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Second Saturday Bird Walk Report

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Location: Trails around Rocky River Nature Center, Rocky River Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070 [Map](#)

Leaders: Bill Deininger, Dave Graskemper

Results: 8 Birders and 31 Species

Description: There were 8 brave souls who attended the 2nd Saturday bird walk at Rocky River Nature Center. It started out at 34 degrees and ended at 39 degrees. We had some early sunshine and then it turned cloudy. We ended up with 31 species. Highlights were a Fox Sparrow kicking up leaves. A Red-shouldered Hawk called as he flew by. Three Red-tailed Hawks soared above us in some sort of mating ritual. First of year Cowbirds were in several locations. The best highlight was a pair of Hooded Mergansers. The pair swam toward us, brightly lit by the sun, before flying off. - *Report by Bill Deininger.*

Bird List

#	Species	Count
1.	Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	16
2.	Mallard (<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>)	9
3.	Hooded Merganser (<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>)	2
4.	Great Blue Heron (<i>Ardea herodias</i>)	2

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5.	Turkey Vulture (<i>Cathartes aura</i>)	1
6.	Cooper's Hawk (<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>)	6
7.	Bald Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	1
8.	Red-shouldered Hawk (<i>Buteo lineatus</i>)	1
9.	Red-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>)	3
10.	Belted Kingfisher (<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>)	1
11.	Red-bellied Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>)	6
12.	Downy Woodpecker (<i>Picoides pubescens</i>)	10
13.	Hairy Woodpecker (<i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i>)	1
14.	Pileated Woodpecker (<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>)	1
15.	Blue Jay (<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>)	5
16.	Black-capped Chickadee (<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>)	8
17.	Tufted Titmouse (<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>)	6
18.	White-breasted Nuthatch (<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>)	5
19.	Carolina Wren (<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>)	2
20.	Eastern Bluebird (<i>Sialia sialis</i>)	6
21.	American Robin (<i>Turdus migratorius</i>)	5
22.	European Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	1
23.	American Goldfinch (<i>Spinus tristis</i>)	2
24.	Fox Sparrow (<i>Passerella iliaca</i>)	1
25.	White-throated Sparrow (<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>)	10
26.	Dark-eyed Junco (<i>Junco hyemalis</i>)	3
27.	Song Sparrow (<i>Melospiza melodia</i>)	15
28.	Swamp Sparrow (<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>)	1
29.	Red-winged Blackbirds (<i>Agelaius</i>)	4

30.	Brown-headed Cowbird (<i>Molothrus ater</i>)	7
31.	Northern Cardinal (<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>)	13

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