



5-14 May 2023

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Ontario Trip Report

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Forward:

Comghal and I had planned this trip in late 2019 for May 2020, but Covid -19 put an end to that along with everything else. So at last we were able to travel to Canada, along with my wife who is not a birder but came along to see the countryside and meet the people. I must admit that our knowledge of Canadian birds was based solely on studying [Sibley Birds East](#) and YouTube birding videos. To be fair Comghal had done a lot more studying than me and that became evident in the 'field'.

Like most European birders visiting Canada we timed our visit to coincide with the '[Point Pelee Birding Festival](#)' where hundreds of birders attend each year for the spring migration. Point Pelee in Ontario and Magee Marsh in Ohio being the focal points of migratory birds in the Lake Erie region. Having heard of the friendliness of the local birders we pinned our hopes on getting some help in identifying the more difficult birds and this certainly paid off in our case.

Friday 5 May 2023: Weather warm and Sunny

We booked Air Canada from Dublin to Toronto leaving Dublin at 11:20 and after a very smooth flight we landed ahead of schedule at 12:20. We proceeded immediately to Dollar Car Hire company and after some booking issue we left the airport at 15:00. Using our phone and an old fashioned map we eventually navigated our way around the complex road system at the airport and headed for Hamilton, a city south of Toronto which is where you leave the urban sprawl and see the open countryside. After an hours drive we reached [Port Rowan](#), for a coffee stop, as it was only a short journey to our cottage in [Old Cut](#) at [Long Point](#) where we would be staying for our first two nights. The cottage was in an excellent position next to [Long Point Bird Observatory and Ringing Station](#). The cottage itself was superb with three bedrooms and a well fitted kitchen / diner area. The cottage was booked for two nights, so it gave us a couple of days in the area. After settling in a quick stroll around to Old Cut gave us a taste of what was to come with several 'lifers' for Comghal and I as we walked around the area, [Purple Martin](#), [Tree Swallow](#), [American Robin](#), [Common Grackle](#), [Yellow Warbler](#), [Killdeer](#), [Pied-billed Grebe](#), [Wood Duck](#), [Green Heron](#), [Great Blue Heron](#), [Blue Jay](#), [Red-winged Blackbird](#) and [Mourning Dove](#). After an hour we were both feeling the effects of a very long day and went back to the cottage for a very welcome tea and scones with my wife and a good night's sleep.

Saturday 6 May 2023: Long Point / Port Rowan Wetlands ; Weather Warm and Sunny

06:00: An early morning walk before breakfast resulted in an excellent find by Comghal at the edge of a marshy area, namely [Grasshopper Sparrow](#). The supporting cast wasn't bad either, [Eastern Kingbird](#), [Magnolia Warbler](#), [Sandhill Crane](#), [Ruby-crowned Kinglet](#), [Red-eyed Vireo](#), [Solitary Sandpiper](#), [Northern Flicker](#), [Double-crested Cormorant](#), [American Goldfinch](#) and [Sharp-shinned Hawk](#).

After breakfast my wife, Comghal and I went for a walk to the Observatory and ringing area. Ringing was going on with several nets set out in the wooded area and this gave us the opportunity to watch them at work and also see birds up close. Fantastic work they are doing for birding knowledge and conservation.

With the help of the ringers we were able to identify several new birds which would be considered difficult to identify namely, [Least Flycatcher](#) and [Willow Flycatcher](#), and [Lincoln Sparrow](#).

Others were less challenging, [Ovenbird](#), [Wood Thrush](#), [Veery](#), [Common Yellowthroat](#), [Black and White Warbler](#), [Black-capped Chickadee](#), [House Finch](#), [Purple Finch](#), [Cape May Warbler](#), [Downy Woodpecker](#), [Brown-headed Cowbird](#), [Belted Kingfisher](#), [Rough-winged Swallow](#), [American Herring Gull](#), [Forster's Tern](#), [Yellow-rumped Warbler](#), [American Crow](#), [Chipping Sparrow](#), [White-crowned Sparrow](#), [Northern Cardinal](#), [Blue-headed Vireo](#) and [Baltimore Oriole](#).

After such a brilliant morning's birding we went back to the cottage for some well earned lunch. In the afternoon we went to the nearby [Port Rowan Wetlands Reserve](#) where we were told of several species of duck were present. However we only found [Bufflehead](#), although we did pick up several other birds including [Pileated Woodpecker](#), [Turkey Vulture](#), [Northern Harrier](#), [Song Sparrow](#), also observed were two Ospreys flying over and several Killdeer were extremely confiding, you could almost walk up to a few metres from them.



Grasshopper Sparrow / C McQuillan



Blue-headed Vireo / Ed. O'Hara



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Saturday 6 May 2023: Long Point / Port Rowan Wetlands [contd]

We returned to the cottage for dinner and then went for an evening walk along the point with Comghal and my wife. We met several birders doing the same thing and in association with them we picked up a few more 'Lifers', **Palm Warbler**, **Pine Warbler**, and **House Wren**. Then back to cottage for supper and sleep.



Common Grackle / C. McQuillan

Sunday 7 May 2023: Long Point ; Cloudy then sunshine

Once more we went for an early morning walk , but with the chance of some rain coming , we cut it short and went back to the cottage for breakfast. We packed up, as we had to leave property By 10:00 and spent the rest of the morning at the Observatory and surrounding woodlands. Additional birds picked up were **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, **Eastern Kingbird** , **Black-throated Blue Warbler** and **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** .

After Lunch we headed off to our next cottage near the entrance to **Point Pelee National Park**. Stopping along the way twice for a visit to the famous Tim Horton's cafes for some tea and coffee. Arriving at our new cottage, which was booked for seven nights, and only two kilometres from the park entrance ! A very spacious and comfortable cottage overlooking Lake Erie, couldn't have been any better. After an hour settling in we then went for something to eat at the near-by restaurant , and then for a short walk around the area. We went to bed early as we were told to be at the park entrance at 06:00 if you wanted a parking space near the bus terminus. How right they were proven to be.

Monday 8 May ; Point Pelee NP ; Weather Warm and sunny.

We arrived at 06:00 only to find a queue had already formed at the park entrance. To avoid this we bought an annual card that meant we could bypass the queues that formed each morning. As alluded to earlier we experienced first hand the friendliness of the local birders, having just parked we were approached by Steve Pike a local birder who offered to show us around the park. An offer which we gladly accepted. Our first surprise was the number of birders present and news of birds was quickly passed around the crowds by updates on the local bird app. It became apparent that first stop each morning was at the tip for what the locals call 'reverse migration', when birds overshoot Lake Erie and to correct the error fly south . We saw a lot of this over the week. Then the birders filtered down the different woodland paths on the reserve to look for migrants. We noticed by lunchtime the number of people dropped off dramatically and then increased again in the evening. This was a format we quickly adopted. So back to the birding, our first bird as we drove in was a female **Wild Turkey** at the side of the road, later we saw a displaying Male . The tip itself had an **American Black Tern**, **Bonaparte's Gull** **Double-crested Cormorant**, **Turnstone**, **Dunlin**, **Red-breasted Merganser**, **Common Tern**, and **American Herring Gull**. We then accompanied Steve along the west shore path which he recommended with the prevailing winds . His ability to hear birds calling was remarkable, identifying a lot more birds than we saw but still an excellent list. Birds seen were **Northern Mockingbird**, **Black-throated Green Warbler**, **Red-headed Woodpecker** and **Brown Thrasher**. Lots of warblers were heard singing but proved elusive, as was our search for Henslow's Sparrow which was here a few days earlier. It was by now 10:30 and we returned to the visitor centre for a cup of coffee and a delicious local scone. We then headed north through the woods looking for birds and groups of birders, knowing someone had found a bird of interest.



Wild Turkey / Ed. O 'Hara



Bonaparte's Gull / Ed. O 'Hara



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Mid morning was spent walking along, talking to birders and listening for birds singing but although the weather was perfect, we found the birds to be elusive, staying in the canopy tops. However we did see **Black and White Warbler**, **Downy Woodpecker**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Yellow Warbler** and **White-crowned Sparrow**.

It was time to rendezvous with a birder who comes from our homeland but now resides in Ontario, **Donny Moore**. Living nearby, his knowledge of local birds was pivotal in Comghal and I finding so many birds that may have eluded us without him. To illustrate that, as we were having lunch at the visitor centre Donny noticed a bird nearby which turned out to be a **Savannah Sparrow**.

Walking along the trail Donny picked up a few lifers for us, **American Redstart**, **Carolina Wren**, **Magnolia Warbler**. Several more **Yellow Warblers** were noted, they turned

out to be, the most common warbler we saw on the trip. The next bird Donny found was probably one of the most beautiful, namely the **Prothonotary Warbler**. A very striking and confiding yellow / blue warbler of damp wooded areas.



Black-throated Green Warbler / C. McQuillan



Savannah Sparrow / Ed. O'Hara



Magnolia Warbler / C. McQuillan



Prothonotary Warbler / Ed. O'Hara

Continuing further on along the path we saw several warblers high up in the canopy but with the strong sunlight they were very difficult to identify if they were not singing. We did however see two woodpeckers very clearly, **Downy Woodpecker** and a very close **Red-bellied Woodpecker**. As stated before bird news travels either by word of mouth or the local rare bird news app and latter was the case when reports of a **Whip-poor-Will** at a nearby track. So we made our way to the location and were absolutely amazed at how confiding it was, approaching within five metres of the bird.



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Monday 8 May ; Point Pelee NP ; Weather Warm and sunny. [contd]



Eastern Whip-poor-Will / Ed. O'Hara

Having left my wife at the Visitor's Centre, we returned to get a cup of coffee before leaving the park. An hour later we were eating Perch and Pickerel, local fish from Lake Erie, at Freddy's, a popular restaurant near the cottage and very tasty it was. An early night was called for as we decided to get to the Point Pelee 'Train Station' by 05:45 to get the first train to the tip.

Tuesday May 9 ; Weather Warm and sunny.

Well our early morning plans were scuppered, a large queue outside the park entrance at 05:30, the reason a bird even rarer than us at the Park, **Willow Ptarmigan**. When we got the 'train Station' for the tip where the bird was, 100+ birders had already formed a queue! By the time we got to the tip and the bird hundreds of birders were already there. The bird at times only metres away from the throng and the noise of cameras clicking non-stop. Even as we were leaving the tip an hour later, birders were arriving to see this 'mega' for Point Pelee. A debate was raging amongst the local birders if this was the rarest bird ever to visit the National Park !! Walking slowly north through the woods, you hadn't much option with number of people on the path, we picked up **Alder Flycatcher**, **Brown Thrasher**, **Red-bellied Woodpecker**, **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Great-crested Flycatcher**. Finally we reached the cafe at 11:00 and coffee.



Great-crested Flycatcher / Ed. O'Hara

Listening to birders at the coffee tables it became clear that we should go to Tilden Wood where a lot of birds were being spotted by the large number of birders still present. It was here that we had a great stroke of luck, in meeting a great local birder **Aaron Brisebois**.



Willow Ptarmigan / Ed. O'Hara



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Tuesday May 9 ; Weather Warm and sunny. [contd.]

Aaron Brisebois, a Quebec birder and PP tour guide kindly gave us one and a half hours of his time as he was walking through Tilden Wood. The birds were high up in the canopy but he was able to identify the birds by their singing. We got views of the birds using our bins but no photos, alas!

We returned to the cottage for lunch with my wife, before setting out for **Hillman Marsh**, a place we had heard much about from the locals. En route to the marsh we picked up two more ' Lifers ' **American Kestrel** and **Horned Lark** just outside of Leamington

Finally arriving at the marsh in very strong sunshine, we began acquiring some new birds, **American Coot**, **Trumpeter Swan**, **Semipalmated Plover**, **Chimney Swift**, **Broad-winged Hawk**, **American Wigeon** and **Blue-winged Teal**.

Also in the marsh were large numbers of Dunlin migrating north. Leaving the marsh we were told of American White Pelicans about 5 Km away so we made a quick detour and in a large inlet were two **American White Pelicans**, also present were hundreds of **American Herring Gulls**, **American Black Terns**, **Common Terns** and **Forster's Terns**.

After an early dinner we went back to the Park and birded along the boardwalk and north west beach area. As usual we talked to a lot of local birders and were constantly updated on birds in the immediate area and further afield.

The evening walk didn't yield any new birds, the consensus was that birds were moving on quickly with the good weather.

So our plan moving forward was to bird the tip and woodlands 06:00 to 13:00 then pick my wife up and go for lunch, go to Hillman 15:00 to 18:00 and then after dinner Comghal and I would go back to the Park for some late birding. This was Virtually same schedule each day for the rest of the trip so to avoid repetition, I will just note the highlights each day.



Lesser Yellowlegs / C. McQuillan



Broad-winged Hawk / Ed. O 'Hara

Wednesday May 10 ; Weather Warm and sunny.

We met Donny again at the Tip , the only birds of note were a **Black-legged Kittiwake** , although they are common back home in Ireland are considered quite rare in Point Pelee.. A pair of Horned Grebes were 500 m off the Tip. Walking back we picked up **Yellow-throated Vireo** and **Wilson's Warbler**. After coffee Donny had to leave us , so we made our way to Tilden Wood.

Once more we had a stroke of luck when we met Aaron again, as he was checking the wood for migrants. It wasn't long before we were on **Bay-breasted Warbler**, **Chestnut-sided Warbler**, **Nashville Warbler**, **Northern Parula**, **Northern Waterthrush** and a Merlin in addition to birds we had already seen.



Chestnut-sided Warbler / C. McQuillan



Cape May Warbler / C. McQuillan



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Wednesday May 10 ; Weather Warm and sunny. [contd.]

After Lunch we went to Hillman Marsh and were able to acquire several new birds for the trip with the help of a local birding expert named **Paul Pratt**. Paul was extremely generous in pinpointing out the birds for us, **Least Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, White-rumped Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper** and **Black-bellied Plover**. A great afternoon's birding with some great birds and banter with the many birders on site.

As usual by now we went for an early dinner in Leamington, left my wife back at the cottage, whilst Comghal and I went back to the Park for some evening birding. Our first stop was the boardwalk , after having met two birders from home, **Nicky** and **Ivan**, who told us they had great views of a Sora Rail in this area. After a twenty minute search we eventually saw a bird at the edge of the boardwalk, it was indeed a **Sora Rail**. In the distance was a **Bald Eagle** sitting in a tree next to the nest. Three other birds were partially visible. Our final stop was at the De Laurier Parking area where by now, a famous pair of **American Woodcock** Were displaying in or around 21:00 each night and sure enough the crowd of over 100 birders were treated to a fantastic display .It was certainly one of the highlights of our trip so far.



Sora Rail / C. McQuillan

Thursday May 11 ; Weather Warm with some high clouds

Comghal had been tracking the local bird migration app and it predicted this was to be a gold star morning for migration, ergo at the tip at 06:05! However it failed to materialise with only an **Iceland Gull** of note. The only new bird was an **Orchard Oriole** in nearby trees at the Tip. A morning walk later through Tilden Wood later yielded **Blackburnian Warbler, Scarlet Tanager** and **Eastern Wood-Pewee**



Blackburnian Warbler / C. McQuillan



Scarlet Tanager / Ed. O ' Hara



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Thursday May 11 ; Weather Warm and sunny. [contd.]

After Lunch we paid our daily afternoon to Hillman Marsh but could not add to our trip list, plenty of birds just no new ones. We then went to Wheatley Harbour but local dog walkers had moved all the birds away, so another blank here. Returning to Point Pelee for our daily evening visit, we searched around the north west beach area for Summer Tanager, reported a few hours earlier but couldn't find it. However we met Nicky and Ivan , birders from home, who told us of a site for Eastern Screech Owl. Unbelievable ! As we were chatting a **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** flew around us and then flew off.

Friday May 12 ; Weather: Cloudy in morning , sunshine later

Once again the migration app forecast good migration movement for today but once again because the weather was so good, locals stated that the birds were just flying over the Tip and going north with the southerly winds. So apart from a pair of American White Pelicans, the usual suspects were at the Tip., Double-crested Cormorants, Bonaparte's Gulls and American Herring Gulls. So as was our routine we made our way back to the Visitor's Centre for some welcome coffee and cake. While eating, other birders told us that a **Common Nighthawk** had been seen in Tilden Wood, so off we went. A large crowd had already gathered at the spot, so it wasn't difficult to find. To our surprise the wood was full of warblers , so the app had been right., certainly the most birds we had seen all week. Highlight of the morning was our first sightings of **Cerulean Warbler**, **Canada Warbler** and **Eastern Phoebe**



Common Nighthawk / Ed. O'Hara



Eastern Phoebe / C. McQuillan



Cerulean Warbler / Ed. O'Hara



Black and White Warbler / Ed. O'Hara

Ed.O'Hara / C. McQuillan



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Friday May 12 ; Weather: Cloudy in morning , sunshine later [contd.]

Back again to Hillman Marsh in the afternoon and we were rewarded with some excellent new birds, **Short-billed Dowitcher**, **Wilson's Phalarope** and **Snowy Egret**, an unexpected bird for these parts, well north of it's normal range. This bird drew the crowds with double the number of birders we normally encountered during the week.



Wilson's Phalarope / C. McQuillan



Short-billed Dowitcher / C. McQuillan

A Hooded Warbler was reported at the car park but after an hours searching in the car park area along with others, others it failed to show. Having had a great afternoon birding we left for Dinner, picking up my wife at the cottage as we went.

Back to the park for our evening visit to the site where Nicky and Ivan said there was an **Eastern Screech Owl** sitting near it's nest. The nest tree was at the side of the main entrance road and as we were pulling up at the road verge we could see one bird sitting in it's nest hole. We then went for a walk along the boardwalk again hoping to pick one of the other rails but drew a blank on that one, but otherwise a very good days birding.



Eastern Screech Owl / Ed. O'Hara

Saturday May 13 ; Weather: Cloudy at first, then sunny later

Another big day's migration was forecast ! So we got to the Tip at 05:50. It wasn't long before someone found a **Dickcissel** but always high up in the trees. We then met **Steve Pike** who told us some birders had just found a **Le Conte's Sparrow**, after a quick dash we found the finders and they showed us where the bird was hiding. A secretive bird , uncommon in Pelee, it was fifteen minutes before we got reasonable views. Heading back along the path we found **Gray-cheeked Thrush** , **Swainson's Thrush** and by the car park at the steel tower, we found **Indigo Bunting**.

A memorable two hours birding.

Donny had just arrived and so went down the western trail in the direction of the cafe.



Indigo Bunting / Ed.O'Hara



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Saturday May 13 ; Weather: Cloudy at first, then sunny later [contd.]

Walking along the track we added **Spotted Sandpiper**, **Cedar Waxwing** and **Eastern Wood-Pewee** to our list. Lots of birds were singing and it looked like at long last migration was in full swing. Most of the birds we had already seen but now they appeared to be much more plentiful. As this was our last full day with Donny we walked along slowly back to the cafe talking about home, our experiences in Canada [very positive] and everything else in between. The last 'lifer' of the morning was a Tennessee Warbler before Donny left for some domestic duties, we left for lunch with my wife, arranging to meet near the park entrance at De Laurier at 15:30. [Large numbers of birds were being reported from the area surrounding the car park.]



Eastern Wood-Pewee / C.McQuillan

Donny informed us that he would be running late, so Comghal went for a walk around the car park, noticing several birders in one corner we investigated and found among the many warblers in the trees were **Eastern Bluebird** and five **Blackpoll Warblers**. Donny arrived shortly afterwards.



Cedar Waxwing / Ed.O'Hara



Eastern Bluebird / Ed.O'Hara



Blackpoll Warbler / Ed.O'Hara

We then went for a walk in the vicinity of the De Laurier car park and Comghal counted over twenty-five species of warblers.

Sunday 14 May ; Weather: Warm and sunny.

Our last morning and once more at Tip at sunrise. Donny met us once more and the Tip again was quiet except for a **Little Gull**. As we left the park we jammed a **Mississippi Kite** ! flying along the entrance road, the very last bird of the trip. After leaving the cottage we went for a quick walk around Hillman Marsh, nothing new, said our good-byes to Donny and left for the airport.

Conclusion:

We had a brilliant time in Canada, the weather was glorious during our stay, accommodation was excellent and we got well over 100 'Lifers'. As this was our first time in Canada, we were going to depend on some help in identifying the more difficult birds and we weren't disappointed. We must mention some locals whom we met who were especially helpful, **Steve Pike**, **Paul Pratt** and **Aaron Brisebois**, but in particular **Donny Moore**, a fellow Ulsterman, now living in Canada. Donny gave up so much of his time to show us around and we really appreciated it. Many of the more difficult birds we would have struggled with if wasn't for his help. Many thanks again Donny.

Trip List is below

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Donny [centre] with Comghal and I



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English	Latin	Date / Frequency
Goose, Canada	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Daily Almost anywhere
Swan, Mute	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Daily Pair at Point Pelee [PP] marsh
Swan, Trumpeter	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	09-May Pair at Hillman Marsh [HM] / 11-May a pair at PP
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>	10-May 5 birds at Hillman Marsh
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	6-May Port Rowan wetlands
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Daily Hillman Marsh
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Daily Hillman Marsh
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	9-May Hillman Marsh
Scaup, Greater	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Shoveller	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Daily Hillman Marsh
Duck, Wood	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Daily Anywhere with water
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Willow Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	9-May Caused a sensation when found, voted bird of the year by locals
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	10-May Pair off Tip at PP
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	6-May Pair at Old Cut, Long Point, only birds seen
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	6-May Pair at Old Cut, Long Point, only birds seen
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Daily Point Pelee / Hillman Marsh
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	12-May Hillman Marsh : Stayed 20 minutes
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorh.</i>	9-May Hillman Marsh / 12-May Pair at Point Pelee
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Daily Common
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	6-May Port Rowan
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leuco.</i>	10-May 5 birds PP
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	9-May PP
Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	14-May PP
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	6-May Male at Long Point
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	9-May Several flying over PP
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	9-May Several flying over PP
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	6-May 1 bird at Long Point
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	9-May 1 bird near Leamington
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	10-May PP 1 bird flew past Tip
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	10-May 1 bird at boardwalk PP
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	6-May Long Point
Sandhill Crane	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	5-May 15+ birds at Long Point
Black-bellied Plover [Grey]	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Daily Common
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charad. semipalmatus</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Daily Hillman Marsh
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	9-May Hillman Marsh
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	11-May Point Pelee Tip



Bufflehead / C.McQuillan



Broad-winged Hawk / Ed.O'Hara



Killdeer / Ed.O'Hara



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Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	12-May Hillman Marsh
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	6-May Long Point
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	13-May Point Pelee
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	10-May Hillman Marsh
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	12-May Hillman Marsh
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	10-May Point Pelee Tip
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroico. philadelphia</i>	Daily PP Tip
Herring Gull [American]	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Daily Anywhere
Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucoideus</i>	11-May PP Tip
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	14-May PP Tip
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Daily Almost anywhere
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Daily Almost anywhere near water
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	6-May Long Point 2 birds
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Daily Almost anywhere near water
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Daily Almost anywhere near water
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	Daily Very common
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops asio</i>	12-May Point Pelee
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	12-May Point Pelee
Eastern Whip-poor-will	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	11-May Point Pelee
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	9-May Hillman Marsh
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	6-May Long Point
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	Daily Point Pelee
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	6-May Long Point
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	5-May Port Rowan
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	6-May Port Rowan
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythro.</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	9-May Fields at edge of Point Pelee
Bank Swallow [Sand Martin]	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Daily Anywhwere
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Daily Anywhwere
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	9-May Hillman Marsh
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serrip.</i>	Daily Anywhwere
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	Daily Anywhwere
Tree Swallow	<i>Iridoprocne bicolor</i>	Daily Anywhwere
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	13-May Point Pelee
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Daily Very common
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	6-May Long Point / Pelee
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	6-May Long Point
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Daily Very common
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Black-and-White Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	6-May Long Point
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	11-May Point Pelee



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Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	6-May Long Point
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	12-May Point Pelee
Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	6-May Long Point
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	12-May Point Pelee
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Daily Almost anywhere
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Nashville Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia novebo.</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	6-May Long Point
Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	6-May Long Point
Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	6-May Long Point
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	Daily Common
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	6-May Long Point
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Daily Common
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	6-May Long Point
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovic.</i>	8-May Point Pelee
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	7-May Long Point
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	7-May Long Point
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	12-May Point Pelee
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	9-May Point Pelee
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	7-May Long Point
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	6-May Long Point
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	6-May Long Point
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	7-May Point Pelee
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	5-May Long Point
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	5-May Long Point
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	9-May Point Pelee
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	8-May Point Pelee
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhy.</i>	Daily Common
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Daily Common
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	11-May Point Pelee
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Daily Common
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	6-May Long Point
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Daily Common



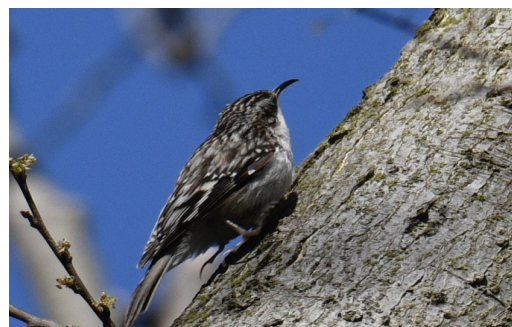
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Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Daily Common
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	11-May Point Pelee
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Daily Almost anywhere
Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	10-May Point Pelee
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	6-May Long Point
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	8-May Point Pelee
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Daily Almost anywhere
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Daily Almost anywhere
Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythroph.</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus sav.</i>	7-May Long Point
LeConte's Sparrow	<i>Ammospiza leconteii</i>	13-May Point Pelee,
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	6-May Long Point
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerc. Sandwichensis</i>	8-May Point Pelee
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	6-May Long Point
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	6-May Port Rowan
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Daily Common
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Daily Common
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	Daily Common
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	5-May Long Point
Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	5-May Long Point
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	11-May Point Pelee
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	6-May Long Point
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	5-May Long Point
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	13-May Point Pelee
Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>	13-May Point Pelee



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