

# Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



## CANADA: Point Pelee & Long Point Migration

Friday 5th May - Saturday 13th May 2023

### 4 Wise Birding Clients

**Leader:** Dave Astins

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

**American Woodcock:** Everyone voted for 'bird of the trip' and American Woodcock came top for 3 of the 4 clients, narrowly pipping Hooded Warbler to the top spot. The tension built as we waited (and hoped) for this bird to appear and start displaying at dusk at Point Pelee, and when it did, it was an unforgettable experience. Quality!

**Reverse migration at the Tip, Point Pelee:** On the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> we decided we would get up early and make our way to the Tip. A possible reverse migration event was on the cards, given the favourable wind direction and also the fact that spring migration had been slow up to this point. We were not to be disappointed! Hundreds (no doubt thousands) of birds in the trees at the Tip and heading south out across the lake, the excitement was palpable amongst the hundreds of birders there. Some were identifying birds in the sky by taking photos and then looking at the photos afterwards, other birds were easy to identify as they were in the bushes and low scrub at point blank range. Rarest was the male Western Tanager which appeared on two occasions, but the sheer spectacle & shared experience will never be forgotten.

**Fall at Long Point:** Numbers of birds at the migration hotspots is clearly dictated by weather conditions and time of the year. Every day at Long Point had been enjoyable with lots of birds to see, but it was clear during the early morning on 12<sup>th</sup> that there were significantly more birds around and it proved to be a brilliant day. We spent the best part of 10 hours between Old Cut and the old Provincial Park nearby, scooping up migrants left, right and centre. We recorded 19 species of warbler, 4 of which were new for the trip (Bay-breasted, Hooded, Wilson's and Blackpoll).



## **Tour Summary**

This was Wise Birding's first tour to Canada and it was such a successful tour it is already in the schedule for 2024. Relatively easy birding at just two main bases, flat walking, excellent accommodation, great food, and a pleasant climate make for a superb overseas trip and we haven't even mentioned the American wood warblers!

Our first base was the famous Point Pelee, and our accommodation in Leamington proved to be well placed, just 20 minutes or so from the park entrance and plenty of eateries nearby. We stayed in a characterful and spacious house on Lakeshore Road which was just perfect. Point Pelee National Park was bigger than the group had expected, with a long road with lots of interesting habitat along the way, lots of car parks and facilities, terminating at the excellent Visitor Centre. From here we could either hop on the regular shuttle to the Tip or walk there, birding all the way.

Every day at Pelee was different and we easily racked up over 100 species within the park during our 3 and a bit days there, earning us each the coveted pin badge. It was just very enjoyable taking our time to search different areas and find our own birds, with the occasional twitch to see something new. Highlights included a rare Western Tanager, a day roosting Eastern Whip-poor-will, a multitude of colourful warblers, and not forgetting that incredible American Woodcock display.

We paid 2 visits to the nearby Hillman Marsh and the fields in between for a bit of variety, which was really enjoyable and added several new birds for the trip including Horned Lark, Buff-bellied Pipit, both Yellowlegs, Hooded Merganser and Bufflehead. To break up the 3.5 hour drive to Long Point, our second base, we spent a cracking few hours at Rondeau, another migrant hotspot on the north shore of Lake Erie. Here we added White-breasted Nuthatch and a day-roosting Eastern Screech Owl, and some brilliant views of the birds visiting the feeders at the Visitor Centre.

Our base for the Long Point area was Port Dover, around 30 minutes from the Old Cut Field Station, the publicly accessible part of Long Point Bird Observatory. Again our accommodation was excellent and we were within walking distance of several excellent places to eat. The birding at Long Point was brilliant, and we could cover several sites at a leisurely pace without having to drive more than a kilometre or two.

It was great to be able to see the work of the Bird Observatory in full swing, and we were treated to some incredible views of birds in the hand whilst they were quickly processed, but we most enjoyed pottering about searching for migrants in the woods and scrub: there was a lot of looking at the floor and looking high up on the trees, so we all ended up with a bit of 'warbler neck'!

Everyone really enjoyed this trip, the length of the trip was perfect for a two-base tour and the birding was relaxed, enjoyable and exciting.

**We recorded 168 species of bird, 7 mammals and 3 reptiles on this tour.**

All photos in this report are by Wise Birding leader Dave Astins



## SUMMARY OF DAILY ACTIVITIES

DAY	DATE	ITINERARY / HIGHLIGHTS DAY BY DAY
1	Fri 5 May	Meet up in Toronto mid morning. Drive west to our accommodation in Leamington. Get down to <b>Point Pelee</b> mid afternoon, getting to grips with some lovely birds including Baltimore Oriole and Blu-headed Vireo. <b>Overnight Leamington</b>
2	Sat 6 May	<b>Point Pelee:</b> A full day exploring the park. Many new birds for everyone, incl. Black-throated Blue Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Cape May Warbler & Blue-winged Warbler. <b>Overnight Leamington</b>
3	Sun 7 May	<b>Point Pelee:</b> A second full day in the park, with an early start to catch the first shuttle to the Tip. Right decision: superb reverse migration event with hundreds of birds overhead and in the trees, including a rare West Tanager. Finished at dusk with the highlight of the trip, a displaying American Woodcock. <b>Overnight Leamington</b>
4	Mon 8 May	<b>Point Pelee:</b> Roosting Eastern Whip-poor-will, Wild Turkey, Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Red-headed Woodpecker. <b>Hillman Marsh:</b> both yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Hooded Merganser and Bufflehead. Nearby Horned Lark and Buff-bellied Pipit. <b>Overnight Leamington</b>
5	Tues 9 May	<b>Hillman Marsh:</b> More waders & wildfowl, including Trumpeter Swan. <b>Rondeau:</b> Baltimore Oriole, White-breasted Nuthatch, and our only Eastern Screech Owl of the trip. <b>Overnight Port Dover</b>
6	Wed 10 May	<b>Long Point:</b> Black-throated Green Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Forster's Tern. <b>Overnight Port Dover</b>
7	Thur 11 May	<b>Long Point:</b> Golden-winged Warbler, Wood Thrush, Veery, Lincoln's Sparrow. <b>Overnight Port Dover</b>
8	Fri 12 May	<b>Long Point:</b> Significant fall with Blackpoll Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Philadelphia Vireo & Hooded Warbler all new. <b>Overnight Port Dover</b>
9	Sat 13 May	<b>Long Point:</b> last morning but still added Bay-breasted Warbler, Bobolink, and Savannah Sparrow <b>Afternoon:</b> transfer to Toronto Airport



Red-breasted Nuthatch





Black-and-White Warbler



Black-and-White Warbler



Black-throated Green Warbler



Blue-winged Warbler





Palm Warbler



Pine Warbler





Prothonotary Warbler



Prothonotary Warbler





Black-throated Blue Warbler



Bay-breasted Warbler





Magnolia Warbler



Magnolia Warbler





Myrtle Warbler



American Yellow Warbler





Northern Parula



Northern Parula





Blackburnian Warbler



Blackburnian Warbler





Cape May Warbler



Chestnut-sided Warbler









Golden-winged Warbler



American Redstart





Hooded Warbler



Hooded Warbler





Blue-headed Vireo



Warbling Vireo



Red-eyed Vireo





Baltimore Oriole



Orchard Oriole





Veery



Wood Thrush





American Robin



American Goldfinch





White-breasted Nuthatch



Red-breasted Nuthatch





Red-headed Woodpecker



Red-headed Woodpecker





Red-bellied Woodpecker



Northern Flicker





Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



Downy Woodpecker





Sora



Sora



Sandhill Cranes



Green Heron





Broad-winged Hawk



Turkey Vultures





Ring-billed Gull



Tree Swallow





Killdeer



Eastern Bluebird





Common Grackle



Brown-headed Cowbird





Chipping Sparrow



White-crowned Sparrow



White-throated Sparrow



Eastern Whip-poor-will



Eastern Whip-poor-will





Eastern Kingbird



Least Flycatcher





Eastern Screech Owl



Grey Catbird





Bobolink



Red-winged Blackbird





Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Scarlet Tanager



**Conservation Donation – Following this tour to Canada, £150 was transferred to the Wise Birding Holiday's central conservation fund.**

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Black-capped Chickadee

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The following **mammal checklist** mostly follows the [IUCN framework](#) (Red List) but also the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) [www.gbif.org](http://www.gbif.org) and Handbook of The Mammals of the World. The **bird checklist** follows the nomenclature and classification from Gill F, D Donsker & P Rasmussen (Eds). 2022. **IOC World Bird List** (v13.2).

The IOC World Bird List complements three other primary world bird lists that differ slightly in their primary goals & taxonomic philosophy i.e. [The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World](#), [The Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World](#), 4th Ed, & [HBW Alive/Bird Life International](#).

## **Total number of birds recorded: 168 species (2 heard only)**

The eBird Trip Report for this tour can be found [HERE](#).

### **Canada Goose**

*Branta canadensis*

Regularly seen in the wetland areas of Point Pelee and Long Point.

### **Mute Swan**

*Cygnus olor*

1-2 at both Point Pelee and Long Point.

### **Trumpeter Swan**

*Cygnus buccinator*

2 at Hillman Marsh, near Point Pelee, on both 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wood Duck**

*Aix sponsa*

A total of 9 at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh and Backus Woods near Long Point.

### **Blue-winged Teal**

*Spatula discors*

Singles at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and 30+ at Hillman Marsh on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Northern Shoveler**

*Spatula clypeata*

Drake at Hillman Marsh 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Gadwall**

*Mareca strepera*

20 Hillman Marsh 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **American Wigeon**

*Mareca americana*

12 Hillman Marsh 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, and a single Long Point causeway 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mallard**

*Anas platyrhynchos*

Recorded at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, and Big Creek NWA (Long Point).

### **Green-winged Teal**

*Anas carolinensis*

3 at Hillman Marsh 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Redhead**

*Aythya americana*

A drake distantly from Port Rowan (Lion's Park) on 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Greater Scaup**

*Aythya marila*

A drake at Point Pelee 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lesser Scaup**

*Aythya affinis*

Recorded at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, and Long Point (Inner Bay viewing stand).

### **Greater / Lesser Scaup**

*Aythya marila / affinis*

Distant, unidentifiable Scaup, seen from the Tip at Long Point on a couple of occasions.

### **Surf Scoter**

*Melanitta perspicillata*

All records passing the Tip at Point Pelee: 10 on 5<sup>th</sup>, 20 on 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 on 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Bufflehead**

Female at Hillman Marsh on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Goldeneye**

Drake at Hillman Marsh on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Hooded Merganser**

Female at Hillman Marsh on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Red-breasted Merganser**

Large numbers seen from the Tip at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruddy Duck**

Singles at Hillman Marsh on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 at Long Point (inner bay) on 11<sup>th</sup> and a larger flock on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Wild Turkey**

Up to 6 seen daily at Point Pelee 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will**

2 calling at Point Pelee at dusk on 7<sup>th</sup>, and 1 seen roosting by day there on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Chimney Swift**

2 at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>, with 4 there on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

2 at Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 at Rondeau on 9<sup>th</sup>, singles at Long Point on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo**

1 briefly at Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)**

Recorded on 3 dates in urban areas.

**Mourning Dove**

Seen regularly throughout the tour.

**Virginia Rail**

1 heard at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sora**

1 showed really well from the Marsh Boardwalk on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**American Coot**

20 at Hillman Marsh 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 at Long Point (Big Creek NWA) on 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandhill Crane**

2 at Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 at Hillman Marsh on 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 at Long Point on 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 west of Port Dover on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Slavonian Grebe**

2 off the Tip at Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 at Hillman Marsh on 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Grey Plover**

30 in fields north of Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>, 67 at Wheatley on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Semipalmated Plover**

2 in fields north of Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 at Hillman Marsh on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Killdeer**

Encountered throughout the tour, including on several occasions pairs with small chicks.

***Bucephala albeola******Bucephala clangula******Lophodytes cucullatus******Mergus serrator******Oxyura jamaicensis******Meleagris gallopavo******Antrostomus vociferous******Chaetura pelagica******Archilochus colubris******Coccyzus americanus******Columba livia******Zenaida macroura******Rallus limicola******Porzana carolina******Fulica americana******Antigone canadensis******Podiceps auritus******Pluvialis squatarola******Charadrius semipalmatus******Charadrius vociferus***



<b>Dunlin</b>	<b><i>Calidris alpina</i></b>
200 at Hillman Marsh on 8 <sup>th</sup> , with around 300 there on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>	<b><i>Calidris minutilla</i></b>
6 at Hillman Marsh on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Short-billed / Long-billed Dowitcher</b>	<b><i>Limnodromus griseus / scolopaceus</i></b>
7 in fields north of Point Pelee on 8 <sup>th</sup> , were probably Short-billed but too distant to be 100% sure.	
<b>American Woodcock</b>	<b><i>Scolopax minor</i></b>
A male displaying at dusk at Point Pelee on 7 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>	<b><i>Actitis macularius</i></b>
1 at the Tip at Point Pelee on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>	<b><i>Tringa melanoleuca</i></b>
5 at Hillman Marsh on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> , and a single at Long Point on 10 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>	<b><i>Tringa flavipes</i></b>
9 at Hillman Marsh on 8 <sup>th</sup> , with 18 there on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>	<b><i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i></b>
Up to 40 seen daily at the Tip at Point Pelee, 30 at Hillman Marsh on 9 <sup>th</sup> and several at Wheatley Harbour on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Ring-billed Gull</b>	<b><i>Larus delawerensis</i></b>
Small numbers daily at the Tip at Point Pelee, also recorded at Hillman Marsh and Long Point.	
<b>Great Black-backed Gull</b>	<b><i>Larus marinus</i></b>
A single second-calendar year bird at the Tip at Point Pelee on 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>American Herring Gull</b>	<b><i>Larus smithsonianus</i></b>
Seen daily in small numbers at the Tip at Point Pelee, also recorded at Hillman Marsh, Wheatley and Long Point.	
<b>Caspian Tern</b>	<b><i>Hydroprogne caspia</i></b>
Seen only from the Long Point causeway with 22 on 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1 on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Common Tern</b>	<b><i>Sterna hirundo</i></b>
20 at the Tip at Point Pelee on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 40 at Hillman Marsh on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Forster's Tern</b>	<b><i>Sterna forsteri</i></b>
All records in the Long Point area with 3 at the new Provincial Park and 1 from the causeway on 10 <sup>th</sup> , and 3 over Old Cut on 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Black Tern</b>	<b><i>Chlidonias niger</i></b>
North American race <i>surinamensis</i> seen: 3 at Point Pelee on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 30 at Hillman Marsh on 9 <sup>th</sup> , and 1 at Long Point (Big Creek NWA) on 11 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Common Loon (Great Northern Diver)</b>	<b><i>Gavia immer</i></b>
3 at Point Pelee on 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>	<b><i>Nannopterum auritum</i></b>
Seen daily at Point Pelee with often large numbers at the Tip, also recorded at Hillman Marsh.	
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>	<b><i>Ardea herodias</i></b>
Several recorded at Point Pelee an Hillman Marsh on 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> .	



<b>Great Egret</b>	<b><i>Ardea alba</i></b>
2-3 seen at Point Pelee and Hillman Marsh 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Green Heron</b>	<b><i>Butorides virescens</i></b>
1-2 recorded at Rondeau and Long Point 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>	<b><i>Cathartes aura</i></b>
Recorded regularly in most locations and habitats.	
<b>Osprey</b>	<b><i>Pandion haliaetus</i></b>
1-2 seen on 4 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.	
<b>Northern Harrier</b>	<b><i>Circus hudsonius</i></b>
1 from the causeway at Long Point on 10 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>	<b><i>Accipter striatus</i></b>
1 at Point Pelee on 6 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>	<b><i>Accipter cooperii</i></b>
1 at Backus Woods on 11 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Bald Eagle</b>	<b><i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></b>
Between 1 and 4 seen on 6 dates at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh and Long Point.	
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>	<b><i>Buteo platypterus</i></b>
1 at Point Pelee on 7 <sup>th</sup> and a small movement of at least 20 there on 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>	<b><i>Buteo jamaicensis</i></b>
1 from the car west of Toronto on 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 2 from the car on the return to Toronto on 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Eastern Screech-Owl</b>	<b><i>Megascops asio</i></b>
1 roosting at Rondeau on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Belted Kingfisher</b>	<b><i>Megaceryle alcyon</i></b>
1 at Leamington on 5 <sup>th</sup> and another at Point Pelee on 7 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>	<b><i>Sphyrapicus varius</i></b>
1 at Point Pelee on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 3 Backus Woods on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 2 there on 11 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>	<b><i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i></b>
Singles (probably the same mobile bird) at Point Pelee 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>	<b><i>Melanerpes carolinus</i></b>
1-2 Point Pelee on 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 4 at Backus Woods on 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1 there on 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 2 at Long Point (Old Provincial Park) on 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Downy Woodpecker</b>	<b><i>Dryobates pubescens</i></b>
Seen roadside west of Toronto, Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point, max. 6 Point Pelee on 6 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Hairy Woodpecker</b>	<b><i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i></b>
Singles seen at Point Pelee, Rondeau, Long Point (new Provincial Park) and Backus Woods.	
<b>Pileated Woodpecker</b>	<b><i>Dryocopus pileatus</i></b>
2 birds heard, but not seen, at Backus Woods on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Northern Flicker</b>	<b><i>Colaptes auratus</i></b>
Up to 3 seen at Point Pelee on 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> , and 2 at Long Point on 10 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>American Kestrel</b>	<b><i>Falco sparverius</i></b>
2 seen from the car west of Toronto on 5 <sup>th</sup> .	



<b>Merlin</b>	<b><i>Falco columbianus</i></b>
Singles at Point Pelee on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> (presumably of race <i>richardsonii</i> ).	
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>	<b><i>Contopus virens</i></b>
1 at Long Point on 11 <sup>th</sup> , with 3 there on 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Least Flycatcher</b>	<b><i>Empidonax minimus</i></b>
The most commonly encountered flycatcher, up to 3 seen at Point Pelee, and 4 at Long Point on a total of 6 dates.	
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	<b><i>Sayornis phoebe</i></b>
1 at Backus Woods on 10 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>	<b><i>Myiarchus crinitus</i></b>
Singles seen on 5 dates at both Point Pelee and Long Point.	
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>	<b><i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i></b>
Up to 2 seen on 5 dates at both Point Pelee and Long Point.	
<b>White-eyed Vireo</b>	<b><i>Vireo griseus</i></b>
1 briefly at Point Pelee on 5 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>	<b><i>Vireo solitarius</i></b>
Seen on a total of 8 dates, max. 5 at Long Point on 11 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>	<b><i>Vireo philadelphicus</i></b>
2 at Long Point on 12 <sup>th</sup> , with 1 there on 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>	<b><i>Vireo gilvus</i></b>
Seen on a total of 8 dates, max. 3 on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> at Point Pelee.	
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>	<b><i>Vireo olivaceus</i></b>
3 at Long Point on 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Blue Jay</b>	<b><i>Cyanocitta cristata</i></b>
Seen regularly at widespread locations including occasionally in flocks of 20+.	
<b>American Crow</b>	<b><i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i></b>
Seen on several dates at Point Pelee, Long Point and from the car, but never numerous.	
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>	<b><i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i></b>
4 flew over Point Pelee on 7 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Black-capped Chickadee</b>	<b><i>Poecile atricapillus</i></b>
Seen on 7 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point.	
<b>Horned Lark</b>	<b><i>Eremophila alpestris</i></b>
2 seen in fields N of Point Pelee on 8 <sup>th</sup> , with 5 there on 9 <sup>th</sup> , and 2 at Hillman Marsh on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b>	<b><i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i></b>
A few seen at Point Pelee on 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , and 3 at Wheatley on 9 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Purple Martin</b>	<b><i>Progne subis</i></b>
Seen only at Rondeau and at Long Point, where they were visiting nest boxes.	
<b>Tree Swallow</b>	<b><i>Tachycineta bicolor</i></b>
Seen daily at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh and Long Point.	
<b>Sand Martin</b>	<b><i>Riparia riparia</i></b>
Recorded at Point Pelee and Hillman Marsh on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> .	



**Barn Swallow**

Seen in good numbers on at least 5 dates at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, Wheatley, Rondeau and Long Point.

**American Cliff Swallow**

3 seen over fields north of Point Pelee on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

Seen in good numbers at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh and Long Point on 7 dates.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**

3 at Point Pelee on 5<sup>th</sup> and 1 on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

Easily seen, maximum day count 10 on 7<sup>th</sup>, recorded on 6 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point.

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

2 at Rondeau on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Brown Creeper**

1 at Long Point on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Blue-grey Gnatcatcher**

Seen in small numbers on 5 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.

**House Wren**

A total of 11 seen on 5 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point

**Winter Wren**

Singles at Long Point on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sedge Wren**

1 near the Tip at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Marsh Wren**

1 near the Tip, in the company of the Sedge Wren, on 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Carolina Wren**

A total of 10 seen on 5 dates, max. 4 at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Starling**

Recorded on 3 dates west of Toronto, Point Pelee and at Rondeau.

**Grey Catbird**

1 to 5 birds seen on 8 dates, except for an obvious fall at Long Point on 11<sup>th</sup> with 5 at Old Cut and 15 at the Old Provincial Park.

**Brown Thrasher**

A single at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Mockingbird**

Singles at Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup> and from the car heading towards Toronto on 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Eastern Bluebird**

3 north-west of Long Point on 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Veery**

1-2 birds seen on 7 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point.

**Swainson's Thrush**

1-2 birds seen on 6 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.

***Hirundo rustica******Petrochelidon pyrrhonota******Corthylio calendula******Regulus satrapa******Sitta canadensis******Sitta carolinensis******Certhia americana******Polioptila caerulea******Troglodytes aedon******Troglodytes hiemalis******Cistothorus stellaris******Cistothorus palustris******Thryothorus ludovicianus******Sturnus vulgaris******Dumetella carolinensis******Toxostoma rufum******Mimus polyglottos******Sialia sialis******Catharus fuscescens******Catharus ustulatus***



**Hermit Thrush**

Singles seen on 5 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.

***Catharus guttatus*****Wood Thrush**

1-2 birds seen on 3 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.

***Hylocichla mustelina*****American Robin**

Widespread and numerous in gardens and at all sites visited.

***Turdus migratorius*****House Sparrow**

Recorded at a roadside stop west of Toronto on 5<sup>th</sup>, and at Rondeau on 9<sup>th</sup>.

***Passer domesticus*****Buff-bellied Pipit**

2 in fields north of Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Anthus rubescens*****House Finch**

Singles at Old Cut and the New Provincial Park, Long Point, on 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Haemorhous mexicanus*****American Goldfinch**

1-3 seen on 4 dates at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, Rondeau and Long Point.

***Spinus tristis*****Chipping Sparrow**

Seen commonly on 8 dates at all sites.

***Spizella passerina*****Clay-coloured Sparrow**

1 at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup>.

***Spizella pallida*****Field Sparrow**

A single at Point Pelee 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May.

***Spizella pusilla*****Dark-eyed Junco**

Singles at Point Pelee on 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Junco hyemalis*****White-crowned Sparrow**

Small numbers seen on 7 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point.

***Zonotrichia leucophrys*****White-throated Sparrow**

Good numbers seen on 7 dates at Leamington, Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, Rondeau and Long Point.

***Zonotrichia albicollis*****Savannah Sparrow**

3 singing males in a field north west of Long Point on 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Passerculus sandwichensis*****Song Sparrow**

1-3 seen on 4 dates at Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, Rondeau and Long Point.

***Melospiza melodia*****Lincoln's Sparrow**

1-3 seen at Long Point 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

***Melospiza lincolnii*****Swamp Sparrow**

1-2 seen on 4 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point.

***Melospiza georgiana*****Eastern Towhee**

1-2 seen on 4 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.

***Pipilo erythrophthalmus*****Bobolink**

6 singing males in a field north west of Long Point on 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Dolichonyx oryzivorus*****Orchard Oriole**

Singles at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 at Rondeau on 9<sup>th</sup>, and 5 at Long Point (new Provincial Park) on 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Icterus spurius***



**Baltimore Oriole**

Up to 9 seen on all 9 days of the trip, at Point Pelee, Wheatley, Rondeau and Long Point.

**Red-winged Blackbird**

Common and widespread.

**Brown-headed Cowbird**

Small number seen on 3 dates at several sites.

**Rusty Blackbird**

4 at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 at Rondeau on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Grackle**

Common and widespread.

**Ovenbird**

Singles seen on five dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau & Long Point. Three birds at Long Point on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Waterthrush**

1 at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup>, with 3 there on 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 at Rondeau on 9<sup>th</sup> & 2 at Long Point on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Golden-winged Warbler**

A stunning male trapped at Long Point on 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Blue-winged Warbler**

2 at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup>, and singles at Long Point on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Black-and-white Warbler**

Regularly encountered with up to 4 seen on 6 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point.

**Prothonotary Warbler**

A single male seen on territory at Long Point on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Nashville Warbler**

1-4 seen on 8 dates at Point Pelee, Rondeau and Long Point.

**Common Yellowthroat**

Singles seen on 8 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point, with 2 on 12<sup>th</sup> at Long Point.

**Hooded Warbler**

A male showing ridiculously well at Long Point on the afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup>.

**American Redstart**

Recorded on 6 dates at Point Pelee and Long Point, usually 1-3 birds but with 8 at Long Point on 11<sup>th</sup> and 10 there on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Cape May Warbler**

1-6 birds seen on 6 dates, more numerous later in the trip at Long Point.

**Cerulean Warbler**

1 seen briefly at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Parula**

2 at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup> and the remaining records from Long Point 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, peak 5 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*

Singles at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, the remainder from Long Point with peak of 10 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Bay-breasted Warbler**

5 at Long Point on 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 there on 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Icterus galbula******Agelaius phoeniceus******Molothrus ater******Euphagus carolinus******Quiscalus quiscula******Seiurus aurocapilla******Parkesia novboracensis******Vermivora chrysoptera******Vermivora cyanoptera******Mniotilta varia******Protonotaria citrea******Leiothlypis ruficapilla******Geothlypis trichas******Setophaga citrina******Setophaga ruticilla******Setophaga tigrina******Setophaga cerulea******Setophaga americana******Setophaga castanea***



**Blackburnian Warbler**

A single at Point Pelee on 6<sup>th</sup>, then daily at Long Point 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> with a peak of 6 on 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Setophaga fusca*****American Yellow Warbler**

The most numerous warbler, seen daily in good numbers.

***Setophaga aestiva*****Chestnut-sided Warbler**

A single at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>, then seen daily at Long Point with a peak of 20 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Setophaga pensylvanica*****Blackpoll Warbler**

A male at Long Point (old Provincial Park) on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Setophaga striata*****Black-throated Blue Warbler**

Seen on 6 dates, peak of 30 at Long Point on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Setophaga caerulescens*****Palm Warbler**

A total of 11 seen on 8 dates, 1 or 2 per day.

***Setophaga palmarum*****Pine Warbler**

A single at Hillman Marsh on 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Setophaga pinus*****Myrtle Warbler**

Seen on 7 dates, more numerous at Long Point in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the trip, into double figures on some days.

***Setophaga coronata*****Black-throated Green Warbler**

1 at Point Pelee on 8<sup>th</sup>, then a total of 14 at Long Point 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, max. 5 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Setophaga virens*****Wilson's Warbler**

A male at Long Point (just outside the old Provincial Park) on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Cardellina pusilla*****Scarlet Tanager**

3 at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>, then daily at Long Point, max. 6 on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Piranga olivacea*****Western Tanager**

A male at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>, twice went south from the Tip during reverse migration event.

***Piranga ludoviciana*****Northern Cardinal**

Recorded on 5 dates from Point Pelee, Hillman Marsh, Rondeau and Long Point.

***Cardinalis cardinalis*****Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

A total of 47 recorded on 7 dates, max. 20 at Long Point on 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Pheucticus ludovicianus*****Indigo Bunting**

Singles at Point Pelee on 7<sup>th</sup>, and Long Point on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (2 locations).

***Passerina cyanea***

Mourning Dove



## Mammals

**Total number of mammals recorded: 7 species**

### Northern Raccoon

1 seen well at Rondeau.

*Procyon lotor*

### White-tailed Deer

4 seen from car between Wheatley and Rondeau.

*Odocoileus virginianus*

### Eastern Cotton-tail

Seen at most locations visited.

*Sylvilagus floridanus*

### Eastern Grey Squirrel

Widespread and numerous.

*Sciurus carolinensis*

### Eastern Chipmunk

Most noticeable around Old Cut Field Station, Long Point.

*Tamias striatus*

### Muskrat

Recorded at Hillman Marsh.

*Ondatra zibethicus*

### American Beaver

2 seen well from the Marsh Boardwalk at Point Pelee.

*Castor canadensis*

## Reptiles & Amphibians

**Total number of reptiles and amphibians recorded: 3 species**

### Blanding's Turtle

Recorded at Point Pelee (De Laurier Trail) and Hillman Marsh.

*Emydoidea blandingii*

### Midland Painted Turtle

Recorded at Point Pelee (De Laurier Trail).

*Chrysemys picta*

### Common Watersnake

One seen at Hillman Marsh on 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Nerodia sipedon*

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