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Bird Walk Report

Event: Early Evening Bird Walk to Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140 [Map](#)

Leaders: Bill Deininger, Debra Jesionowski, Rich Kassouf, Ken Gober and Dave Graskemper

Target species: Warblers, Barred Owls, Red-headed Woodpeckers

Results: 36 Birders and 35 Species

Description: The Baltimore Oriole Story. As we were finishing the bird walk we noticed a Baltimore Oriole hanging low in a tree. Upon closely looking at this bird we realized that a male Baltimore Oriole was entangled, by his foot, in the beginning of his nest construction. The Oriole looked exhausted and in peril. As we continued the walk and were headed to the Nature Center to do the final count, Ken Gober, who lives near by, went home and brought a ladder and a saw. Dave Graskemper and a few others, joined Ken and went to rescue the Oriole. I stayed with the final birders and finished the attached bird checklist. I then proceeded to the location where the Oriole was found. When I got there, the branch had been cut down and the Oriole was in Kens hand. The leg of the Oriole was severely entangled in the beginnings of his nest building. Several birders, including Ken, Dave and others were doing their best to untangle the birds leg. It took several minutes but eventually the Oriole was freed from his entrapment. We were deciding what to do with the bird, concerned that his leg may be damaged, when it flew out of Kens hand and landed in a near by tree, It appeared to be "OK".

We had 36 observers that attended the bird walk. We only had 35 species, with only two warbler species. It was a slow night for birding activity. However we had excellent looks at a Barred Owl and one Owlet. Every one had good looks. The owl treated us with its song "*Who cooks for you, who cooks for you-all*" several times. All observers were thrilled at this vocalization. Three Red-headed Woodpeckers put on a nice display for all. We finished the walk with the Oriole rescue. - *Bill Deininger, Bird Walk Leader*

Bird List

#	Species	Count
1.	Mallard (<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>)	1
2.	Mourning Dove (<i>Zenaida macroura</i>)	3
3.	Common Nighthawk (<i>Chordeiles minor</i>)	1
4.	Chimney Swift (<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>)	10
5.	Ring-billed Gull (<i>Larus delawarensis</i>)	1
6.	Red-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>)	3
7.	Barred Owl (<i>Strix varia</i>)	3
8.	Belted Kingfisher (<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>)	2
9.	Red-headed Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>)	3
10.	Red-bellied Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>)	3
11.	Downy Woodpecker (<i>Picoides pubescens</i>)	3
12.	Hairy Woodpecker (<i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i>)	1
13.	Great Crested Flycatcher (<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>)	2
14.	Warbling Vireo (<i>Vireo gilvus</i>)	2
15.	Blue Jay (<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>)	55
16.	American Crow (<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>)	1
17.	Northern Rough-winged Swallow (<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>)	1
18.	Tree Swallow (<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>)	5

19.	Barn Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	5
20.	Black-capped Chickadee (<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>)	1
21.	Tufted Titmouse (<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>)	3
22.	White-breasted Nuthatch (<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>)	1
23.	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>)	2
24.	American Robin (<i>Turdus migratorius</i>)	8
25.	Gray Catbird (<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>)	2
26.	European Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	9
27.	House Finch (<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>)	1
28.	American Goldfinch (<i>Spinus tristis</i>)	7
29.	Song Sparrow (<i>Melospiza melodia</i>)	2
30.	Baltimore Oriole (<i>Icterus galbula</i>)	10
31.	Red-winged Blackbird (<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>)	1
32.	Chestnut-sided Warbler (<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>)	1
33.	Palm Warbler (<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>)	2
34.	Northern Cardinal (<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>)	7
35.	House Sparrow (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	1

Photos



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Photo: Spring Woodland Scene by Penny O'Connor, Early Evening Bird Walk to Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140.



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Photo: Walk Leaders Gather with the Group by Tom Fishburn, Early Evening Bird Walk to Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140.



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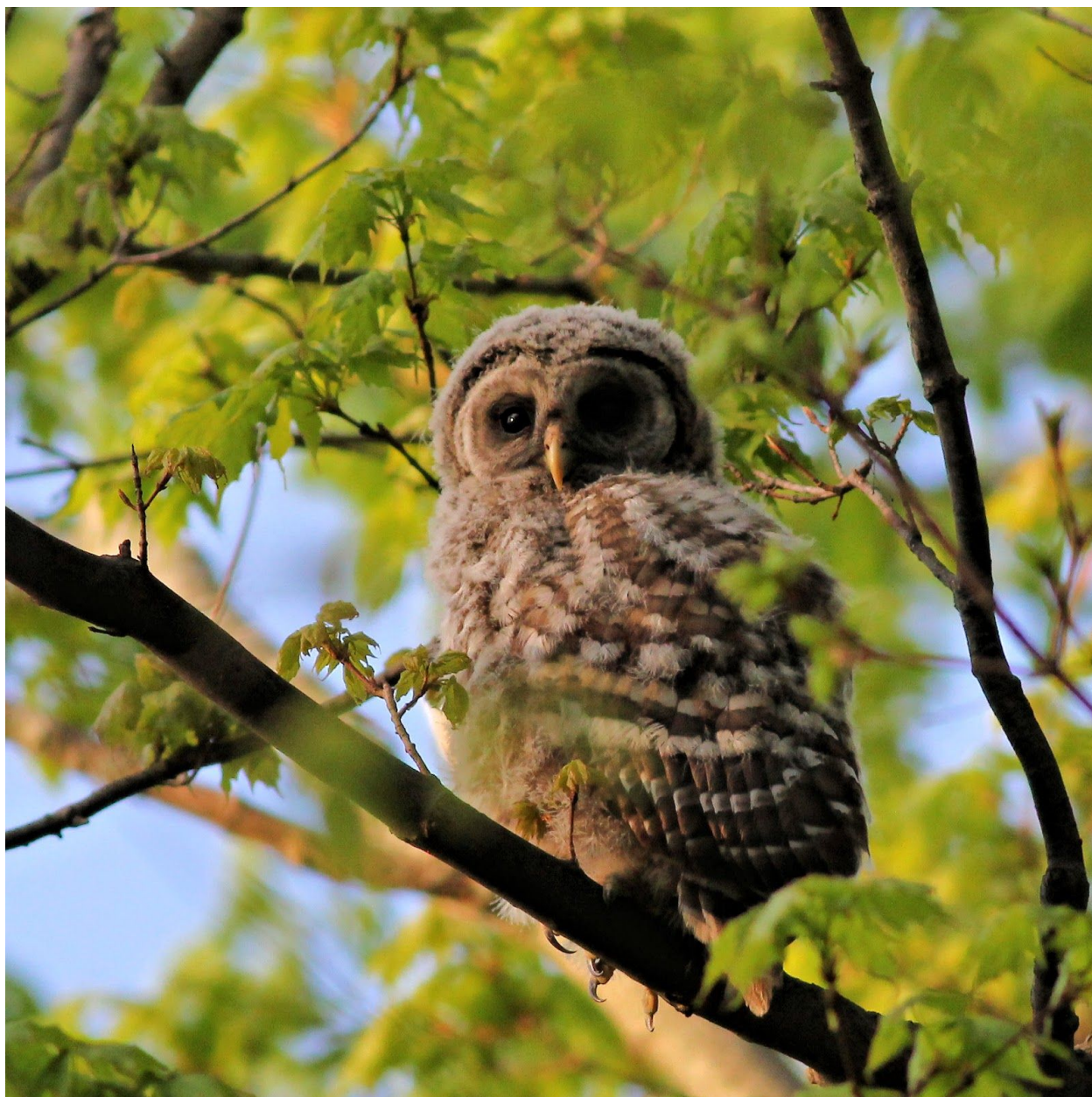


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