On Wednesday, March 15, eight hardcore (or should we call them hard-headed) birders braved 15°F temperatures and blustery, below-zero wind chills to sharpen their birding skills at Robert Long, Walled Lake and Heritage Park. Long had a fraction of its water open, but we were able to view the differences between the gulls as well as many ducks. Unfortunately, most were along the back shore to block the strong winds, but the lighting was excellent, giving us great views. Walled Lake had a huge group of mixed species that allowed us to study Redhead, Canvasback and Lesser Scaup. After the winds blew over a scope, we figured that was the sign to head to the Heritage Park Nature Center. There we enjoyed the warmth and feeders, as we watched in comfort some early migrants taking advantage of an easy lunch. A walk on the trails yielded Turkey Vulture as well as Cedar Waxwings and a number of woodpeckers. A total of 38 species were found, not too shabby for cold winter day.

- Mallard
- Northern Shoveler
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Turkey Vulture
- American Coot
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Mourning Dove
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- American Robin
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- American Tree Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- White-throated Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Northern Cardinal
- Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow