The Young Birders’ Club visited Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on January 13. It was a clear, cold day. Veteran birder Mike Mencotti led the group along the trails. Mike volunteers at Heritage Park and offers his expertise for several nature programs there. Turnout for the day was high with three new families joining the hike. In total, twenty-five birders including eight young birders and their families enjoyed the sights at Heritage Park. The lack of snow made travel on the trails easy. The park has several wonderful vistas to enjoy nature. Although bird activity was low, the group was treated to a fly over by an adult Bald Eagle. Mike noted this is only the second time he had seen an eagle at the park. Eighteen species were observed along the trail with two other species heard, but not seen - a Belted Kingfisher and Eastern Bluebird.

Heritage Park has an extensive Bluebird Trail with nest boxes. The group visited the Nature Center after the hike for snacks and hot cocoa. Everyone spent time looking at the wonderful bird feeding station and exploring the exhibits indoors. The Nature Center is a great place to visit and has numerous events and programs for the community. Photo credits: Lynn Manzi and Jim Law.

- Mourning Dove
- Bald Eagle
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Blue Jay
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- American Robin
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- House Finch
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Northern Cardinal