



SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES SEEN MAGEE MARSH & KIRTLAND'S WARBLER TOUR May 7 – 22, 2015

bold = seen during our May 16-22, 2015 trip

light type face = seen pre-trip, during the BWAB, pre-trip, May 7-16, 2015

[light type face] = previous trip (2010-2014), year noted i.e., 2014

2015 - The 1st wave came through May 4. 5th-10th southerly winds temps were in the upper 80's and low 90's. The number of birds diminished as the days went by, though on the 7th there was still 25 species but in very low quantities. A line of thunderstorms rolled through the afternoon of the 9th. Northerly winds and colder temperatures including a 39 degree morning May 14. The 2nd wave came through May 15 when northerly winds changed over to the south and temperatures rebounded from two days in low 60s to back to 80. On May 16 560 birds were banded, but many must have taken off that night as there were few numbers the following day on our first full day of the trip. The winds continued from the south changing to the west on May 19, and getting stronger. This kept some of warblers lower down on our last two visits to Magee.

Locations:

Ohio - Pearson MetroPark, Magee Marsh, Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO), Metzger Marsh, Ottawa NWR, Boss Unit, Maumee Bay SP, Camp Sabroske, Camp Perry beach, Oak Openings, Krause & Stange Road, Menke Marina, Pipe Creek
Michigan - Houghton Lake Sewer Plant, Houghton Lakes Flats, Michelson Road & Landing, Hartwick Pines SP, Grayling Kirtland's Warbler tour, Nayanquing Point SWA

BIRDS

Ducks, Geese & Swans

[Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

10 birds were seen around Pipe Creek May 11 during the BWAB - 2014]

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

Very common in the marshes, where pairs had just hatched multiple chicks.

[Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

A few pairs seen at Metzger and in Michigan in 2014]

Trumpeter Swan *Cygnus buccinator*

Re-introduction began in the mid 1990's, and nesting pairs can be seen at Magee Marsh and Ottawa NWR and also seen in a pond beside the highway in Michigan. Of note, it is the heaviest living bird in North America

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

A few pair seen around, they nest in the cottonwoods around the marshes. 2 flew over Rte 275 after picking up Linda in Detroit. A male was next to a nest box at Maumee Bay SP

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

As many as 20 at Ottawa NWR and Metzger Marsh. Some may stay to nest.

[Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*

1 at Pickerel Creek May 7 - 2010; 1 at the Boss Unit May 2 - 2013]

American Wigeon *Anas americana*

Up to 20 at Metzger Marsh and 6 at Houghton Lake Sewage Ponds.

[American Black Duck *Anas rubripes*

A pair seen at Metzger Marsh in 2013]

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

The most common duck, seen daily

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*

A pair seen at Magee Marsh on May 11th pre-trip; 6 at Ottawa NWR and 1 at Houghton Lake Sewage Pond

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

1 late linger at Pipe Creek, and 2 at Houghton Lake Sewage Pond

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca carolinensis*

A couple of pairs at Ottawa NWR on the 7th, pre-trip

[Common (Eurasian) Teal *Anas crecca crecca*

1 at Ottawa NWR on May 4th during the BWAB - 2012]

Redhead *Aythya americana*

A nice surprise was 8 birds at Houghton Lake Sewage Ponds

[Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

3 seen on May 10 at Pipe Creek during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*

A pair on the 8th and 9th on a small pond in Oregon, pre-trip; 10 at Houghton Lake Sewage Ponds

[Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*

2 on Lake Erie May 8 during BWAB - 2012]

[Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*

15 at Houghton Lake Sewer Treatment Plant - 2014]

Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus*

Small numbers bred locally. 3 in the marsh at the Lucas-Ottawa line, pre-trip. 1 flew over 275 in Michigan after picking up the group in Detroit; 3 on a residential pond near Oak Harbour; 1 at Houghton Lake Sewage Pond

[Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

1 female at Houghton Lake Sewage Treatment Plant - 2014]

[Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*

2 at Pipe Creek, 2 at Houghton Lake Sewage Treatment Plant May 20 and again May 27 - 2014

New World QuailsNorthern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus*

A female was walking around the car park at Magee Marsh, likely an escapee, on May 13th, pre-trip

Pheasants & Turkeys[Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

A male at Nayanquing Point SWA - 2014]

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*

Two hens along the road at Hartwick Pines SP

LoonsCommon Loon *Gavia immer*

2 on Lake Erie in the north, north winds that whipped up on May 13th, pre-trip

Grebes**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*

Up to 8 in the marshes of Ottawa NWR, pre-trip; 3 seen there during our trip and 1 at Pipe Creek

[Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

1 at Ottawa NWR - 2014]

Cormorants**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Up to a dozen seen flying around the southern shore of Lake Erie and Magee Marsh

PelicansAmerican White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Unexpected and rare! 13 birds flew over the Estuary Trail at Magee Marsh on the 9th, with smaller numbers seen on the following days through May 14, pre-trip

Bitterns, Herons & Allies[American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*

1 seen well at Magee Marsh May 17 - 2014]

[Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis*

Up to 3 seen at Pipe Creek on both trips, May 17 & 25 - 2014]

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

Common in the marshes. Rookery on West Sister Island on Lake Erie

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Common in small numbers in the marshes. Rookery on West Sister Island on Lake Erie

[Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Uncommon, though has nested at West Sister Island. 1 at Metzger Marsh May 9 during BWAB, pre-trip; 6 at Ottawa NWR May 23 - 2014]

[Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*

Very rare visitor. 1 at Maumee Bay SP on May 7, during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

[Cattle Egret *Butorides ibis*

Occasional, though has bred on West Sister Island. 7 at Maumee Bay SP on May 13 - 2010; A single bird May 15 and May 17 along Krause Rd - 2011]

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

Just a couple of birds seen during our trip

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

2 flew over 75 in Michigan after picking up Linda in Detroit; 1 at Ottawa, Camp Sabroske and Nayanquing Point

Ibises

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

4 seen in a flock of 6 *plegadis* at the Meinke Marina flooded field, on May 13th during BWAB, pre-trip

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*

2 on the flock of 6 *plegadis* at the Meinke Marina flooded field on May 13th, during the BWAB, pre-trip

New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

A few seen on most days

Osprey

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

On nests at Houghton Flats and in Grayling

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Allies

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis*

Very occasional. 1 seen flying over Meinke Marina when looking at the Hudsonian Godwit May 12, pre-trip

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

1 at Ottawa NWR and 1 at Nayanquing Point SWA

[Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*

Uncommon in May, as they move through in late March and April during spring migration. 1 on May 8 at Krause Road during the BWAB - 2014]

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*

1 at Ottawa NWR

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

This region supports the largest density of breeding eagles, and it is not uncommon to see a dozen in a day.

[Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*

1 on May 13 during the BWAB - 2014]

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

Immature at Oak Openings and at Hartwick Pines

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

Common breeder with one seen every day

Rails, Gallinules & Coots

[Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis*

Only the 4th record! 1 at Metzger Marsh May 5th, during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2012]

[King Rail *Rallus elegans*

Occasional. 1 seen very well at Nayanquing Point SWA, May 19 - 2014]

[Virginia Rail *Rallus limicola*

Common. 2 seen very well at Metzger Marsh, May 11 & 14 during our tour - 2012]

[Sora *Porzana carolina*

Most common nesting rail. 2 seen well at Pipe Creek - 2014]

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*

3 at Ottawa NWR

American Coot *Fulica americana*

Several dozen seen at Ottawa NWR, 7 at Pipe Creek and 3 at Michelson Landing

Cranes

Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*

A few nest locally. Often heard when at Magee Marsh where we had 3 fly over. 2 at Houghton Flats and Nayanquing Point

Lapwing & Plovers

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Uncommon. A single breeding plumage bird at Metzger Marsh and in an unplowed field at Meinke Marina

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*

Spring migrant. A large flock of 300 at Metzger Marsh on the 8th, and up to 30 in bare fields in days after through May 12, pre-trip

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Common spring migrant that remain into early June. Seen at Metzger Marsh, 25 in the the field at Meinke Marina and 5 at Houghton Lake Sewer Plant

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

Common and vocal nesting shorebird, seen daily

Stilts & Avocets

[Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

Very occasional. 2 at Ottawa NWR on May 13 during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

Sandpipers, Phalaropes & Allies

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Common along shoreline of Lake Erie. 12 at Pipe Creek; 3 at Houghton Lake Sewer Plant

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*

One or two migrants seen at Metzger Marsh and Ottawa NWR, pre-trip

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

A few pre-trip; 2 at Meinke Marina

[Willet *Tringa semipalmata*

Occasional. 1 "Western" *inornata* at Camp Perry beach May 13 - 2013]

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

More common the Greater. Seen more often during the BWAB, pre-trip. 2 at Ottawa NWR, 1 at Meinke Marina; 2 at Houghton Lake Sewer Plant

Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*

Uncommon, though usually sighted in first half of the month in the agricultural fields along Rte 2. 4 along Stange Road, May 13, pre-trip

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*

Very rare! 1 in breeding plumage at the Meinke Marina flooded field during the BWAB on May 12 and 13, pre-trip

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*

1 on the flats at Metzger Marsh March 7-13 during the BWAB, pre-trip

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Singles at Metzger Marsh and bare fields, during the BWAB, pre-trip

[Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Individuals on May 16 & 17, at Magee beach and Camp Perry beach respectively - 2014]

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

The most abundant 'peep' during migration. A few at Metzger Marsh pre-trip, 1 at Camp Perry beach; 3 at Meinke Marina

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

This spring more common than semipalmated. 1 at Ottawa NWR; 9 at Lake Houghton Sewer Plant

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*

Uncommon with peak time between 3rd week of May and 1st week of June. 1 at Lake Houghton Sewer Plant

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

1 on May 13 during the BWAB at Metzger Marsh, pre-trip

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

The most common migrant shorebird, with good numbers seen at Ottawa NWR, Metzger Marsh and in flooded fields as well as at Houghton Lakes Sewer Plant

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*

1 at Metzger Marsh on May 13 during the BWAB, pre-trip

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*

Far more common than Long-billed in spring migration. 1 at Ottawa and 1 on the Meinke Marina flooded field, pre-trip; 25 seen at Metzger Marsh

[Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

1 pre-trip at Pearson MetroPark north wetland - 2014]

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*

1 in flight along the Estuary Trail at Magee Marsh on May 8 during the BWAB, pre-trip

American Woodcock *Scolopax minor*

Often arrive by late February. Several seen very well at Magee Marsh. One nest with 4 eggs was abandoned in the car park.

[Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*

Rare. 3 on May 9 at Metzger Marsh during the BWAB, pre-trip. Wonderful looks at a female feeding along the edge of a pond at Houghton Lake Sewer Plant - 2014]

[Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Rare. 1 very confident female at Pearson MetroPark north wetland May 14 during the BWAB, pre-trip, but alas not there the next day for our tour group - 2014]

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers

Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*

Still a few around Lake Erie in mid May. 3 in the Meinke Marina flooded field, pre-trip; 1 at Pipe Creek; a large group of at least 120 at Houghton Lake Sewer Plant including one in full breeding plumage

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

The most common gull, with up to 60 seen daily

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

Common, but in smaller numbers than Ring-billed. Seen most days.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

1 in adult plumage in the wet field at Meinke Marina during the BWAB on May 16, pre-trip

[Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*

1 along Lake Erie shoreline during the BWAB on May 10 - 2010]

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Uncommon. Up to 30 on the flats at Metzger Marsh, pre-trip. 1 at Ottawa NWR and 1 at Pipe Creek

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

Occasional around Ottawa NWR and Metzger Marsh. 2 at Ottawa NWR and 1 at Michelson Landing and 3 at Houghton Flats where they breed

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Uncommon with small numbers along Lake Erie where they nest. As many as 10 seen on several days

[Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*

Uncommon. 3 at Maumee Bay SP - 2014]

Pigeons & Doves

Feral (Rock) Pigeon *Columba livia*

Uncommon in rural areas around Lake Erie. Surprisingly few around barns in the rural areas as well as in the older sections of Toledo. A few in Michigan!

Mourning Dove *Zenaidura macroura*

Common, seen in small numbers daily

Barn Owl

[Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

1 at Magee Marsh May 18 - 2012]

Typical Owls

Eastern Screech Owl *Megascops asio*

2 at Maumee Bay including a red morph, and 1 at Magee Marsh boardwalk

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*

1 along the boardwalk during the BWAB at Magee Marsh May 13 - pre-trip

Barred Owl *Strix varia*

Heard calling mid afternoon at Hartwick Pines SP

[Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

1 at Magee Marsh during the BWAB May 9 - 2013]

Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*

Fairly common in migration and seen and heard pre-trip. Surprisingly not during our trip!

[Eastern Whip-poor-will *Caprimulgus vociferus*

Uncommon. 1 on May 15 & 16 along Magee Marsh boardwalk, including having it call during the middle of the day! - 2013]

Swifts

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica*

A couple seen over Pearson MetroPark, Oak Openings and Maumee Bay

Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

Several at the feeders at Pearson MetroPark, BSBO and Hartwick Pines. A few others at Magee Marsh and Oak Openings

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*

Uncommon. 1 at Pipe Creek and heard at Camp Sabroske

Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*

Half a dozen at Oak Openings where they breed

Red-bellied Woodpecker *Melanerpes carolinus*

A couple at Pearson MetroPark, Oak Openings and heard at Magee Marsh

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*

1 at a nest hole on Michelson Road; heard at Hartwick Pines

Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens*

Common resident, one or two heard or seen daily in Ohio

Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*

1 at the feeders at Pearson MetroPark

Northern "Yellow-shafted" Flicker *Colaptes auratus*

One around Magee Marsh, 2 in the Jack Pine habitat during Kirtland's Warbler during

Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus*

1 seen flying across the road as we were leaving the Nayanquing area

Caracara & Falcons

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Uncommon. 1 along Rte 2 over the bare fields near Metzger Marsh. 1 in Michigan along 275 after picking the group up at Detroit

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*

Uncommon. 1 at Nayanquing Point SWA

Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

1 at Magee Marsh on May 13 during the BWAB, pre-trip

Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens*

Common migrant and local woodland nester. 1st one on May 9th, seen or heard daily

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*

Uncommon. First recorded May 14, several seen really well at Magee Marsh with 4 on May 18

Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virens*

Occasional. 1 at Magee Marsh May 17

Alder Flycatcher *Empidonax alnorum*

Uncommon, though basically impossible to separate from Willow unless singing. First reported May 11. 1 heard and seen at Ottawa NWR on May 17

Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii*

Common nester. First reported May 7. Heard and seen at Magee Marsh, Ottawa NWR, Pipe Creek and Oak Openings

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*

The most common *empid* migrant. Several seen pre-trip, with one at Magee Marsh on May 17

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*

2 at Maumee Bay SP

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*

Common woodland breeder. One or two seen or heard daily.

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*

Common migrant and breeder, with as many as 20 seen in a day.

Vireos

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*

Occasional at Magee, breeds at Oak Openings. 1 during the BWAB at Magee, pre-trip

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*

Uncommon. One seen on several days at Magee Marsh during BWAB, pre-trip

Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius*

First of the vireos to arrival in spring and relatively common. 1 seen on Magee Marsh boardwalk May 7 and 8, pre-trip

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*

Very common breeder in the cottonwoods including several seen building nests. Up to 20 plus seen daily

Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*

Began to show up around May 8. 2 seen well at Magee Marsh on May 18

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

Common migrant and breeder in local woodlots, seen daily

Jays & Crows

Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata*

Large concentrations flying along the Lake Erie shoreline before they cross the lake! Seen daily

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

A few seen daily

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Up to 6 seen on the two days we were in the upper part of the lower Michigan peninsula

Larks

Horned Lark *Eremophia alpestris*

A few seen in the agricultural fields around Rte 2 where they nest

Swallows

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

1 at Pearson MetroPark; 4 at Pipe Creek

Purple Martin *Progne subis*

Seen daily in Ohio. Found around the Maumee Bay Nature Center, Ottawa NWR where there are nest boxes

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*

The most numerous swallow with many utilizing the nest boxes in the marshes. Seen daily

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*

Good looks at half a dozen at Pipe Creek

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Common. 2nd most numerous swallow after Tree. Seen daily

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*

Localized breeder in small number, seen at Maumee Bay and Meinke Marina

Chickadees & Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*

A couple seen or heard each day

Tufted Titmouse *Baeolophus bicolor*

Single bird at the Pearson and Oak Openings "window on wildlife" feeders

Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*

One bird at the Oak Openings feeders

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*

A pair of 4 days including at Hartwick Pines

Creepers

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*

A pair at Hartwick Pines

Wrens

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

A few nesting around Magee Marsh. Seen each day in Ohio

[(Eastern) Winter Wren *Troglodytes hiemalis*

Uncommon. Peak flight in April. One bird May 7 & 8 during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

[Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

Uncommon. 2 at Nayanquing Point SWA - 2014]

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*

Many heard in the cattail marshes of Magee, Ottawa, Metzger and Nayanquing Point

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*

Heard at Pipe Creek and Camp Sabroske

Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila caerulea*

A few at Magee on 2 days

Kinglets

[Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*

One at Magee May 10-13 during the BWAB and seen the 1st day of our tour - 2013]

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*

Late spring migrant. A few at Magee through May 12 during the BWAB, pre-trip

Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird *Sialis sialis*

Seen at Oak Openings where they breed, at Vic's Farm and during the Kirtland's Warbler tour

Veery *Catharus fuscescens*

Surprisingly none on our tour, though a few were seen at Magee Marsh during the BWAB through May 15, pre-trip

Gray-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus*

Least common of the migrant *Catharus* seen at Magee Marsh. Wonderful looks at one for 3 days May 18-20

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*

Most numerous migrant *Catharus* with as many as 5 seen at Magee on 4 days

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*

Heard on the breeding grounds in the Jack Pines at the Kirtland's Warbler site

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

A few seen at Magee Marsh pre-trip, and one was heard at Pearson MetroPark

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*

Very common and widespread. Seen daily

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*

Common and widespread. Very numerous at Magee Marsh

[Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*

Rare. One at Oak Openings on both trips, May 18 and 24 - 2014]

Brown Thrasher *Toxostoma migratorius*

3 amongst the Kirtland's Warbler Jack Pine habitat

Starlings

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

A few seen amongst the cottonwoods where they nest in cavities. Seen daily

Wagtails & Pipits

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

Uncommon late migrants, found in the arable fields around Metzger and along Krause Road where up to 8 were seen on numerous days during the BWAB, pre-trip

Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*

Very erratic, with just a few seen at Magee Marsh, Oak Openings and Pipe Creek

Longspurs & Snow Buntings

[Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*

As many as 60 migrants lingered very late to May 12 during the BWAB - 2014]

Wood Warblers

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*

1 at Magee, 2 at Michelson Rd

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum*

Occasional as it is only over-shoots that are seen in early spring. 1 at Metzger Marsh May 14, pre-trip

[Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*

Rare overflight. 1 during the BWAB on May 9 at Magee and another reported on May 16 during our trip, but not seen - 2014]

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*

At least 1 seen regularly during the BWAB, and through May 17

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera*

Uncommon migrant and area nester. 1 at Magee Marsh May 8 and 14-15 during BWAB pre-trip; heard only at Oak Opening where they breed

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*

Very uncommon migrant. 1 at Magee on first day of BWAB May 7, pre-trip

[Brewster's Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera x chrysoptera*

1 at Magee Marsh boardwalk during the BWAB May 3 & May 9 - 2013]

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

A couple at Magee and at Pipe Creek

Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*

Several pairs breed at Magee Marsh where we watched them visiting their nest holes

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*

Late spring migrant, and part of the second wave that comes through in the 3rd week. Seen on 2 days at Magee with up to six on our last day, some within arms reach!

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*

Uncommon migrant. 1 on the estuary trail at Magee May 10-14, pre-trip, and Lauren had on to the Magee boardwalk on May 20

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*

Migrants peak in the first half of May. One was heard at Magee on two days; A dozen were seen on the breeding grounds amongst the Jack Pines on the Kirtland's Warbler tour

Connecticut Warbler *Oporornis agilis*

Late May migrant, but a real skulker and hard to find. 1 on May 16 on the estuary trail, pre-trip

Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia*

Late May migrant with a few in by mid May

Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa*

Occasional spring migrant, with one seen from May 7-10 at Magee Marsh and on May 14 at Maumee, pre-trip

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

2nd most common nesting warbler after Yellow Warbler. More often heard around the marshes, with a few seen daily

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*

One of the least numerous warblers at Magee. Early migrant and more of a southerly breeder. A female was seen at Magee on May 18 and we had a singing male on his territory at Oak Openings the next day.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*

Common migrant and the most numerous warbler, after Yellow, during our trip.

Kirtland's Warbler *Setophaga kirtlandii*

2 males and a female seen well on the Jack Pine breeding grounds near Grayling. Many others heard. From a low of 167 males in 1987 the population has made a remarkable recovery, thanks to conservation practices, with over 2000 singing males recorded in 2013

Cape May Warbler *Setophaga tigrina*

Numbers of migrants vary yearly. While there were half a dozen seen daily during the BWAB, pre-trip, we only had a female at Metzger on May 17, and one was heard at Michelson Road in Michigan

Cerulean Warbler *Setophaga cerulea*

Occasional spring migrant in very low numbers. 1 male seen really well at Pearson MetroPark on May 16

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*

Uncommon with a few seen daily at Magee Marsh through May 16, pre-trip. 1 male at Pipe Creek

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia*

One of the most numerous migrants and part of the 2nd wave, mid-month. Up to 10 seen each day in Ohio.

Bay-breasted Warbler *Setophaga castanea*

Common migrant around the middle of the month, with a few seen each day in Ohio

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca*

Fairly common around the middle of the month, but only a couple seen on our trip with a stunning male eye level and only a few feet away!

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*

The most numerous breeding warbler, heard and seen everywhere, with many nest building during the 2nd and 3rd week of May

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*

Common migrant, with a few seen each day

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata*

One of the last warblers to migrate and fairly common, seen in small numbers each day in Ohio

Black-throated Blue Warbler *Setophaga caerulescens*

Seen in small numbers during the middle of the month, including a few females

Palm Warbler *Setophaga palmarum*

Common migrant during the second week of May, most being the western subspecies. 2 seen at Metzger during our trip

Pine Warbler *Setophaga pinus*

Early occasional migrant at Magee Marsh. Breeds in pine woods at Oak Openings where it was heard, as well as at Hartwick Pines

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata coronata*

The most common migrant warbler, with peak numbers of "Myrtle's" during the 1st wave in late April-early May.

The "Audubon's" subspecies *auduboni* (very occasional) was seen on our 2013 trip

[Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica*

Rarely seen on this trip, though one was at Pipe Creek May 10, 2014 during the BWAB]

Prairie Warbler *Setophaga discolor*

Rare, with only a few records each spring. One was seen on the Estuary Trail May 15, pre-trip

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*

Common early migrant, though low numbers this spring. Maximum of 2 of a couple of days at Magee, a heard at Hartwick Pines

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis*

Late spring migrant, typically part of the 3rd wave, uncommon but seen in small numbers (1-6) on most days in Ohio

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*

Seldom numerous, it is a late spring migrant. There were between 1 and 5 each day in Ohio

[Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*

Very occasional. Breeds at Oak Openings but hard to find. Seen at Magee Marsh May 5-10, pre-trip - 2014]

Emberizids

Eastern Towhee *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

Nester at Oak Openings where several were seen

[American Tree Sparrow *Spizella arborea*

Mostly gone by late April. 2 late lingerers at Ottawa NWR May 5 during BWAB - 2011]

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*

A few nesting around our hotel in Oregon; seen at the feeders at Pearson MetroPark, Oak Openings and in the Jack Pines at the Kirtland's Warbler site

Clay-colored Sparrow *Spizella pallida*

1 was singing at the Boss Unit on May 7, pre-trip. Surprisingly we did find one in the Jack Pines where they breed during the Kirtland's tour.

Field Sparrow *Spizella pusilla*

Localized nesters around the edge of grasslands at Oak Openings and Vic's Farm where up to 6 were seen, as well as in the Jack Pines on Kirtland's tour

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*

About half a dozen seen in the Jack Pines during the Kirtland's Warbler tour, where they breed

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*

One seen in the sandy areas of Oak Openings where they breed.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*

Nests in grassy fields and found around edges of agricultural plots. Seen along Krause Road, at Oak Openings and Vic's Farm

Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*

A few seen well perched up on stalks and singing at Oak Openings

Henslow's Sparrow *Ammodramus henslowii*

Rare irregular visitor, that showed up in a few locations this spring, Oak Openings and Vic's Farm where we had one and three respectively; likely staying to breed

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*

The most common nesting sparrow, with a few seen each day

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*

Migrant in mid-May along southern shore of Lake Erie, one was seen at Magee and Pipe Creek

Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana*

Common marsh nester where cattails dominate. Often heard with a few seen at Magee, Ottawa and the Mallard Club and Nayanquing

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*

This is the most numerous migrant sparrow. Most are gone by mid-May. Surprisingly we did not see one on our trip, though they were seen every day prior during the BWAB

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

Vary in numbers from year to year. Usually peak in late April early May. A few seen pre-trip. 1 lingerer at Pearson MetroPark and at Magee Marsh

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*

2 in the Jack Pines at the Kirtland's Warbler site, these being the "Slate-colored" race

Cardinals, Tanagers & Allies

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*

A confiding pair at Oak Openings

Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea*

A female at Pipe Creek and 2 males at Hartwick Pines

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*

A few each day

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Common visitor to feeders at Hartwick Pines. A few seen at Oak Openings and Magee Marsh

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*

A few seen on most days in Ohio, best along the auto drive at Ottawa NWR and at Oak Openings

[Dickcissel *Spiza americana*

Late arrival. 1 on May 25 at Vic's Farm - 2014]

Blackbirds

Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*

Half a dozen including displaying males at Vic's Farm

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

The most numerous bird in the United States, and no different here where many breed!

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*

One seen along Rte 2 at Camp Perry; 6 at Oak Openings; 3 at Vic's Farm

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*

3 males seen at Nayanquing Point SP, and a female at Ottawa NWR pre-trip, where they are a very rare breeder.

[Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*

2 at Magee Marsh during BWAB May 6-11 - 2013]

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*

1 in flight near Grayling. Local in the Jack Pine Kirtland's Warbler breeding areas

Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula*

Common, up to two dozen seen daily

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*

Common and widespread, seen daily

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*

2 at Vic's farm

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*

Good numbers in Ohio, with exceptionally close views at Magee Marsh

Finches, Crossbills & Siskins

[Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus*

1 lingerer on May 21 at Hartwick Pines - 2014]

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*

A few most days in Ohio. Of note is that it was first recorded in Ohio in 1978.

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*

1 at the feeders at Pearson and 2 at Oak Openings

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*

A few most days with as many at a dozen seen on a couple of days

Evening Grosbeak *Coccothraustes vespertinus*

About half a dozen seen including 2 pairs at the Hartwick Pines feeders

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Common. Seen in small numbers each day

MAMMALS

Pikas, Hares & Rabbits: Lagomorpha

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*

One or two seen on multiple days

Rodents: Rodentia

[Northern Short-tailed Shrew *Blarina brevicauda*

1 at Vic's Farm - 2012]

[Porcupine *Erethizon dorsatum*

Several roadkills along the highways in northeastern lower peninsula of Michigan - 2014]

Common Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*

Seen in the marshes on 4 days

[American Beaver *Castor canadensis*

Seen during BWAB - 2014]

Groundhog *Marmota monax*

One seen near Pipe Creek

Eastern Gray Squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis*

Surprisingly few, with only one seen at Oak Openings and the 'black morph' both days at Hartwick Pines.

Eastern Fox Squirrel *Sciurus niger*

The most common *sciurus*.

Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*

One at the feeders at Oak Openings and Hartwick Pines

[Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel *Ictidomys tridecemlineatus*

1 in the Kirtland's Warbler jack pine habitat - 2011]

Eastern Chipmunk *Tamias striatus*

A few at the feeders at Pearson, Oak Openings and Hartwick Pines

[White-footed Deermouse *Peromyscus leucopus*

1 at Oak Openings - 2011]

Bats: Chiroptera

[Little Brown Myotis *Myotis lucifugus*

1 flying around our hotel in Port Clinton - 2012]

Carnivores: Carnivora

[Coyote *Canis latrans*

1 on outskirts of Port Clinton May 10 -2013]

[Striped Skunk *Mephitis mephitis*

1 at Ottawa NWR - 2013]

[American Mink *Neovison vison*

1 seen along the Magee Marsh causeway on 2 days - 2013]

Raccoon *Procyon lotor*

One at Maumee Bay SP

Even-toes Hoofed Ungulates: Artidactylia

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*

A dozen in fields around the marsh at Nayanquing Point. Given how often we saw tree stands, it was surprising that we did not see any in Ohio.

BUTTERFLIES

Swallowtails: Papilionidae

[Black Swallowtail *Papilio polyxenes*

Up to 3 seen at Oak Openings - 2014]

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail *Papilio glaucus*

One seen on 3 days

Whites & Sulphurs: Pieridae

Cabbage White *Pieris rapa*

A couple seen on 2 days

Clouded Sulphur *Colias philodice*

A few seen in Michigan

Orange Sulphur *Colias eurytheme*

1 at Pipe Creek

[Little Yellow *Eurema lisa*

1 at Oak Openings - 2014]

Gossamer-wings: Lycaenidae

[American Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*

3 at Oak Openings May 14 - 2013]

[Hoary Elfin *Callophrys polios*

1 at Oak Openings May 17 - 2011]

[Western Pine Elfin *Callophrys eryphon*

1 at Oak Openings May 14 - 2013]

Spring Azure *Celastrina ladon*

1 at Michelson Landing

Brushfoots: Nymphalidae

[Meadow Fritillary *Boloria bellona*

1 at Oak Opening during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

Pearl Crescent *Phyiodes tharos*

2 at Pipe Creek

[Question Mark *Polygonia interrogationis*

Either this species and/or Comma seen on and off throughout May - 2012]

[Comma *Polygonia comma*

Several seen - 2011]

[Mourning Cloak *Nymphalis antiopa*

1 along East Beach - 2012]

Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*

1 at Magee Marsh during the BWAB, pre-trip

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*

The most common butterfly. Many seen daily, likely due to the warm weather

[American Snout *Libytheana carinenta*

Several seen at Ottawa NWR May 3 & 4 - 2012]

[Red-spotted Purple *Limentitis arthemis*

1 at Oak Openings during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

[Monarch *Danaus plexippus*

1 or 2 seen most trips, but not in 2015!]

Skippers: Hesperiidae

Silver-spotted Skipper *Epargyreus clarus*

A couple seen at Magee Marsh

[Dreamy Duskywing *Erynnis icelus*

1 near Grayling on the Kirtland's Warbler tour - 2014]

[Juvenal's Duskywing *Erynnis juvenalis*

1 at Oak Openings during the BWAB, pre-trip - 2014]

DAMSELFLIES & DRAGONFLIES

Damselflies: Zygoptera

[Familiar Bluet *Enallagma civile*

Seen along Magee Marsh - 2013]

Marsh Bluet *Enallagma ebrium*

Seen at Michelson Landing

Eastern Forktail *Ischnura verticalis*

An immature female in the car park at Magee Marsh

Dragonflies: Anisoptera

[Swamp Darner *Epiaeschna heros*

Seen along the East Beach at Magee - 2012]

Common Green Darner *Anax junius*

The common dragonfly, seen regularly

Meadowhawk sp *Sympetrum sp*

One seen at Magee Marsh

[Red Saddlebags *Tramea onusta*

1 seen along the East Beach at Magee - 2014]

Black Saddlebags *Tramea lacerata*

One at Ottawa NWR

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES

Frogs: Anura

American Toad *Bufo americanus*

One along Michelson Road

[Fowler's Toad *Bufo woodhousii fowleri*

Seen at Peninsula Farm during BWAB field trip - 2014]

[Gray Treefrog *Hyla versicolor*

One heard at Oak Openings - 2011]

[Western Chorus Frog *Pseudacris triseriata*

One in the damp deciduous woods at Pine Haven - 2014]

Northern Leopard Frog *Rana pipiens*

One on the dirt road along the Lucas-Ottawa line

Green Frog *Rana clamitans*

Seen and heard at Magee Marsh. Heard at Nayanquing Point

Bullfrog *Rana catesbeiana*

Heard often in the marshes and seen at Magee Marsh

Scaled Reptiles: *Squamata*

Northern Water Snake *Nerodia sipedon*

Common. Seen along open freshwater waterways like Metzger Marsh and Pipe Creek.

Lake Erie Water Snake *Nerodia sipedon insularum*

This is a rather plain patterned race of Northern Water Snake, often seen along side Northern Water Snake, that is just found along the shores of Lake Erie in the Magee Marsh area.

Queen Snake *Regina septemvittata*

One large one, over 24 inches, seen in the undergrowth along the Magee Marsh boardwalk

Eastern Garter Snake *Thamnophis sirtalis*

Seen in the grass at Ottawa NWR and Magee Marsh . Common. There is a melanistic (black) form (often mistaken for a Racer or Black Rat Snake) that is found around the shores of Lake Erie, and was seen during the BWAB, pre-trip.

Eastern Fox Snake *Elaphe vulpina gloydi*

This is the 'eastern' race of Fox Snake, that just reaches its southern and eastern edge of its range along the southern shore of Lake Erie around Magee Marsh. A beautiful patterned and coloured snake with reddish head, Great looks at one swimming in the marsh behind Maumee Bay nature center, and several along the Magee Marsh boardwalk, pre-trip.

Turtles: *Testudines*

[Map Turtle *Graptemys geographica*

Several at Ottawa NWR - 2014]

Snapping Turtle *Chelydra serpentina*

We moved one off of the causeway at Magee Marsh. Others, newly hatched, were not as lucky.

Midland Painted Turtle *Chrysemys picta marginata*

The most common turtle, seen in most marshes we visited

Blanding's Turtle *Emydoidea blandingii*

Named after a Philadelphia naturalist, this turtle with a bright yellow chin and throat, was often seen basking on logs on the southern side of the Magee Marsh boardwalk

bold = seen during our May 16-22, 2015 trip

light type face = seen pre-trip, during the BWAB, pre-trip, May 7-16, 2015

[light type face] = previous trip, year noted i.e., 2014