

A Birding Tour of Ontario, Canada May 6th - 25th 2023

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Itinerary

A laid back 20-day birding tour with the focus on the migration hot-spots.

May 7-10th Point Pelee

May 10th-14th Rondeaux

May 14th - 21st Long Point, with a day at Niagara Falls on 17th

May 21st-24th Algonquin National Park and area

Accommodation

Mainly booked online via Air B&B

May 7-10th Point Pelee. Leamington Cottage, Wheatley. Simple place with 1 bedroom and kitchen come diner area, was well located for getting to Pelee.

May 10th-14th Rondeaux. The Bays Breeze, Chatham, Kent. Small wooden cottage, comfortable and great location for birding and plenty of birds around the garden.

May 14th - 21st Long Point. 'Life on the Beach', a lovely Condo looking out over the lake at the start of Long Point, a very nice, beautifully appointed apartment with 2 double king en-suite bedrooms and all mod-cons, brilliant location for birding.

May 21st-23rd Algonquin National Park and area. We stopped with friends at Barry's Bay. Whitney would be the closest town to Algonquin NP if you wanted to be closer.

May 24th Carden Alvar Important Bird area Wylie Road, Kawartha Lakes on the way back to the airport. A really nice site with lots of different habitat to the other locations. It was a shame we didn't have a bit more time here to explore. Extensive wet and dry grassland, with lots of scrub.

Flights

Flights were booked via Air Canada to and from Heathrow to Toronto, and for Economy Class were just under £500.00 with added legroom on the way out.

Car hire

This was booked online via Zest Car Rental who used Thrifty at Toronto, but Zest provided a more competitive price than dealing direct. **Itinerary**



Above: American Black Tern

Below: Baltimore Oriole



Above: Black-throated Blue Warbler

Below: Black and White Warbler



Above: Black-backed Woodpecker



Above: Blackburnian Warbler

Below: Blue-headed Vireo



Above: Bonaparte's Gull

Below: Cape May Warbler



Above: Chestnut-sided Warbler

Below: Chipping Sparrow



Above: Common Loon

Below: Eastern Bluebird



Above: Eastern Screech Owl

Below: Eastern Whip-poor Will



Above: Least Flycatcher



Above: Least Sandpiper

Below: Lesser Yellowlegs



Above: Lincoln's Sparrow

Below: Magnolia Warbler



Above: Kentucky Warbler

Below: North American Moose



Above: Northern. Parula

Below: Pine Warbler



Above: Philadelphia Vireo

Below: Prairie Warbler



Above: Prothonotary Warbler

Below: Purple Martin



Above: Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Below: Sandhill Crane



Above: Scarlet Tanager

Below: Swainson's Thrush



Above: Tree Swallow

Below: Veery



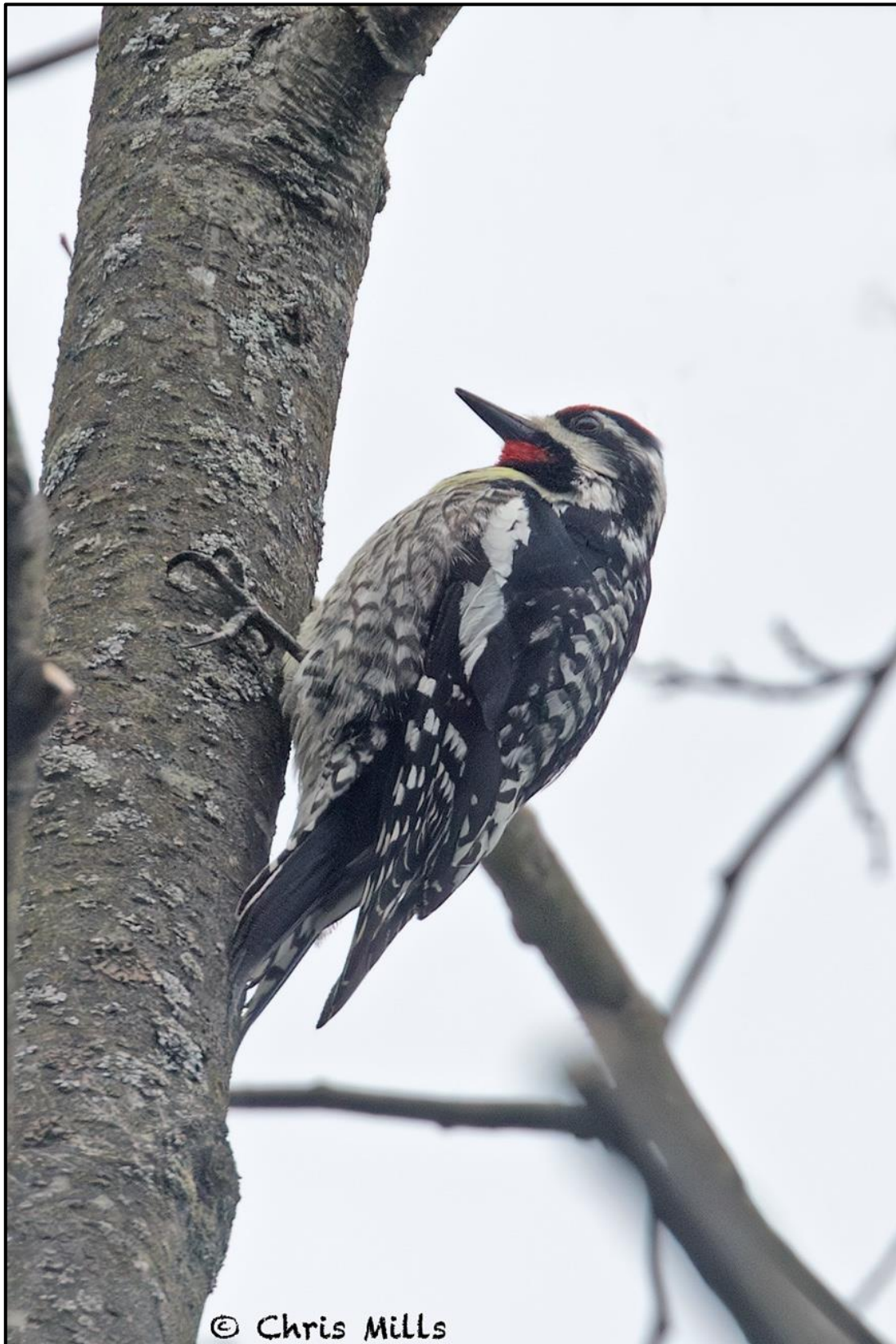
Above: Warbling Vireo

Below: White-crowned Sparrow



Above: Wilson's Warbler

Below: Willow Ptarmigan



Above: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



Above: Yellow Warbler

Below: Yellow-rumped Warbler



Above: American Green Heron

Species List

The following Systematic list is all species we recorded and just includes the highest totals for each species, many of the species were seen and recorded multiple times. Species only seen at one location are in bold. 177 species recorded plus a hybrid Golden winged/ Blue winged hybrid.

Mammals & others

We had good views of Raccoon at Rondeau, plus Moose and Beaver at Algonquin NP, also at the latter location we had a lovely Grey Tree Frog, Canadian Map Turtle and a Garter Snake.

Niagara Falls

We took the opportunity to visit Niagara Falls, from Long Point it was just over 2 hours drive and we arrived early to miss the crowds, though that proved totally unnecessary! Apparently May is still well outside the tourist season and there was very few people and many of the main tourist bars, attractions were closed, we had the whole thing to ourselves and were rather relieved!

	Common Name	Count	Location	Date
1	Canada Goose	45	Long Point--Port Rowan Wetland	19/05/2023
2	Mute Swan	6	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023
3	Trumpeter Swan	3	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
4	Wood Duck	6	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
5	Blue-winged Teal	10	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
6	Northern Shoveler	2	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
7	American Wigeon	1	Blenheim Sewage Lagoons	13/05/2023
8	Mallard	6	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	16/05/2023
9	American Black Duck	2	Algonquin Provincial Park--Logging Museum and trails	24/05/2023
10	Redhead	6	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	15/05/2023
11	Ring-necked Duck	5	Algonquin Provincial Park--Logging Museum and trails	24/05/2023
12	Lesser Scaup	12	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	19/05/2023
13	Surf Scoter	12	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
14	Bufflehead	1	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
15	Common Goldeneye	1	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	19/05/2023
16	Hooded Merganser	1	Long Point--Backus Woods South	18/05/2023
17	Goosander	1	Algonquin Provincial Park--Logging Museum and trails	24/05/2023
18	Red-breasted Merganser	40	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
19	Ruddy Duck	220	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	15/05/2023
20	Wild Turkey	3	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
21	Willow Ptarmigan	1	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
22	Pied-billed Grebe	1	Long Point--Big Creek Marsh NWA	15/05/2023
23	Slavonian Grebe	8	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
24	Feral Pigeon	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023

25	Mourning Dove	30	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
26	Eastern Whip-poor-will	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
27	Chimney Swift	50	Niagara--Upper Falls (ON)	17/05/2023
28	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	3	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
29	American Coot	1	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
30	Sandhill Crane	10	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023
31	Grey Plover	200	Leamington--East Beach Road	08/05/2023
32	Semipalmated Plover	6	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
33	Killdeer	12	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
34	Ruddy Turnstone	35	Leamington--East Beach Road	08/05/2023
35	Red Knot	1	Long Point--Hastings Drive	19/05/2023
36	Dunlin	200	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
37	Least Sandpiper	30	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	19/05/2023
38	Short-billed Dowitcher	20	Blenheim Sewage Lagoons	13/05/2023
39	American Woodcock	2	Long Point--LPBO Old Cut Field Station	18/05/2023
40	Wilson's Snipe	2	Carden Alvar--Wylie Road	25/05/2023
41	Spotted Sandpiper	8	Blenheim Sewage Lagoons	13/05/2023
42	Solitary Sandpiper	1	Blenheim Sewage Lagoons	11/05/2023
43	Greater Yellowlegs	3	Blenheim Sewage Lagoons	11/05/2023
44	Lesser Yellowlegs	30	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
45	Bonaparte's Gull	100	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
46	Ring-billed Gull	2000	Niagara--Upper Falls (ON)	17/05/2023
47	Herring Gull (American)	100	Erieau Marsh Trail	12/05/2023
48	Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
49	Caspian Tern	4	Long Point--Hastings Drive	19/05/2023
50	Black Tern	4	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023
51	Common Tern	60	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
52	Forster's Tern	5	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	19/05/2023
53	Common Loon	6	Erieau Marsh Trail	12/05/2023
54	Double-crested Cormorant	200	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023

55	American Bittern	5	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023
56	Least Bittern	1	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023
57	Great Blue Heron	10	Long Point--Hastings Drive	19/05/2023
58	Great White Egret	10	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
59	Green Heron	2	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
60	Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, Leamington	09/05/2023
61	Turkey Vulture	20	West Loren Park, Dunwich, Dutton	06/05/2023
62	Osprey	1	Erieau Marsh Trail	12/05/2023
63	Northern Harrier	2	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
64	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Long Point--Causeway	14/05/2023
65	Bald Eagle	2	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
66	Broad-winged Hawk	3	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
67	Red-tailed Hawk	4	West Loren Park, Dunwich, Dutton	06/05/2023
68	Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
69	Great Horned Owl	3	Erieau Marsh Trail	12/05/2023
70	Belted Kingfisher	2	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
71	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Long Point--Backus Heritage CA	15/05/2023
72	Black-backed Woodpecker	2	Algonquin Provincial Park--Logging Museum and trails	24/05/2023
73	Red-headed Woodpecker	3	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
74	Red-bellied Woodpecker			
75	Downy Woodpecker	3	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
76	Hairy Woodpecker	2	Long Point--Backus Woods South	20/05/2023
77	Pileated Woodpecker	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
78	Northern Flicker	3	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
79	Merlin	1	Leamington--East Beach Road	08/05/2023
80	Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	Long Point--Backus Woods South	20/05/2023
81	Eastern Wood-Pewee	2	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	16/05/2023
82	Willow Flycatcher	1	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	19/05/2023

83	Least Flycatcher	4	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
84	Eastern Phoebe	1	Rondeau PP--Water Street	10/05/2023
85	Great Crested Flycatcher	4	Long Point--Backus Woods South	20/05/2023
86	Eastern Kingbird	10	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	19/05/2023
87	White-eyed Vireo	1	Long Point--Hastings Drive	19/05/2023
88	Yellow-throated Vireo	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
89	Blue-headed Vireo	4	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
90	Philadelphia Vireo	3	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	16/05/2023
91	Warbling Vireo	10	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	20/05/2023
92	Red-eyed Vireo	8	Long Point--Backus Woods South	20/05/2023
93	Blue Jay	20	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
94	American Crow	5	West Loren Park, Dunwich, Dutton	06/05/2023
95	Common Raven	2	Algonquin Provincial Park--Spruce Bog Boardwalk	23/05/2023
96	Black-capped Chickadee	4	Algonquin Provincial Park--Spruce Bog Boardwalk	23/05/2023
97	Shore Lark	2	2015, Ä2109 Mersea Rd 8, Leamington	09/05/2023
98	Rough-winged Swallow	10	Niagara--Upper Falls (ON)	17/05/2023
99	Purple Martin	20	Rondeau PP--Water Street	10/05/2023
100	Tree Swallow	100	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
101	Sand Martin	200	Blenheim Sewage Lagoons	11/05/2023
102	Barn Swallow	20	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
103	Cliff Swallow	20	Niagara--Upper Falls (ON)	17/05/2023
104	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	100	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
105	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
106	Red-breasted Nuthatch	10	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
107	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	Rondeau PP--Water Street	10/05/2023
108	Brown Creeper	1	Long Point--Birds Canada Headquarters Property	15/05/2023
109	Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	8	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
110	House Wren	4	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	19/05/2023
111	Winter Wren	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
112	Marsh Wren	2	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023

113	Carolina Wren	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
114	Common Starling	10	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
115	Grey Catbird	10	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
116	Brown Thrasher	3	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
117	Northern Mockingbird	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
118	Eastern Bluebird	12	131 Peel St, Chatham-Kent	13/05/2023
119	Veery	3	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
120	Grey-cheeked Thrush	1	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
121	Swainson's Thrush	4	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
122	Wood Thrush	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
123	American Robin	30	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
124	Cedar Waxwing	20	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	20/05/2023
125	House Sparrow	5	West Loren Park, Dunwich, Dutton	06/05/2023
126	Buff-bellied Pipit	2	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
127	House Finch	2	131 Peel St, Chatham-Kent	11/05/2023
128	American Goldfinch	20	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
129	Chipping Sparrow	10	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	19/05/2023
130	Field Sparrow	1	West Loren Park, Dunwich, Dutton	06/05/2023
131	White-crowned Sparrow	10	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
132	White-throated Sparrow	6	Point Pelee National Park	10/05/2023
133	Savannah Sparrow	6	Carden Alvar--Wylie Road	25/05/2023
134	Song Sparrow	6	Long Point--Backus Woods South	20/05/2023
135	Lincoln's Sparrow	2	Rondeau PP--Water Street	10/05/2023
136	Swamp Sparrow	5	Long Point--Big Creek NWA	18/05/2023
137	Spotted Towhee	1	Rondeau PP--Water Street	10/05/2023
138	Eastern Towhee	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	11/05/2023
139	Bobolink	8	Carden Alvar--Wylie Road	25/05/2023
140	Eastern Meadowlark	4	Carden Alvar--Wylie Road	25/05/2023
141	Orchard Oriole	5	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
142	Baltimore Oriole	10	Point Pelee National Park	10/05/2023

143	Red-winged Blackbird	300	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
144	Brown-headed Cowbird	15	Rondeau Provincial Park	11/05/2023
145	Common Grackle	50	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
146	Ovenbird	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	11/05/2023
147	Louisiana Waterthrush	1	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
148	Northern Waterthrush	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
149	Blue-winged Warbler	2	Erieau Marsh Trail	12/05/2023
150	Golden-winged/BW hybrid	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
151	Black-and-white Warbler	4	Point Pelee National Park	09/05/2023
152	Prothonotary Warbler	1	Point Pelee National Park	08/05/2023
153	Tennessee Warbler	1	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	19/05/2023
154	Nashville Warbler	5	Algonquin Provincial Park--Spruce Bog Boardwalk	23/05/2023
155	Common Yellowthroat	8	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	16/05/2023
156	Hooded Warbler	1	Long Point--Backus Woods South	18/05/2023
157	American Redstart	10	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	16/05/2023
158	Cape May Warbler	15	Rondeau PP--Picnic Area/Park Store	14/05/2023
159	Northern Parula	6	Rondeau PP--Picnic Area/Park Store	14/05/2023
160	Magnolia Warbler	5	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	16/05/2023
161	Bay-breasted Warbler	4	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
162	Blackburnian Warbler	12	Rondeau PP--Picnic Area/Park Store	14/05/2023
163	Yellow Warbler	100	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
164	Chestnut-sided Warbler	5	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
165	Blackpoll Warbler	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
166	Black-thr. Blue Warbler	5	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
167	Palm Warbler	3	Point Pelee National Park	07/05/2023
168	Pine Warbler	2	Francois,Âs Place, Madawaska Valley	21/05/2023
169	Yellow-rumped Warbler	10	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	16/05/2023
170	Prairie Warbler	1	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	19/05/2023
171	Black-thr. Green Warbler	4	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
172	Canada Warbler	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023

173	Wilson's Warbler	2	Long Point--'New' Provincial Park	16/05/2023
174	Summer Tanager	1	Rondeau Provincial Park	13/05/2023
175	Scarlet Tanager	8	Rondeau Provincial Park	12/05/2023
176	Northern Cardinal	6	Rondeau PP--Water Street	10/05/2023
177	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	8	Point Pelee National Park	10/05/2023
178	Indigo Bunting	3	Long Point--Backus Woods South	20/05/2023