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Field Trip Report

Event: Field Trip to Pine Tree Picnic Area

Date: Sunday, July 16, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Pine Tree Picnic Area, Sheffield Village OH

Leader: Eric Bruder

Target Species: Scarlet Tanager, orioles, vireos, flycatchers, nesting warblers

Results: 28 Species, 10 Birders

Pine Tree Picnic Area is in a large wooded block of the Lorain Metro Parks French Creek Reservation. Trails loop past ravines above French Creek. The woods have a generous understory. Eastern Bluebirds greeted birders at the entrance to the picnic areas. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird sunned itself on a high bare branch, easily viewed by the group. Near the end of the walk, a birder spotted a Barred Owl close to the trail, seen perched, then flying. Singing Cedar Waxwings and Chipping Sparrows accompanied as birders compiled the bird list.

Bird List

#	Species	Count
1.	Great Blue Heron (<i>Ardea herodias</i>) flyover	2
2.	Turkey Vulture (<i>Cathartes aura</i>)	10
	Gull sp. (<i>Larinae</i> sp.) 16 flying high above	16

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3.	Mourning Dove (<i>Zenaida macroura</i>)	1
4.	Barred Owl (<i>Strix varia</i>)	1
5.	Chimney Swift (<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>)	5
6.	Ruby-throated Hummingbird (<i>Archilochus colubris</i>)	1
7.	Red-bellied Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>)	4
8.	Downy Woodpecker (<i>Picoides pubescens</i>)	2
9..	Hairy Woodpecker (<i>Picoides villosus</i>)	1
10.	Eastern Wood-Pewee (<i>Contopus virens</i>)	5
11.	Acadian Flycatcher (<i>Empidonax virescens</i>)	5
12.	Great Crested Flycatcher (<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>)	2
13.	Red-eyed Vireo (<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>)	8
14.	American Crow (<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>)	1
15.	Purple Martin (<i>Progne subis</i>)	2
16.	Black-capped Chickadee (<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>)	14
17.	Tufted Titmouse (<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>)	7
18.	White-breasted Nuthatch (Eastern) (<i>Sitta carolinensis carolinensis</i>)	4
19.	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>)	6
20.	Eastern Bluebird (<i>Sialia sialis</i>)	2
21.	American Robin (<i>Turdus migratorius</i>)	11
22.	Cedar Waxwing (<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>)	8
23.	Chipping Sparrow (<i>Spizella passerina</i>)	4
24.	Northern Cardinal (<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>)	5
25.	Indigo Bunting (<i>Passerina cyanea</i>)	1
26.	Common Grackle (<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>)	2
27.	Brown-headed Cowbird (<i>Molothrus ater</i>)	7

Photos



Photo: Birders Under Catalpa © Penny O'Connor



Photo: Birding Pine Tree © Penny O'Connor



Photo: Ebony Jewelwing © Penny O'Connor



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