**April 18, 2021 – Maple River**

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It’s always good to get out on a nice spring day to bird. With the temperature starting in the upper 30’s and reaching the upper 50’s while blue skies prevailed, it was a good day. Then add a bunch of birds to that and it’s a great mix. 10 birders enjoyed a nice walk around the impoundments at Maple River looking for waterfowl and other early migrants. Lots of duck species to find along with a handful of shorebirds, raptors and some passerines.

The highlight of the day was the flyover of 22 American White Pelicans. Graceful and armed with the “breeding knob” on the bills, they were a delight. It was also nice to see Northern Pintail along with the whole collection of ducks.



A complete list of species seen is provided below.

58 species seen

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

Blue-winged Teal

Northern Shoveler

Gadwall

American Wigeon

Mallard

Northern Pintail

Green-winged Teal

Bufflehead

Common Merganser

Ruddy Duck

Ring-necked Pheasant

Pied-billed Grebe

Mourning Dove

American Coot

Sandhill Crane

Killdeer

Pectoral Sandpiper

Wilson’s Snipe

Greater Yellowlegs

Lesser Yellowlegs

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

Double-crested Cormorant

American White Pelican

Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Osprey

Northern Harrier

Bald Eagle

Red-tailed Hawk

Rough-legged Hawk

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Pileated Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Eastern Phoebe

Black-capped Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse

Horned Lark

Tree Swallow

Barn Swallow

Blue Jay

White-breasted Nuthatch

European Starling

American Robin

American Goldfinch

Field Sparrow

American Tree Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Red-winged Blackbird

Brown-headed Cowbird

Rusty Blackbird

Common Grackle

Yellow-rumped Warbler