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Highlights from the Nov 2 Explore More! Bird Walk to Harriman Lake – Evergreen Audubon

3 minutes

A bit brisk at first, with gloves and stocking caps on, four of us had a very rewarding morning tallying 13 species of waterfowl and 31 species overall (see list below).

With regard to the waterfowl, the usual diversity of wintering ducks are starting to make themselves known, and Harriman is a great place to get pretty close views. A highlight was getting to see the high number of **Pied-billed Grebes** “making hay” with the local crayfish population. We got to see at least four crayfish get devoured, and debated as to whether it was preferential to eat them tail-first or head-first.



Photo courtesy of Bill Schmoker.

Besides our extensive waterfowl seminar, we got to spend a fair amount of time checking out the local sparrows. The **American Tree Sparrows** are so handsome, and it's nice to have them back again to spend the winter with us.

Good birding! Chuck Aid, Director of Bird Monitoring

Harriman Lake Park, Nov 2, 2016

31 species

- Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) 22
- Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) 2
- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) 76
- Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) 47
- Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*) 4
- Redhead (*Aythya americana*) 65
- Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*) 17
- Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) 13
- Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*) 25
- Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) 2
- Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) 38
- Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) 15
- Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) 1
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) 1
- Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 1

- American Coot (*Fulica americana*) 79
- Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) 8
- Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) (*Columba livia* (Feral Pigeon)) 1
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) 15
- Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) 6
- American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) 1
- Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) 5
- Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*) 7
- American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) 10
- American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) 2
- European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) 14
- American Tree Sparrow (*Spizelloides arborea*) 17
- White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) 7
- Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) 8
- Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) 90
- House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*) 8

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