

Thanks to Jane Frigo and Stewart Sweetman for providing these reports.

December 16, 2018

The final walk of 2018 found Stuart Sweetman sick but Jane Frigo well enough to return. The day was cloudy and the temperature stayed in the 50's. Those participating in the morning were Tom Charlock, Dianne Snyder, Marc Nichols, Shawn Dash, Marilyn Adair, Cindy Shulz, Jane Frigo and newcomers Ciara Robinson and daughter Kestrel and baby Finn. Much of the fog from the previous day had lifted but left paths quite saturated. The group identified 57 species. Waterfowl was diverse with Mute and Tundra Swan and Canvasback and Redhead Ducks noted. The Merlin was seen again. Another special sight was a group of Rusty Blackbirds mixed in with a blackbird flock at the Arboretum. It was also good to see a group of Fox Sparrows. As with every walk there is a memorable moment and this one happened to involve a clothing malfunction. Marc Nichols was able to come to the rescue and the entire group was grateful! A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Tundra Swan
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Merlin
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Fox Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch

December 2, 2018

The first bird walk of December felt like it did on the first one in November. The temperature started out at 64 degrees with fog and drizzle. The fog was so thick at the first stop it was tough to see anything out over the water. We all felt at the beginning the drizzle was going to keep the birds hunkered down and hard to come by. This wasn't the case as the morning progressed. The fog lifted and the drizzle slowed down. The cold weather we had at the end of November seemed to push a lot of the winter ducks into the park. The lake held 9 duck species including both Greater and Lesser Scaup and the Pied-bills adding to their numbers. The 7 Woodpecker species were present with all but the Pileated being seen. We had 6 Sparrows with Fox Sparrows in the mix. The Virginia Rail(s) continue at the swamp bridge and a singing Rusty Blackbird treated us also at the swamp bridge. A calling Merlin perched on a scag across the lake puzzled us a bit but after comparing its call and description from playbacks on our smart phones we determined what it was. The group of 7 at the start and 4 at the end scored an impressive 62 species on the day. The participants were: Stuart

Sweetman, John and Marilyn Adair, Tom Charlock, Cindy Shultz, Bill Boeh and Marc Nichols.
Species list:

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Double Crested Cormorant
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Merlin
Virginia Rail
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird

Hermit Thrush
American Robin
European Starling
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

November 18, 2018

The second November birdwalk actually felt like winter was on its way with a chilly 33 degrees at the start and calm winds. The colder weather brought in a few more winter ducks as well as more of our winter residents. A late Osprey was hanging out and an even later Black-and-white Warbler surprised many of us. The Virginia Rail that visited last last winter is back and by the sound of the chatter there is more than one. Hopefully they will stay around and make the swamp their new home. We were joined at the first stop of our walk by two campers from out of state. They said they saw a flyer for park activities over at the campground office and decided to come walk with us. They were not birders but we let them borrow a pair of binoculars so they could see what we were seeing. They seemed so amazed on how many different birds were around waiting to be seen if they just took the time to look. They only walked with us at the first stop but were really excited about what they saw in just a short period of time. They said they would be more attentive to the birds back home and who knows they might become new birders from the experience they had with us here at the park. The group of 9+2 campers tallied 59 species on the day. The participants were: Stuart Sweetman, John and Marilyn Adair, Ellis Maxey, Bill Boeh, Pete Peterman, Brian Magill, Lee Morris, Mike Lowrey and our two campers Donna Marcell and Linda Christman.

Species list:

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Gadwall
American Black Duck
Mallard

Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Virginia Rail
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Woodpecker
Brown-headed Woodpecker
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Black-and-white Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Crackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

November 4, 2018

The first birdwalk of November was still unseasonably warm with the morning temperature starting around 63 degrees. It was sunny and calm so the day rose into the low 70's. The warmer weather kept the ducks away with only a few Buffleheads showing up but the Kinglets and Winter Wrens have moved back into their normal spots along the wet areas of the park. Some RB Nuthatches were even heard signalling this as another possible eruption year of those far Northern species. November is one of those transition months before all the winter residents have moved back in but our group of 11 did manage 52 species on the day. The participants were: Stuart Sweetman, Dianne Snyder, Ellis and Wendy Maxey, Mike Lowrey, John and Marylyn Adair, Pete Peterman, Cindy Schulz, Bryan McGill and George Reiske.

Species list:

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
American Black Duck
Mallard
Bufflehead
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

October 21, 2018

The Bird walk on October 21st felt like winter was just around the corner with highs in only the 50's and a brisk wind made us all glad we dressed warm. . Summer birds were definitely gone and just a couple winter birds have arrived. The Sapsucker and Kinglets were back but others were still yet to return. We did mark the return of a lone juvenile Mute Swan and a flyover Canada Goose flock. The wind did make it hard to hear but our group of 13 did manage to tally 49 species on the day. The participants were Stuart Sweetman, Pete and Charm Peterman, Cindy Schulz, John Adair, Bill Boeh, Diane Snyder, Brian McGill, Ellis Maxey, Tom Charlock, Marc Nichols, Bob Schamerhorn, and Jim Barnett.

Species List:

Canada Goose

Mute Swan
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Tree Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird

House Finch
American Goldfinch

October 7, 2018

Each year on the first weekend of October the Newport News City Park has it's annual Fall Festival. The festival falls on the same Sunday as the first Park Walk of October. This one Sunday out of the year the walk is moved over to the Camp Ground side of the park. We met in the parking lot behind behind the club house at the regular time. Even at 7am it was a busy place and a bit loud but we pushed through it as we got the days walk started. We had a very impressive 16 birders at the start and we ended up with 40 species knowing that the count would be lower on this side of the park but we still had some exciting birds. We got 6 Woodpecker species seen with the YB Sapsucker still not yet arrived. We only had 4 Warbler species with Pine and Parulas being numerous. The most numerous and cooperative species had to of been the Yellow-billed Cuckoo with more seen on this day then seen all Summer on our regular walks. Most of the group knocked off when the sun got too hot as we lost the shade of the trees but we all seemed to had a nice day in the park.

Participants on the day were: Stuart Sweetman, Tom Charlock, Dianne Snyder, Pete Peterman, Walter and Gwen Harris, Mike Lowry, Ellis and Wendy Maxey, John and Marilyn Adair, Eliz Wilkins, Jacques Mont Frans, Marc Nichols, Jim Harrison and Cindy Shulz. Picture is coutesy of Dianne Snyder.

Species List:

Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Laughing Gull
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Eastern Phoebe
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Parula
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

September 16, 2018

The second walk of September started out a bit breezy with a temperature of 75 and overcast but cleared up nicely and turned out to be a very nice day to be in the park. Highlights for the day definitely had to be an appearance by a very quick flyby of an Anhinga seen from the Discovery Center area heading right to left over the lake and the a circling one seen later in the day circling over the scags down towards the swamp bridge area. A small group of Royal Terns flew over the lake and two Caspian Terns were feeding in the area just off the bridge opposite the spawning pond. The terns gave great looks and they also began to call to each other which was great for some in the group that had never heard their unique and unforgettable call. The group of 7 totaled 53 species on the day. The participants were Stuart Sweetman, Bill Boeh, Mike Lowry, Tom Charlock, Cindy Shulz, and John and Marlyn Adair.

Species List:

Mallard
Pied-billed Grebe
Anhinga
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Spotted Sandpiper
Laughing Gull

Ring-billed Gull
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood Pewee
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Black-and-white Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Pine Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
House Finch
American Goldfinch

September 2, 2018

The first HRBC Birdwalk at the NNCP for September still felt like Summer weather was never going to end. The day started out at 73 degrees and muggy and made it's way up to 87 being hot and sunny. The weather was actually very nice just hot and the birds and participants reflected it. The day was slow bird wise with 42 species and 8 participants on the day. Highlights were a very impressive Red-tailed Hawk at the Arboretum and very active Red-headed Woodpeckers. The participants were: Stuart Sweetman, Pete Peterman, EmmyLou Kidder, Josh Kolba, Tom Charlock, John and Marilyn Adair and newcomer George Reiske.

Species list:

Canada Goose
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Laughing Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Rubr-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Pine Warbler

Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

August 19, 2018

The August 19th bird walk for the HRBC at The Newport News City Park continued to be a Dog Day of Summer with the temps. starting in the 70s and moving up to the mid 80s. The day was sunny with periods of clouds and a decent breeze making the day pleasant for those 12 club members that came out for a walk in the park. There were a few summer residents still hanging around and an early migrating male Redstart gave us all a thrill as he bounced around the leaves eating bugs. The Red-headed Woodpeckers are definitely back in force with many juveniles seen at many locations in the park. The group tallied an impressive 55 species which made the day quite enjoyable. The participants were: Stuart Sweetman, Pete and Charm Peterman, John Adair, Tom Charlock, Cindy Shulz, Bill Boeh, Ellis and Wendy Maxey, Walter and Gwen Harris and Marc Nichols.

Species list:

Mallard
Pied-billed Grebe
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Greater Yellowlegs
Laughing Gull
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood Pewee

Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Pine Warbler
American Redstart
Common Yellowthroat
Summer Tanager
Chipping Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

August 5, 2018

The HRBC had its first bird walk for the month of August 2018 on Sunday the the 5th. The morning started out in the mid seventies with lots of sun and very muggy. The day continued to get hotter with no noticeable breeze. Our group of 8 were treated to a pair of GH Owls at the Arboretum and the return of the Red Headed Woodpeckers after being absent for months. We had to work hard for the birds that seemed to be affected by the heat as we were. I was the only one to last past the Discovery center so I decided to walk from the Spawning pond and do the whole White Oak Trail loop. I picked up a few on my own and ended up with 44 species on the day. The group was: Stuart Sweetman, John and Marilyn Adair, Ellis Maxey, Diane Snyder, Jacques Mont Frans and Eliz Wilkins. Species List:

Mallard
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Red-tailed Hawk
Laughing Gull
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great Horned Owl
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Common Yellowthroat
Chipping Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

July 15, 2018

The dog days of summer keep rolling on as do our regular bird walks at the Newport News Park. The only exception is our beloved leader Jane who will be out recuperating after a very unfortunate accident that will keep her off her feet for quite some time. We will continue our tradition and I will do my best to fill her large shoes in her absence. This walk started out hot and humid with temps. in the upper 70's with a decent breeze. We had 10 people show up including Jim Peterson, a biologist from the New York area that is in town doing surveys on local Air Force property on the Heron and Egret nesting population. Jim has great stories to tell and will be in our area for a few months. These hot days of summer affect the birds on how active they are and since the breeding season is mostly over they are not singing like they have been but we still managed 54 species for the day. The participants were: Stuart Sweetman, Ellis and Wendy Maxey, Tom Charlock, Mike Lowry, John and Marilyn Adair, Jim Peterson, Marc Nichols and Stephanie Thomas. Species list as follows.

Canada Goose
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Spotted Sandpiper
Laughing Gull
Royal Tern
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern-Wood Peewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
N.Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Pine Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

July 1, 2018

The year is half over and summer is in full swing. July 1, 2018 was hot and humid and there was no breeze to help cool birders or birds. 54 species were identified by the group which included John and Marilyn Adair, Bill Boeh, Marc Nichols, Stuart Sweetman, Tom Charlock, Mike Lowry, Brian McGill, Cindy Shulz and Jane Frigo. Wood Duck families were seen but thankfully no Canada Geese. Red-headed Woodpeckers were seen after what seems like a lengthy absence. Yellow-throated Vireos were heard across the reservoir in the campground. White-eyed Vireos continue to be taking up residence at the Swamp Bridge. No Acadian Flycatchers were heard and no Bald Eagles seen. A complete species list follows. A special thank you to John and Marilyn Adair for the trail mix donation the group has grown to appreciate!

Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture

Osprey
Laughing Gull
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Parula
Pine Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
House Finch

June 17, 2018

The park walk fell on Father's Day. The weather was calm, hot and humid. Those participating in the walk were Mike Lowry, Marc Nichols, Stuart Sweetman, Tom Charlock, Stephanie Thomas and Jane Frigo. 55 species were recorded. A nice group of Wood Ducks were seen and appeared to be made up of maturing young. A single Royal Tern was seen and only N. Rough-winged Swallows noted. Woodpeckers were well represented with Red-headed spotted at last. At long last a Great Horned Owl was seen...but not until the end of the morning when Stuart and Jane made their way to the Swamp Bridge. A group of grackles making a racket drew their attention to the woods near the golf course. High in a hardwood tree the owl could be seen. Thank you Common Grackles! Misses included Bald Eagle for the second walk, Osprey and Black Vulture. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Laughing Gull
Royal Tern
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great ;Horned Owl
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow

N. Rough-winged Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Parula
Pine Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

June 3, 2018

Always great to be back at the park and June 3, 2018 was no exception. The weather was cloudy, hot and humid but at least no showers rained on the walk. The highlight of the day was a visit from Anthony Nixon, his sister and beloved dog Hobbs. Anthony participated in many walks, providing photographs to aid in identification, before moving out west. He has been traveling the world and adding to his life list. A huge thank you goes out to him for making the trip up to see us. In addition to Anthony, his sister Karin and Hobbs, others participating in the walk included John Adair, Cindy Shulz, Dianne Snyder, Tom Charlock, Andy Hawkins, Stuart Sweetman, Marc Nichols, Susan Maples, Stephanie Thomas, Brian McGill, Jane Frigo, and Ellis and Wendy Maxey. The overcast skies seemed to keep some species from showing up, like Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and Bald Eagles but others White-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos and Wood Ducks were seen. Red-headed Woodpeckers were heard but not seen so the hope is they will be returning to the regular territory in the future. All totaled 55 species were identified. A complete list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck

Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Laughing Gull
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Parula
Pine Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
House Finch
American Goldfinch

May 20, 2018

The temperature started out in the low 70's but the high humidity made the air feel thick and sticky with some fog. The rain held off and the day turned out nice. We had a group of 14 turn out with 3 relative new comers to the Sunday park walk. The participants were: Stuart Sweetman, the walk leader, Dianne Snyder, Ellis and Wendy Maxey, Cindy Schulz, Mike Lowrey, Eliz Wilkins and Jacques van Montfrans, Bill Boeh, Tom Charlock, Tom Donahue, Stephanie Thomas, Joan Stone and Aravind Balan. The migration push had pretty much passed with only 5 warbler species and zero thrush species seen. The Blackpolls were still around and the did actually get good looks of this beauty. The highlight for the day for those who were left had to be an Anhinga circling over the swamp bridge. The bird corcled over and headed our over the lake and out of sight. Bill Boeh and myself were the last to leave and while compiling our lists the Anhinga reappeared circling low over the spawning pond as if it was wanting to land. The two of us got perfect looks before it headed out over the golf course. Many areas were very slow and quiet with many birds seen without hearing them. We did manage 60 species and what turned out to be a great day for all. A complete species list will be below.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Double-crested Cormorant
Anhinga
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Laughing Gull
Mourning Dove
Chimney Swift
Red-headed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern wood Pewee
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Blackpoll Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
House Finch
American Goldfinch

May 5, 2018

Showers gradually gave way to light drizzle and cloudy skies on May 5, 2018. Those coming out to capture any migrants were Mike Lowry, Jason Strickland, Pete Peterman, Stuart Sweetman, Marc Nichols, Cindy Shulz, Tom Donahue, Susan Maples and Jane Frigo. The group wasn't disappointed...the total species count was 82 for the morning (including a Field Sparrow Jason got at the campground after the others quit and Black Vultures at the dumpsters on Stable Road seen by Stuart and Jane on their way out). The questionable weather made the group change the usual Sunday routine. After the first stop, the group skipped the Arboretum and Discovery Center and headed straight to the Spawning Pond and a hike to the Swamp Bridge. From there the group traveled down the right path to the overlook, stopping by the Discovery Center and Arboretum at the end of the walk. Finally a Red-headed Woodpecker was seen and Great Horned Owls were heard deep in the woods at the overlook. White, Red and Yellow-throated Vireos were seen and Summer and Scarlet Tanagers. 14 warblers were counted and all but 3 seen. It was a GREAT time. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great Horned Owl
Chimney Swift
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo

Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Swainson's Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
House Finch
American Goldfinch

April 15, 2018

Spring 2018 has been a roller coaster of temperatures! April 15 was in the 70's and April showers held off until afternoon. Those attending the walk were Don Brunk, Dianne Snyder, Emmylou Kidder, Josh Kolba, Cindy Schulz, Mike Lowry, Stuart Sweetman, Susan Maples, Jason Strickland, Marc Nichols, Jane Frigo, Marilyn and John Adair, Ellis and Wendy Maxey and newcomers Melany Libby and Tom Donahue. The species count reached 71 and included winter residents, migrants and summer arrivals. 3 Common Loons were seen flying overhead. A Greater Yellowlegs was spotted and sparked a discussion between Greater and Lesser species. A Tree Swallow was seen checking out a Prothonotary Warbler nest box. While at the Discovery Center the group got to see a close up look of a Wood Duck hatchling brought in to the rehab center. Prairie Warblers were seen which was unusual for the park. The group took the White Oak Trail in hopes of getting more of the migrants. The Louisiana Waterthrush was heard but not seen. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher nest was found with female sitting and male in attendance. A few FOS were Green Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Great Crested Flycatcher and Orchard Oriole. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Common Loon
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Virginia Rail
Greater Yellowlegs
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Royal Tern
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Ovenbird
Louisiana Waterthrush
Prothonotary Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole

House Finch
American Goldfinch

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday fell on this day and was a reminder of how beautiful our natural world is as it comes alive again every spring. 14 birders chose to spend the morning outdoors and were able to identify 61 species. Participants were George and Virginia Boyles, Marilyn and John Adair, Walt and Gwen Harris, Elizabeth Wilkins, Jacque van Montfrans, Ellis Maxey, Marc Nichols, Stuart Sweetman, Tom Charlock, Hannah Montalvo and Jane Frigo. Many winter residents could still be found and some summer residents had arrived. The most notable arrival was Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. They could be seen and heard EVERYWHERE! Great Egrets were also abundant with 12 found scattered throughout the park. The group enjoyed seeing a Palm Warbler and a White-eyed Vireo. There was an interesting encounter between a Bald Eagle and a Mallard. The eagle was obviously looking for breakfast and the mallard was desperately trying to escape being the main course. The eagle would swoop down, the mallard would dive under water, something he is not too good at considering he is a dabbler not a diver. The encounter went on for some time until both seemed to run out of energy and quit to fight another day. Finally, Ellis Maxey got to see a Winter Wren! The group enjoyed the usual trail mix break with an extra "chocolate Easter basket" treat from Marilyn Adair. Thanks to Virginia Boyles for also donating trail mix. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Virginia Rail
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Royal Tern
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
White-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Tree Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
Common Yellowthroat
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

March 18, 2018

The day was damp and chilly at sunrise but gradually produced welcome sunshine and somewhat warmer temperatures. Those people participating in the walk were Dianne Snyder, Emmylou Kidder, John Adair, Stuart Sweetman, Ellis Maxey, Tom Charlock, Gwen Harris, Genevieve Okuma,

Marc Nichols, Bill Boeh and Jane Frigo. A total of 59 species were identified. A pair of Wood Ducks were a real treat. At last the Great Horned Owl returned to the Arboretum! A pair of White-breasted Nuthatches were observed cleaning out a cavity which will hopefully yield young. Tree Swallows and a couple Northern Rough-winged Swallows were feeding. Stuart Sweetman, Dianne Snyder and Emmylou Kidder persisted until nearly 1 PM in a hunt for the Virginia Rail last seen at the Swamp Bridge. They were successful! They also saw the Winter Wren that has eluded Ellis Maxey all year. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Virginia Rail
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Tree Swallow
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

March 3, 2018

The first bird walk for March was held on Saturday instead of Sunday because of the All City Marathon. A weather front arriving Friday and predicted to continue through Sunday brought clear skies but damaging winds! The temperature was in the 40's but the 20+ winds made the morning bone chilling. Mike Lowry, Dave Youker, James Abbott, Marc Nichols, Cindy Shulz and Jane Frigo braved the winds and still were able to identify 48 species. 7 duck species were seen. Laughing Gulls were among the more abundant Ring-billed Gulls. Finally a Red-headed Woodpecker was at least heard! A nice group of Fox Sparrows were foraging but no Chipping or Field Sparrows were seen. A Red-tailed Hawk was seen bringing a stick to a fork in a tree possibly indicating nest construction. By far the most exciting observation came at the end of the morning when the group ventured to the Swamp Bridge. James Abbot caught the movement of a Virginia Rail! With a little patience the rest of the group was able to observe the rail running between the vegetation. The group could hear vocalizations from both sides of the bridge making more than one individual a certainty. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal

Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Virginia Rail
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
American Goldfinch

February 18, 2018

The park walk began with temperatures in the 40's, skies clear and winds calm. Those participating included Ellis Maxey, Dianne Snyder, Cindy Shulz, Mike Lowry, Tom Charlock, Marc Nichols, Susan Maples, Jane Frigo, George and Virginia Boyles, Marilyn and John Adair, first time visitor Judy York and a brief visit from Jason Strickland. 48 species were identified by the time the group called it quits at the Spawning Pond (no trek to the Swamp Bridge today). Ducks were not as abundant as during the previous walk but 6 species were seen, including a flyover pair of Wood Ducks. Several Bald Eagles of various ages were seen. The Laughing Gull seen for a month was gone. Interestingly no Great Blue Heron was seen. Six sparrow species were identified including several Fox Sparrows. No Hermit Thrush was spotted and no owls. A SPECIAL NOTE.....BECAUSE OF THE ALL CITY MARATHON SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 4, THE PARK WALK WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3 AT THE REGULAR TIME, 7 AM. Here is a list of the species seen during the morning.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin

Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

February 4, 2018

February 4, 2018 was damp and chilly but winds were calm and 18 people were eager to see what birds and ducks could be found. They were Hannah Montalvo, Bill Boeh, Stuart Sweetman, Emmylou Kidder, Josh Kolba, Marc Nichols, Tom Charlock, Cindy Shulz, Mike Lowry, Susan Maples, Dianne Snyder, Jane Frigo, Gwen and Walt Harris, Wendy and Ellis Maxey, and Marilyn and John Adair. The group identified 52 species before the predicted rain moved in. The lone Laughing Gull was still at the pipeline. Ruddy Duck and Green-winged Teal were added to the waterfowl seen. Other interested mammals included beaver and first time coyote! Northern Flickers seemed abundant taking advantage of the moist ground. The group was unsuccessful in locating the Barred Owl spotted on the last walk, however, a passing visitor said he had seen it earlier. Still no Red-headed Woodpeckers. A possible reason may be the construction work on new shelters in the area. Hopefully they will return. Fortunately the road to the Spawning pond was reopened! A reminder that because of the All City Marathon to be held on March 4, THE REGULAR WALK WILL BE MOVED TO SATURDAY, MARCH 3. A species list follows.

Canada Goose
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture

Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

January 21, 2018

The beginning of the new year brought cold and snowy weather but at last a beautiful day! January 21, 2018 was clear and calm. Very little snow and ice were left as temperatures climbed into the

50's. 19 people participated in the morning walk and from the level of conversation all were glad to be together. They were Gwen and Walt Harris, Pete and Charm Peterman, Wendy and Ellis Maxey, John and Marilyn Adair, Marc Nichols, Susan Maples, Lisa Rose, Tom Charlock, Jason Strickland, Emmylou Kidder, Dianne Snyder, Cindy Schulz, Jane Frigo, and newcomers Melody Mosbaugher and Scott Hemler. The group identified 50 species. Ducks were more abundant in the main reservoir and were a welcome sight with good numbers of Gadwall and Ring-necked Ducks. Hooded Mergansers and American Wigeon were also seen. A Canvasback was spotted on Saturday but could not be found this morning. The highlight of the day had to be a Barred Owl sighting at the Arboretum. The walk ended with an unusual sighting of a Laughing Gull on the pipeline. A complete list follows.

Canada Goose
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Hooded Merganser
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird

Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
House Finch
American Goldfinch

January 7, 2018

Because of a very rare development, the January 7, 2018 Newport News Park Walk was canceled! On Thursday, January 4, 2018, a weather system termed "bombogenesis" hit the area dumping 8-10 inches of snow, plunging temperatures below freezing and bringing winds near blizzard levels. Skies cleared on Friday but daily high temperatures remained in the 20's and teens and night time temperatures dipped to the single digits until late Monday. Although the city did a great job of clearing the interstate highways, neighborhood roads remained treacherous. The regular walks will resume on January 21, 2018.