

Silvana Roads

March 5, 2019

It was cold, but we had a beautiful sunny day for birdwatching. Three sightings stood out as the best today. At Port Susan and then at the Stanwood Water treatment plant we saw the Golden Eagle flying overhead. At the treatment plant we also watched over 20,000 Snow Geese flying overhead. They were as far south and north as we could see. Looking up into the very blue sky at the geese we saw the white birds with black wing tips and also found a couple of Blue Geese in the group. The third sighting was at Eide Road where we saw both the black morph and the regular Rough-legged Hawk. The black morph was kiting over the fields and the sun was shining on him so that his coloring was spectacular. We also found our first swallow of the year.

54 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Wilma, Virginia, Graham, Joyce, Jeff, Craig, Rex, Garrett, Art, Phil, Val, Rick, Sue, Sherrill, Junelle, Barb, John, Joanne, Brandyn, Ken, Bev and Reg

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Snow Goose(20,000), Canada Goose (2), Trumpeter Swan (100), Tundra Swan (2), Gadwall (40), Eurasian Wigeon (1), American Wigeon (2,000), Mallard (50), Northern Shoveler (6), Green-winged Teal (24), Northern Pintail (50), Lesser Scaup (40), Bufflehead (2), Common Merganser (4), Ruddy Duck (50)

LOONS, GREBES: Pied-billed Grebe (3)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (2), Great Blue Heron (2)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (22), Northern Harrier (5), Cooper's Hawk (2), Red-tailed Hawk (2), Rough-legged Hawk (2), Golden Eagle (1), American Kestrel (3)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (2), Greater Yellowlegs (1)

GULLS: Mew Gull (100), Ring-billed Gull (10), Glaucous-winged Gull (35)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (80), Eurasian Collared-Dove (2)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's (1)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (3)

CORVIDS: American Crow (2), Common Raven (30)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Violet-green Swallow (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped (2)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER: Brown Creeper (1)

WRENS: Marsh (1)

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned (1)

THRUSHES: American Robin (300), Varied Thrush (2)

STARLING: European Starling (75)

SPARROW, TANAGERS: Spotted Towhee (3), Fox Sparrow (1), Song Sparrow (8), White-crowned Sparrow (7), Golden-crowned Sparrow (2), Dark-eyed Junco (2)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (3), Western Meadowlark (2), Brewer's Blackbird (22)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (6), House Sparrow (3)