The Wednesday workshop/field trip series continued on Nov. 8, on a crisp, cloudless, windless morning at Robert Long Park. The fall colors were still spectacular, but the birds weren’t shabby, either. We were greeted by a line of about 40+ Tundra Swans migrating way overhead, the first of many of that species we would see. The first pond had Green-winged Teal, and the back pond yielded lots of puddle ducks, some Ring-necked Ducks, and Pied-billed Grebes in perfect viewing light. Two late Black-crowned Night-Herons were a treat. Onto Walled Lake, where the waterfowl and gulls were starting to congregate. We could clearly see the difference between the Mute and Tundra swans. A loon, more grebes, and a ton of Bufflehead delighted all. A cruising adult Bald Eagle made the Coots quite nervous! Funny thing about Walled Lake: No matter where you stand to view the birds, they seem to be on the other side of lake! We tallied about 43 species.

Canada Goose
Mute Swan
Tundra Swan
Wood Duck
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater/Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Bald Eagle
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Killdeer
Bonaparte’s Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Rock Pigeon
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
American Robin
European Starling
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Northern Cardinal