September 9 2017 – Lake St. Clair Metropark  
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The calendar said “summer,” but the weather – and the bird life – screamed “autumn,” as 13 observers enjoyed a morning of cool sunshine and lots of birds at Lake St. Clair Metropark on September 9. We all had “warbler neck” from trying to identify individuals of the pockets of warblers and vireos. We ended up with about 16 species of warblers, and an awesome variety of other species made the morning special. It was great to hear the discussions about a confusing raptor, finally settling on a Red-shouldered Hawk. True to form with group birding, not everyone was able to see every bird; but everyone enjoyed the show. A great way to kick off fall migration. A species list is below.

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Wood Duck
Mallard
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Bald Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Gallinule
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Sanderling
Pectoral Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Caspian Tern
Mourning Dove
Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Marsh Wren
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Black-and-white Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Song Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow