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## Field Trip Report

**Event:** Joint Kirtland Bird Club and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society  
Field Trip to See Shorebirds

**Date:** Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

**Weather:** About 85 F

**Location:** Conneaut Sandspit, Ashtabula County, 480 Lake Rd., Conneaut,  
OH 44030

**Leader:** Lukas Padegimas, Kirtland Bird Club

**Results:** 21 Birders, 29 Species

Today the KBC and WCAS arrived at the Conneaut Sandspit, a place that has attracted migrating shorebirds every August and September. With winds from the South, the number of shorebirds wasn't spectacular, but everyone was treated to a beautiful cooperative Stilt Sandpiper and Black-bellied Plover who wandered close to our group. Surprisingly, there were no Yellowlegs present. In the morning, we had a showing of juvenile Bald Eagles, with as many as eight in the air at one time. Later in the day, a group of five congregated on the breakwall. In the marshier areas, Soras were seen in two different places – on occasion, providing great lasting views. Our gathering of birders was a great sight to see. Many birders have recently avoided Conneaut because inconsiderate locals often scare them away. Luckily, today was a peaceful day at Conneaut without any turmoil for our migrants. ~ Lukas Padegimas, Kirtland Bird Club

## Bird List

Note: Common species seen are listed below. Species which are considered “unusual” are listed by amount.

#	Species	Count
1.	Canada goose ( <i>Branta canadensis</i> )	
2.	Mallard ( <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> )	
3.	Blue-winged Teal ( <i>Anas discors</i> )	
4.	Green-winged Teal ( <i>Anas carolinensis</i> or <i>Anas crecca carolinensis</i> )	
5.	Double-crested Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i> )	
6.	Great Blue Heron ( <i>Ardea herodias</i> )	
7.	Green Heron ( <i>Butorides virescens</i> )	
8.	Turkey Vulture ( <i>Cathartes aura</i> )	
9.	Bald Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	8
10.	Sora ( <i>Porzana carolina</i> )	2
11.	Black-bellied Plover ( <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> )	
12.	American Golden Plover ( <i>Pluvialis dominica</i> )	
13.	Semipalmated Plover ( <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i> )	
14.	Killdeer ( <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> )	
15.	Spotted Sandpiper ( <i>Actitis macularius</i> )	
16.	Sanderling ( <i>Calidris alba</i> )	
17.	Semipalmated Sandpiper ( <i>Calidris pusilla</i> )	
18.	Least Sandpiper ( <i>Calidris minutilla</i> )	
19.	Stilt Sandpiper ( <i>Calidris himantopus</i> or <i>Micropalama himantopus</i> )	
20.	Bonaparte's Gull ( <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i> )	
21.	Ring-billed Gull ( <i>Larus delawarensis</i> )	

22.	Herring Gull ( <i>Larus smithsonianus</i> )	
23.	Caspian Tern ( <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> )	
24.	Rock Pigeon ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	
25.	American Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )	
26.	Cedar Waxwing ( <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i> )	
27.	Yellow Warbler ( <i>Setophaga petechia</i> )	
28.	Song Sparrow ( <i>Melospiza melodia</i> )	
29.	Red-winged Blackbird ( <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> )	

## Photos



Photo: Conneaut Sandspit Birders Setting Up August 2016 © Bob Lane



Photo: Conneaut Sandspit Birders In Action August 2016 © Bob Lane

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