the Hotel Best Western in Port Clinton - Northern Ohio. Here we bird East Harbor State Park, The marsh, forest and wetlands of Lake Erie.

May 8th.- Today early visit to the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and walk the world renowned “Bird Board Walk”, here the birds are special for diversity and at distances. Warblers are starts.



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For the rest of the afternoon we did cover the Maumee Bay State Park Board Walk and see the beautiful Eastern Screech-Owl in its red morph.



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May 9th.- Today early start to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, The many open lagoons and lakes, good for Trumpeter Swan in nesting. After that we managed to find the Snowy Owl driving around Genoa township.

Had lunch and then head to hotel for luggage pick up and bird East Harbor State Park again.

To finalize we drew to the Hotel Hampton Inn in Port Clinton, had delicious Italian dinner
End of the tour.

THE KEY TO THE BIRD LIST

RED – IUCN RED LIST CATEGORY

AUDUBON CONCERN

THE BIRDLIST

DUCKS

Canada Goose - *Branta canadensis**

Very common in most area

Trumpeter Swan - *Cygnus buccinator**

About fifteen counted at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Wood Duck - *Aix sponsa*

One seen at Rick Lissi Bird Sanctuary and also a couple seen at Maumee Bay State Park board walk.

Threatened by Climate Change

Gadwall - *Anas strepera*

Two seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Mallard - *Anas platyrhynchos**

Very common in most areas. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Blue-winged Teal - *Anas discors*

Two seen on flight at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate**

Change Northern Pintail - *Anas acuta*

Only one seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area drive road

Red-breasted Merganser - *Mergus serrator*

Two seen very far on flight at Port Clinton Lake Erie shores. **Threatened by Climate Change**

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe - *Podilymbus podiceps*

Two seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

Horned Grebe - *Podiceps auratus*

Two seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant - *Phalacrocorax auratus**

Several seen at different sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**

HERONS & EGRETS

Great Blue Heron – *Ardea Herodias*

Common in most places

Great Egret - *Ardea alba*

About five seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

Snowy Egret - *Egretta thula*

Two seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

Green Heron - *Butorides virescens*

One seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Board Walk.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - *Nycticorax violacea*

A flock of ten flying over Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture – *Coragyps atratus*

Several seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Turkey Vulture – *Cathartes aura*

Common in most sites

OSPREYS

Osprey - *Pandion haliaetus*

One seen flying at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

HAWKS & EAGLES

Bald Eagle - *Haliaeetus leucocephalus**

Four adults and six chicks in two nest, common at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Cooper's Hawk – *Accipiter cooperii*

One seen very fast at Shawnee Lookout Park

Red-shouldered Hawk - *Buteo lineatus**

One seen flying at Voice of America Park ant two chicks on nest at Houston Wood State Park



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Red-tailed Hawk - *Buteo jamaicensis**

Common in most areas

COOTS & RAILS

Sora - *Porzana Carolina*

Only heard at Ottawa National Wildlife Area and Maumee Bay State Park

Common Gallinule - *Gallinula galeata*

One seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

American Coot - *Fulica Americana*

Seen in most sites with open lakes, common at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

STILTS

Black-necked Stilt - *Himantopus mexicanus*

Two seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area



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PLOVERS

Semipalmated Plover - *Charadrius semipalmatus*

About eight seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

Killdeer - *Charadrius vociferous*

Very common in most sites

SANDPIPERS

Spotted Sandpiper - *Actitis macularius*

Couple seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Solitary Sandpiper - *Tringa solitaria**

One seen at Caesar Creek State Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Greater Yellowlegs - *Tringa melanoleuca*

About five seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Lesser Yellowlegs – *Tringa flavipes*

Two seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Dunlin - *Calidris alpina**

About eighty seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Least Sandpiper - *Calidris minutilla*

Over hundreds seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

American Woodcock - *Scolopax minor*

Two seen at the board walk at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



**GULLS &
TERNs**

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Bonaparte's Gull - *Chroicocephalus Philadelphia*

About eight seen at Caesar Creek State Park



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Ring-billed Gull - *Larus delawarensis*

Common in most sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Herring Gull - *Larus argentatus**

Couple seen at Port Clinton Lake Erie shores. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Caspian Tern - *Hydropogone caspia*

One flying over at East Harbor State Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Common Tern - *Sterna hirundo**

Two seen nesting at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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PIGEON AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon – *Columba livia*

Common



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Mourning Dove - *Zenaida macroura*

Very common in most areas

TYPICAL OWLS

Eastern Screech-Owl - *Megascops asio**

One Rufous morph seen near the nest at Maumee Bay State Park board walk

Great Horned Owl - *Bubo virginianus**

Two adults and two chicks seen near Houston Woods State Park



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Snowy Owl - *Bubo scandiacus*

One seen at Genoa township near Ottawa National Wildlife Area. Threatened by Climate Change

NIGHTHAWKS

Common Nighthawk - *Chordeiles minor**

Few flying over the Hotel parking lot at Port Clinton

SWIFTS

Chimney Swift - *Chaetura pelagica*

One flying over at Voice of America Park. **Near Threatened**

HUMMINBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - *Archilochus colubris*

One seen at the Black Swamp office at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area



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KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher - *Megasceryle alcyon*

One heard and seen flying very high at Spring Valley Wildlife Area

WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker - *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*

Two seen using nesting cavities at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Red-bellied Woodpecker - *Melanerpes carolinus**
Common in most sites



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Downy Woodpecker - *Picoides pubescens*
Common in most sites

Hairy Woodpecker - *Picoides villosus**

Common in most sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) – *Colaptes auratus*

Two seen very well at East Harbor State Park



Pileated Woodpecker - *Dryocopus pileatus*

Two seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area

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FALCONS

American Kestrel - *Falco sparverius*

One seen very fast at Gilmore Ponds Preserve. **Threatened by Climate Change**



TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Eastern Wood-Pewee - *Contopus virens*

One seen at Shawnee Lookout Park

Acadian Flycatcher - *Empidonax virescens*

One heard and seen at Shawnee Lookout Park

Alder Flycatcher - *Empidonax alnorum*

Heard at Voice of America Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Willow Flycatcher - *Empidonax traillii**

One seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area

Eastern Phoebe - *Sayornis phoebe*

Two seen at Maumee Bay State Park board walk. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Great Crested Flycatcher - *Myiarchus crinitus*

One seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area

Eastern Kingbird - *Tyrannus tyrannus*
Common in most sites

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo - *Vireo griseus*
Two seen at Shawnee Lookout Park

Bell's Vireo - *Vireo bellii**
Two seen at Voice of America Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Warbling Vireo - *Vireo gilvus** Common in most sites

Red-eyed Vireo - *Vireo olivaceus*
One seen at Sharon Woods Park

CROWS AND JAYS

Blue Jay - *Cyanocitta cristata*

Common in most sites



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American Crow - *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

Common in most sites

LARKS

Horned Lark – *Eremophila alpestris*

One heard and seen at Voice of America Park

SWALLOWS & MARTINS

Purple Martin - *Progne subis**

Several nesting at the shop house at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

Tree Swallow - *Tachycineta bicolor*

Common in most sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Northern Rough-winged Swallow - *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

Couple seen at Gilmore Ponds Preserve

Bank Swallow - *Riparia riparia*

About ten seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Cliff Swallow - *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota**

About fifteen nesting at the lodge entrance of Maumee Bay State Park

Barn Swallow - *Hirundo rustica**

Several seen in most sites

CHICKADEES & TITMICES

Carolina Chickadee - *Poecile carolinensis*

Common in most forested sites

Black-capped Chickadee - *Poecile atricapillus**

Several seen only at East Harbor State Park

Tufted Titmouse - *Baeolophus bicolor*

Common in most forested sites

NUTHATCHES

White-breasted Nuthatch - *Sitta carolinensis**

Seen one at Gilmore Ponds Preserve and another at Sharon Woods Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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WRENS

House Wren - *Troglodytes aedon**

Common in most sites

Marsh Wren - *Cistothorus palustris**

Few heard and one seen at Maumee Bay State Park board walk. **Threatened by Climate Change**

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Carolina Wren - *Thryothorus ludovicianus*

Common in most sites

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - *Poliophtila caerulea**

Common in most sites

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet - *Regulus satrapa**

One seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area board walk

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - *Regulus calendula*

One seen with a mixed flock at East Harbor State Park

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird - *Sialia sialis*

Couple seen at feeder near Houston Woods State Park



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Veery – *Catharus fuscescens**

One heard only at Houston Woods State Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Swainson's Thrush - *Catharus ustulatus*

Common in most forested sites

Wood Thrush - *Hylocichla mustelina*

One heard only at Shawnee Lookout Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

American Robin - *Turdus migratorius*

Very common in most sites

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

Gray Catbird - *Dumetella carolinensis*

Common in most sites



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Brown Thrasher - *Toxostoma rufum**
One seen very well at East Harbor State Park

Northern Mockingbird - *Mimus polyglottos*
Common in most sites

STARLINGS

European Starling - *Sturnus vulgaris*



Very common in most sites

WOOD WARBLERS

Northern Waterthrush - *Parkesia noveboracensis*

One seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area board walk



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Louisiana Waterthrush - *Parkesia motacilla*

Two seen at Sharon Woods Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Black-and-white Warbler - *Mniotilta varia*

Few seen in many sites such as Sharon Woods Park and Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Prothonotary Warbler - *Protonotaria citrea*

Best spot seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, also Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



Tennessee Warbler - *Oreothlypis peregrina*

About three seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Nashville Warbler - *Oreothlypis ruficapilla**

One seen at Sharon Woods Park and three more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Kentucky Warbler - *Geothlypis Formosa*

Two seen very secretive at Houston Woods State Park

Common Yellowthroat - *Geothlypis trichas*

Seen few and seems to be common in most sites

Hooded Warbler - *Setophaga citrina*

Only one seen at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. **Threatened by Climate Change**



American Redstar - *Setophaga ruticilla*

About six seen at Shawnee Lookout Park and few more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Cape May Warbler - *Setophaga tigrine*

Few seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



Cerulean Warbler - *Setophaga cerulea*

About three seen at Shawnee Lookout Park and one more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Endangered**



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Northern Parula - *Setophaga americana**

Couple seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area



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Magnolia Warbler - *Setophaga magnolia*

One seen at East Harbor State Park and few more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Bay-breasted Warbler - *Setophaga castanea*

Two seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Blackburnian Warbler - *Setophaga fusca*

Only one seen for seconds at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Yellow Warbler - *Setophaga petechia**

Common in most sites



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Chestnut-sided Warbler - *Setophaga pensylvanica*
Seen very at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area



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Blackpoll Warbler - *Setophaga striata*
Two seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and couple more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Black-throated Blue Warbler - *Setophaga caerulescens**

One seen at Sharon Woods Park and few more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Palm Warbler - *Setophaga palmarum*

Common in most sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Pine Warbler - *Setophaga pinus*

One seen for short time at East Harbor State Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler - *Setophaga coronata**

Common in most sites



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Yellow-throated Warbler - *Setophaga dominica**

One seen at Sharon Woods Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Prairie Warbler - *Setophaga discolor**

Two seen at Shawnee Lookout Park



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Black-throated Green Warbler - *Setophaga virens*

About two seen at East Harbor State Park and few more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Yellow-breasted Chat - *Icteria virens*

Two seen at Shawnee Lookout Park



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NEW WORLD SPARROWS

Eastern Towhee - *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

Two seen at Shawnee Lookout Park and another one at Rick Lissi Bird Sanctuary



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Chipping Sparrow – *Spizella passerine*

Few seen at the feeder near Houston Woods State Park

Field Sparrow - *Spizella pusilla*

Few seen at Voice of America Park and also Shawnee Lookout Park

Savannah Sparrow - *Passerculus sandwichensis**

About three seen at Voice of America Park

Song Sparrow – *Melospiza melodia**

Common in most sites



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Lincoln's Sparrow - *Melospiza lincolnii*

One seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

Swamp Sparrow - *Melospiza georgiana**

One seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area and two more at East Harbor State Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**

White-throated Sparrow - *Zonotrichia albicollis*

Two seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

White-crowned Sparrow - *Zonotrichia leucophrys**

Two seen at East Harbor State Park



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CARDINALS & BUNTINGS

Scarlet Tanager - *Piranga olivacea*

Two seen at Shawnee Lookout Park and one more at Sharon Woods Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Northern Cardinal - *Cardinalis cardinalis*

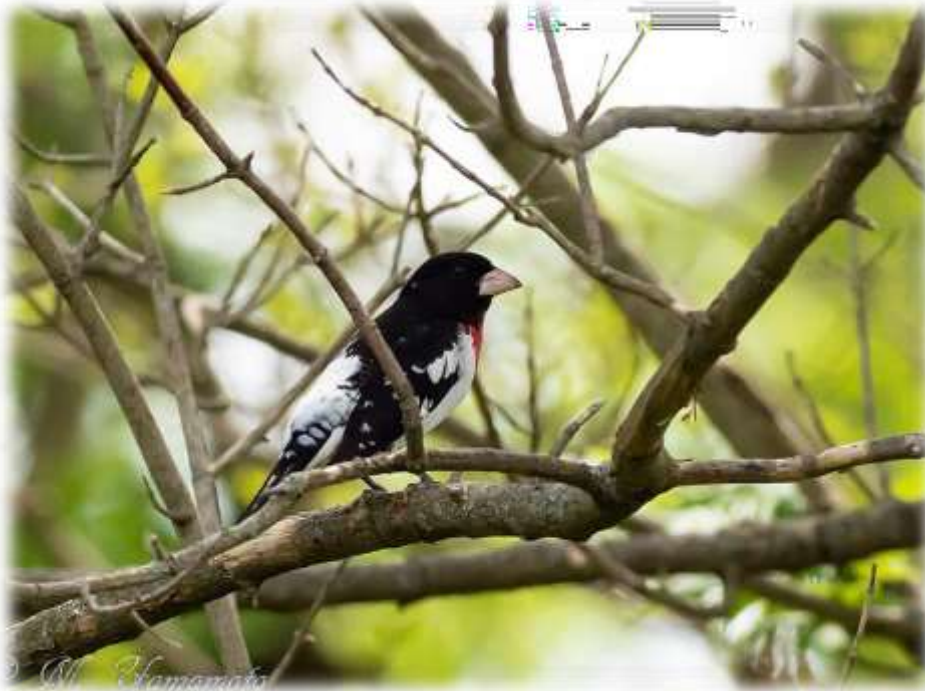
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Rose-breasted Grosbeak - *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Couple seen at the feeder near Houston Woods State Park and two more at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area



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Blue Grosbeak - *Passerina caerulea*

One seen only and for short time at Voice of America Park

Indigo Bunting - *Passerina cyanea*

Common in Gilmore Ponds Preserve and Shawnee Lookout Park



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ORIOLES & BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink - *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*

About ten seen at Voice of America Park. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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Red-winged Blackbird - *Agelaius phoeniceus*
Common in most sites



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Eastern Meadowlark - *Sturnella magna*
About four seen at Voice of America Park, common in open fields



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Common Grackle - *Quiscalus quiscula**

Common in most sites

Brown-headed Cowbird - *Molothrus ater**

Common in most sites



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Orchard Oriole - *Icterus spurius**

One seen at Shawnee Lookout Park and two more at Spring Valley Wildlife Area. **Threatened by Climate Change**

Baltimore Oriole - *Icterus galbula*

Common in most forested sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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FINCHES

House Finch – *Carpodacus mexicanus*

Common in most sites. **Threatened by Climate Change**



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American Goldfinch – *Spinus tristis*

Common in most open field visited



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OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*

Common in most site. Not native species

OTHER WILDLIFE

MAMMALS

White-tailed Deer - *Odocoileus virginianus*

Three seen at Rick Lissi Bird Sanctuary

Raccoon - *Procyon lotor**

One seen resting up in a tree at Gilmore Ponds Preserve

Eastern Cottontail - *Sylvilagus floridanus**

One seen at East Harbor State Park

Groundhog - *Marmota monax**

One seen at Gilmore Ponds Preserve

Muskrat – *Ondatra zibethicus*

One seen at East Harbor State Park and another at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge



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Eastern Gray Squirrel - *Sciurus carolinensis*

Very common in most sites

Eastern Chipmunk - *Tamias striatus*

Small and sneaky, common in most sites

AMPHIBIANS

American Bullfrog - *Lithobates catesbeianus**

Few seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area



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Southern Leopard Frog - *Lithobates sphenoccephalus**

One seen at Shawnee Lookout Park

Green Frog - *Lithobates clamitans**

One seen at Spring Valley Wildlife Area

REPTILES

Northern Water Snake - *Nerodia sipedon*

One seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

Painted (Midland) Turtle - *Chrysemis picta*

Several seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

Blanding's Turtle - *Emydoidea blandingii*

One seen at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

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