

# Ohio: The Biggest Week in Birding | Species List May 10 – 17, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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Bird enthusiasts from Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts and Minnesota traveled to northern Ohio to experience the spring passage of neotropical migrants and in particular, warblers, along the Magee Marsh Boardwalk. Several visits to the boardwalk did not disappoint as the group was afforded close up looks at numerous species of warblers and several other species as well. For the week we tallied 28 species of warblers (21 of which were seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk), 12 species of waterfowl, 11 species of shorebirds, 11 species of sparrows, several species each of waders, woodpeckers, flycatchers, vireos, swallows and thrushes and one seldom seen nightjar. The total number of species came to 151. To see a detailed list, please keep reading.

(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(I)=introduced

## **BIRDS (151 species recorded, of which four were heard only):**

### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (12)**

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Mute Swan (I)** *Cygnus olor*—(1) A pair was seen on the wildlife drive at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

**Trumpeter Swan** *Cygnus buccinator*—(3) Seen primarily at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, but also at Maumee Bay State Park.

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa*—(3) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Maumee Bay SP, Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Pipe Creek Wildlife Area.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Pipe Creek WA.

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*—(1) A single male was seen at Pipe Creek WA.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*—(1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*—(1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus*—(1) A single bird (female/first spring male) was seen at Ottawa NWR.

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*—(1) Two were seen at Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*—(1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

### **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (1)**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo*—(2) Seen at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and en route near Ottawa NWR.

### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*—(1) Several seen and heard at Ottawa NWR.

### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (2)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (I)—(1) Seen at Cleveland Lakefront NP.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

**NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (1)**

**Eastern Whip-poor-will** *Antrostomus vociferus*—(1) A roosting bird was seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)**

**Chimney Swift** *Chaetura pelagica*— (5) Seen at multiple locations.

**HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (1)**

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*— (4) Seen at multiple locations.

**RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (4)**

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola*—(4) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Ottawa NWR.

**Sora** *Porzana carolina*—(2) Heard at Ottawa NWR and a lone bird was seen at Pipe Creek WA.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Pipe Creek WA.

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Pipe Creek WA.

**CRANES: Gruidae (1)**

**Sandhill Crane** *Antigone canadensis*—(4) Heard from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and at Maumee Bay SP.

**STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)**

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

**PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (3)**

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*—(1) Four seen at Pipe Creek WA.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Pipe Creek WA.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

**SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (7)**

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Pipe Creek WA.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*—(1) Seen at Pipe Creek WA.

**American Woodcock** *Scolopax minor*—(5) Two birds were heard at the Hilton Garden Inn near the Cleveland airport and one was seen daily from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*—(1) Lone bird seen at Lake View Cemetery.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*—(1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Pipe Creek WA.

**GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (6)**

**Bonaparte's Gull** *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*—(1) Seen at Pipe Creek WA.

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*—(5) Seen at multiple locations.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*—(5) Seen at multiple locations.

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

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*—(1) Seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri*—(1) Lone bird seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*—(5) Seen at multiple locations.

### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)**

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (5)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—(7) Seen at multiple locations, including a heron rookery at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

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

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—(2) Seen at Magee Marsh WA.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—(3) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Lake View Cemetery, Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Maumee Bay SP.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—(1) Seen at Pipe Creek WA.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (1)**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— (7) Seen daily at multiple locations.

### **OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*— (4) Seen at multiple locations.

### **HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (3)**

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii*—(1) One seen en route in Oregon on the 14th.

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*—(6) Seen at multiple locations with great looks at a nest, young and adults from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

### **OWLS: Strigidae (1)**

**Eastern Screech-Owl** *Megascops asio*—(4) Same individual seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (1)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megasceryle alcyon*—(1) One seen en route in Oregon on the 16th.

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (6)**

**Red-headed Woodpecker** *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*—(5) Seen at multiple locations.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** *Melanerpes carolinus*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens*—(6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus*—(2) Seen at Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus*—(2) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and Oak Openings.

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

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (1)**

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*—(1) Two seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, one of which was on a nest.

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (7)**

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** *Contopus virens*— (1) HO, at Oak Openings.

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

**Willow Flycatcher** *Empidonax traillii*— (4) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*— (1) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Eastern Phoebe** *Sayornis phoebe*— (2) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Cleveland Lakefront NP and Oak Openings.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus*—(5) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus*— (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**VIREOS: Vireonidae (5)**

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons*— (2) Heard and seen on a trail at the Rocky River Nature Center (NC) and heard at Oak Openings.

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius*— (2) Heard at Rocky River NC and seen from Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Philadelphia Vireo** *Vireo philadelphicus*— (1) HO, at Oak Openings.

**Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus*— (7) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*— (3) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2)**

**Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata*—(7) Seen each day at multiple locations.

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*—(3) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Catawba Point Preserve and Oak Openings.

**TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (2)**

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Tufted Titmouse** *Baeolophus bicolor*— (5) Seen at multiple locations.

**SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)**

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— (2) Seen at Rocky River Nature Center and Cleveland Lakefront NP.

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis*— (3) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Howard Marsh Metropark and Maumee Bay SP.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*— (7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*— (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— (4) Seen every day at the Maumee Bay SP Lodge & Conference Center and Ottawa NWR.

**KINGLETS: Regulidae (1)**

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula*—(5) Seen at multiple locations.

**NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (1)**

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

**GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)**

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea*— (6) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**WRENS: Troglodytidae (3)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*— (7) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris*— (2) Heard and seen at Ottawa NWR and at Pipe Creek WA.

**Carolina Wren** *Thryothorus ludovicianus*—(5) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (1)**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* (I)—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)**

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*— (7) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum*— (3) Seen at the Cleveland Lakefront NP, Ottawa NWR and Pipe Creek WA.

**THRUSHES: Turdidae (5)**

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis*—(2) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP and Oak Openings.

**Veery** *Catharus fuscescens*—(2) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Oak Openings.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*—(2) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Pipe Creek WA.

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina*—(1) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.  
**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

#### **WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae (1)**

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum*—(2) Seen at Maumee Bay SP and Pipe Creek WA.

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (I)—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

#### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (2)**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*—(3) Seen at multiple locations.

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

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (11)**

**Grasshopper Sparrow** *Ammodramus savannarum*—(1) Heard then seen briefly at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella 5asserine*—(4) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Field Sparrow** *Spizella pusilla*—(2) Heard at Ottawa NWR and heard and seen at Oak Openings.

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

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys*—(4) Seen at multiple locations.

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis*—(5) Seen at multiple locations.

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*—(2) Seen at Cleveland Lakefront NP and Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*—(7) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolni*—(2) Seen at Ottawa NWR and Pipe Creek WA.

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

**Eastern Towhee** *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*—(3) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Pipe Creek WA and Oak Openings.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae (7)**

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*—(1) A lone female was seen at Howard Marsh Metropark.

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna*—(1) Seen en route near the Toledo airport.

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius*— (1) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

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

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*—(7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*— (6) Seen at multiple locations.

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

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (28)**

**Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapilla*— (2) One heard singing behind the Hilton Garden Inn near the Cleveland airport, and one seen at Pipe Creek WA.

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*— (1) One seen at Cleveland Lakefront NP.

**Golden-winged Warbler** *Vermivora chrysoptera*— (1) One seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Blue-winged Warbler** *Vermivora cyanoptera*— (1) One heard and seen off of Sager Rd. at Oak Openings.

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*— (3) Seen on the walking trail near the Rocky River Nature Center and from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea*— (5) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Maumee Bay SP and Ottawa NWR.

**Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina*— (3) Heard and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Ottawa NWR and Pipe Creek WA.

**Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*— (1) Lone bird seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Kentucky Warbler** *Geothlypis formosa*— (1) A single male was heard then seen from a trail near the Buehner Center at Oak Openings.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*— (5) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina*— (1) Lone male heard and seen at Oak Openings.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*— (5) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Cape May Warbler** *Setophaga tigrina*— (4) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and at Pipe Creek WA.

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*— (5) Heard and seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP, from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Maumee Bay SP and Ottawa NWR.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*— (3) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Ottawa NWR, Pipe Creek WA and Catawba Point Preserve.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** *Setophaga castanea*— (3) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Ottawa NWR.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca*— (3) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Ottawa NWR.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*— (7) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga pensylvanica*— (4) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk, Ottawa NWR, Pipe Creek WA and Catawba Point Preserve.

**Blackpoll Warbler** *Setophaga striata*— (3) Heard and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Pipe Creek WA.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** *Setophaga caerulescens*— (4) Heard and seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Pipe Creek WA.

**Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum*— (4) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Catawba Point Preserve.

**Pine Warbler** *Setophaga pinus*— (2) HO, from a trail near the Rocky River Nature Center and at Oak Openings.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*— (5) Seen at multiple locations.

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

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*— (2) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Canada Warbler** *Cardellina canadensis*— (3) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Catawba Point Preserve.

**Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*— (4) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and Catawba Point Preserve.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (4)**

**Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea*— (2) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and heard at Oak Openings.

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*— (7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus*— (5) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*— (4) Heard and seen at multiple locations.

#### **Mammals (9 species)**

**Eastern Cottontail** *Sylvilagus virginianus*— (6) Seen at multiple locations.

**Eastern Chipmunk** *Tamias striatus*— (4) Seen at multiple locations.

**American Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*— (1) Seen at Oak Openings.

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

**Woodchuck** *Marmota monax*— (3) Seen at Magee Marsh WA, Pipe Creek WA and Oak Openings.

**Muskrat** *Ondatra zibethicus*— (3) Seen at Ottawa NWR, Maumee Bay SP and Pipe Creek WA.

**American Beaver** *Castor canadensis*— (1) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Common Raccoon** *Procyon lotor*— (2) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*— (1) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

#### **Reptiles (5 species)**

**Northern Green Frog** *Rana clamitans*— (1) Seen from the Buehner Center at Oak Openings.

**Painted Turtle** *Chrysemys picta*— (7) Seen at multiple locations.

**Common Snapping Turtle** *Chelydra serpentina*— (1) Seen at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Common Garter Snake** *Thamnophis sirtalis*— (2) Seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk.

**Northern Water Snake** *Nerodia sipedon*—(1) One seen from the Magee Marsh Boardwalk and too many to count at Pipe Creek WA.

**LOCATIONS FOR 2023:**

May 10 – Hilton Garden Inn-Cleveland Airport / Rocky River Park / Wendy Park

May 11 – Cuyahoga Valley National Park / Lake View Cemetery / Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve

May 12 – Magee Marsh Boardwalk / Maumee Bay Lodge

May 13 – Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge / Howard Marsh Metropark

May 14 – Maumee Bay State Park / Magee Marsh Boardwalk / Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

May 15 – Pipe Creek Wildlife Area / Catawba Point Preserve / Magee Marsh Boardwalk

May 16 – Oak Openings / Magee Marsh Boardwalk

May 17 – Maumee Bay Lodge / Cleveland Hopkins International Airport