

# Ohio: Biggest Week in Birding Species List | May 6-13, 2025 With Naturalist Journeys



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Bird enthusiasts from Arizona, California and Washington traveled to northern Ohio to experience the spring passage of Neotropical migrants, in particular warblers, along the Magee Marsh Boardwalk. Several visits to the boardwalk produced close up looks of several species of warblers and several other species too. For the week we tallied 25 species of warblers including a very special one in the Kirtland's Warbler, and numerous other species from multiple families including flycatchers, shorebirds, sparrows, swallows, thrushes, waders, waterfowl, woodpeckers, vireos and one wayward tanager.

**BIRDS - 143** species were recorded of which five were heard only (HO) and four were introduced (I). Details are included below. (#) after the species indicates the number of days the species was seen on the tour.

The eBird link below details the 143 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

## **Family or Species Common Name: Scientific Name**

### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae**

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Mute Swan (I)** *Cygnus olor* — (1) Four were seen together at Metzger Marsh.

**Trumpeter Swan** *Cygnus buccinator* — (4) Seen at Magee Marsh, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Metzger Marsh, Howard Marsh Metropark and at Maumee Bay State Park (SP).

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa* — (5) Seen at multiple locations.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors* — (2) One seen on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive and another seen in some standing water while en route near Maumee Bay SP.

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata* — (1) A male was seen in flight from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* — (2) A male was seen at Metzger Marsh and a pair were seen along the Magee Marsh causeway.

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser* — (1) One was seen in flight multiple times at Cuyahoga Valley National Park (NP) near Station Road.

### **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo* — (3) Seen en route at multiple locations.

### **GREBES: Podicipedidae**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* — (3) Seen on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive and at Howard Marsh Metropark.

### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia* — (5) Seen at Wendy Park and Erie Street Cemetery.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura* — (7) Common, seen and heard at multiple locations.

### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae**

**Black-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* — (1) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae**

**Chimney Swift** *Chaetura pelagica* — (6) Seen at multiple locations with the largest numbers (~100) occurring at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae**

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris* — (4) Single birds were seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP near Station Rd, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, Ottawa NWR and Oak Openings.

### **RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae**

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* — (3) Seen at Metzger Marsh, Ottawa NWR and Howard Marsh Metropark.

**American Coot** *Fulica americana* — (3) Seen at Metzger Marsh, Ottawa NWR and Howard Marsh Metropark.

### **CRANES: Gruidae**

**Sandhill Crane** *Antigone canadensis* — (4) Seen at Maumee Bay SP, Magee Marsh, Metzger Marsh and Ottawa NWR.

### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* — (1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae**

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* — (3) About a dozen were seen on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive, one at Howard Marsh Metropark and a flyby at Magee Marsh.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae**

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* — (2) Approximately 30 were seen on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive and 200+ at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* — (1) Several seen on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive.

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus* — (1) Three seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**American Woodcock** *Scolopax minor* — (1) HO, at least two were heard peenting at Maumee Bay State Park.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* — (4) Single birds were seen at Lake View Cemetery, Ottawa NWR and Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* — (2) Single birds were seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Ottawa NWR.

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae**

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**American Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus* — (2) Seen near Wendy Park and at Meinke Marina.

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* — (1) Two seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* — (3) Seen at Metzger Marsh, Ottawa NWR and Howard Marsh Metropark.

#### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

#### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae**

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* — (4) Seen in flight at Maumee Bay SP, the Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Ottawa NWR Visitor Center and the Ottawa NWR Crane Creek Estuary Trail.

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae**

**American Bittern** *Botaurus lentiginosus* — (1) One seen at Metzger Marsh.

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* — (6) Seen at multiple locations, including 30+ at a rookery in Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* — (5) Seen at multiple locations.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* — (4) Seen at Rocky River Reservation and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* — (1) Two seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

#### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

#### **OSPREY: Pandionidae**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* — (3) Seen at Metzger Marsh and while en route on two other occasions.

#### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae**

**Northern Harrier** *Circus hudsonius* — (1) Two seen in flight on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus* — (1) Three seen in flight on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive.

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii* — (3) Single birds seen at Wendy Park, Cuyahoga Valley NP - Beaver Marsh and at the Erie Street Cemetery.

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis* — (5) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Lake View Cemetery, Ottawa NWR and Oak Openings.

#### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megasceryle alcyon* — (1) One seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and at Lake View Cemetery.

#### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae**

**Red-headed Woodpecker** *Melanerpes erythrocephalus* — (5) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, Maumee Bay SP, from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Oak Openings.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** *Melanerpes carolinus* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus* — (1) One seen at the feeders from the Buehner Center at Oak Openings.

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus* — (2) Seen at a suet feeder at Rocky River Reservation and heard at Cuyahoga

Valley NP.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* — (4) Seen at multiple locations.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* — (1) One seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae**

**Acadian Flycatcher** *Empidonax virescens* — (1) HO, at Oak Openings.

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus* — (3) Heard at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and one heard and seen at Oak Openings.

**Eastern Phoebe** *Sayornis phoebe* — (2) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Lake View Cemetery and Pearson Metropark.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus* — (5) Seen briefly at Rocky River Reservation and heard at multiple locations.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus* — (7) Seen at multiple locations.

#### **VIREOS: Vireonidae**

**White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus* — (1) One seen at Oak Openings.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons* — (3) Heard at Rocky River Reservation and Cuyahoga Valley NP and seen at Oak Openings.

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius* — (4) Seen at Wendy Park, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Erie Street Cemetery and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus* — (7) Common, seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* — (4) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae**

**Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations with large numbers seen moving back and forth along Lake Erie at Magee Marsh.

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos* — (4) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and Oak Openings.

#### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae**

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus* — (5) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Tufted Titmouse** *Baeolophus bicolor* — (4) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **LARKS: Alaudidae**

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris* — (1) Two seen in a rocked parking area at Meinke Marina.

#### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae**

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* — (2) Seen at Lake View Cemetery and Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis* — (4) Seen at multiple locations with largest numbers near nesting structures at the Ottawa NWR Visitor Center.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor* — (6) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia* — (1) Seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* — (6) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* — (1) One seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

#### **KINGLETS: Regulidae**

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula* — (6) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **NUTHATCHES: Sittidae**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis* — (1) HO, at the Erie Street Cemetery.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis* — (7) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae**

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea* — (7) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **WRENS: Troglodytidae**

**Northern House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* — (6) Common, seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris* — (3) HO, along the Magee Marsh causeway, Metzger Marsh, on the Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive and at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Carolina Wren** *Thryothorus ludovicianus* — (7) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae**

**European Starling (I)** *Sturnus vulgaris* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae**

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis* — (7) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum* — (3) Heard at Rocky River Reservation and seen from the Maumee Bay SP Boardwalk and at Oak Openings.

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* — (1) A single bird was seen near Wendy Park.

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae**

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis* — (3) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Oak Openings.

**Veery** *Catharus fuscescens* — (3) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, Cuyahoga Valley NP and Oak Openings.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* — (3) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus* — (1) One seen on a trail at the Ottawa NWR Visitor Center.

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina* — (2) Heard at Rocky River Reservation and Cuyahoga Valley NP and briefly seen at Lake View Cemetery.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**

**House Sparrow (I)** *Passer domesticus* — (7) Seen at multiple locations.

#### **PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae**

**American Pipit** *Anthus rubescens* — (1) Several seen in an agricultural field across from the Meinke Marina.

#### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus* — (3) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, Cuyahoga Valley NP and at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis* — (7) Seen at multiple locations.

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae**

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina* — (4) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Field Sparrow** *Spizella pusilla* — (1) Heard and seen at Oak Openings.

**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* — (1) Seen at Oak Openings.

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis* — (1) Seen on the Ledges Trail at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys* — (1) Seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis* — (6) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, Wendy Park, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* — (7) Common, seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolni* — (2) Seen at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Swamp Sparrow** *Melospiza georgiana* — (4) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Eastern Towhee** *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* — (2) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and heard at Oak Openings.

### **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae**

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens* — (1) One heard and briefly seen at Oak Openings.

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae**

**Bobolink** *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* — (1) Four seen in agricultural fields north of Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius* — (3) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and at the Ottawa NWR Visitor Center.

**Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula* — (7) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater* — (7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Common Grackle** *Quiscalus quiscula* — (7) Seen at multiple locations.

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae**

**Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapilla* — (2) HO, at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and Pearson Metropark.

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis* — (2) Heard and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Golden-winged Warbler** *Vermivora chrysoptera* — (2) Single birds seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Blue-winged Warbler** *Vermivora cyanoptera* — (1) Two were heard and seen at Oak Openings.

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* — (2) Heard at the Erie Street Cemetery and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea* — (3) Heard and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina* — (2) Heard at Oak Openings and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Oreothlypis celata* — (1) One seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla* — (4) Heard at the Lake View Cemetery, seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and heard again at Pearson Metropark.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas* — (7) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina* — (2) Heard and seen on the Ledges Trail at Cuyahoga Valley NP and heard at Oak Openings.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* — (6) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Kirtland's Warbler** *Setophaga kirtlandii* — (1) A male with leg bands and a geolocator was seen on the Crane Creek Estuary Trail at the Ottawa NWR adjacent to Magee Marsh.

**Cape May Warbler** *Setophaga tigrina* — (5) Seen at Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, from the



Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Ottawa NWR and at Pearson Metropark.

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana* — (5) Seen and heard at multiple locations with great looks of a male at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia* — (3) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Ottawa NWR.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** *Setophaga castanea* — (1) A male was seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca* — (4) Seen at the Erie Street Cemetery and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia* — (7) Common, seen at multiple locations.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga pensylvanica* — (4) Seen at Wendy Park, Ottawa NWR and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** *Setophaga caerulescens* — (6) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum* — (5) Seen at multiple locations.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Yellow-throated Warbler** *Setophaga dominica* — (1) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP near Station Road.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens* — (6) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae**

**Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* — (2) Heard on the Ledges Trail at Cuyahoga Valley NP and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana* — (1) Rare for the area, but not for our group, a male was seen at Wendy Park.

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis* — (7) Common, seen and heard at multiple locations.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* — (5) Heard at Cuyahoga Valley NP and seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, Ottawa NWR, Oak Openings and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea* — (5) Seen and heard at multiple locations.

#### **MAMMALS**

**Eastern Cottontail** *Sylvilagus floridanus* — (3) Seen at Maumee Bay SP and while driving.

**Eastern Chipmunk** *Tamias striatus* — (4) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and Oak Openings.

**American Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* — (2) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis* — (2) Seen at Rocky River Reservation, Cuyahoga Valley NP and Lake View Cemetery.

**Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus niger* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Woodchuck** *Marmota monax* — (3) Seen en route on multiple occasions.

**Muskrat** *Ondatra zibethicus* — (1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Common Raccoon** *Procyon lotor* — (3) Seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and Maumee Bay SP.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* — (4) Seen at Maumee Bay SP and en route on multiple occasions.

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

**American Bullfrog** *Lithobates catesbeianus* — (1) HO, heard at Cuyahoga Valley NP near Station Rd.

**Northern Leopard Frog** *Lithobates pipiens* — (2) Heard at Maumee Bay SP and seen along the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Painted Turtle** *Chrysemys picta* — (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Red-eared Slider** *Trachemys scripta elegans* — (1) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Common Garter Snake** *Thamnophis sirtalis* — (1) Seen along the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Northern Water Snake** *Nerodia sipedon* — (2) Seen at Rocky River Reservation and the Magee Marsh Visitor Center.

**LOCATIONS FOR 2025:**

May 6 – Rocky River Park / Wendy Park

May 7 – Cuyahoga Valley National Park / Lake View Cemetery

May 8 – Erie St. Cemetery / Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve / Meinke Marina / Maumee Bay Lodge

May 9 – Magee Marsh Boardwalk / Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center / Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area

May 10 – Magee Marsh Boardwalk / Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive / Ottawa NWR Crane Creek Estuary Trail / Magee Marsh Boardwalk

May 11 – Oak Openings / Howard Marsh Metropark / Maumee Bay State Park

May 12 – Magee Marsh Boardwalk / Pearson Metropark

May 13 – Maumee Bay Lodge

**Favorite bird of the trip: Kirtland's Warbler**