

January 5th 2017

Today's Mountwood Bird Club (MBC) outing was the annual Eagle Watch, rescheduled from last week.

Attending by car were Lucine Wright, Veronique Mathaux, Teresa Glasco, Archie Carpenter, Pat Collins and I. The boat crew consisted of Matt Bristol, Jason White, Bryce Sayre, Kelly Rene, and Dick Esker.

The boat travelled from above Willow Island L&D to below Hannibal L&D. The car stopped at Willow Island L&D both sides, French Creek Boat Ramp in Belmont, the parsonage on Green starred in Newport, Dan's Run, Newell's Run, the old sand quarry below WI L&D on the Ohio side, Frontier Boat Ramp, Grandview - opposite Grandview Island, across the river from the Bald Eagle nest above Friendly, Old Lock #15 boat docks & ramp, rest stop near Sardis, Hannibal L&D both sides, and Ben's Run. Thanks to Dick Esker for the boat bird list.

Alfa Code BAEA Bald Eagles: Total 14 birds; 10- boat only; 2- car only; 2- both boat and car.

Locations & eagles from boat:

Grape Island: 2-BAEA (1- adult; 1- juvenile)

Grandview Island: 1-BAEA (1- juvenile)

Mill Creek Island: 2-BAEA (2- adults)

Tyler County Nest Site: 2-BAEA (2- adults standing on the nest)

Upriver from Sisterville: 1-BAEA (1- juvenile)

Williamson Island: 2-BAEA (1- adult; 1- juvenile)

Across from Monroe County boat ramp: 2-BAEA (2- adults, also seen by car people)

Locations & eagles by car:

Old sand quarry below WI L&D: 2-BAEA (2- juvenile) Across from Monroe County Boat Ramp (old lock #15), also seen by boat people.

Other Birds:

Canada Goose 1500+	Great Blue Heron - 16	Carolina Chickadee
Wood Duck - 6	Bald Eagle - 14	Tufted Titmouse
Gadwall - 2 - car only	Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1 - car only	White-breasted Nuthatch
American Black Duck - 25	Red-shouldered Hawk - 2	Carolina Wren
Mallard - 180+	Red-tailed Hawk - 10	Eastern Bluebird
Northern Pintail - 9 - boat only	American Coot - 4 - car only	American Robin
Green-winged Teal - 1 - car only	Killdeer - 3 - car only	Northern Mockingbird
Canvasback - 10 - car only	Ring-billed Gull - 25+	European Starling
Redhead - 5 - car only	Herring Gull - 2 - car only	Eastern Towhee
Ring-necked Duck - 14	Rock Pigeon	American Tree Sparrow - 7 - car
Lesser Scaup - 4 - car only	Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow
Bufflehead - 21	Belted Kingfisher - 6	White-crowned Sparrow - 2 - car
Hooded Merganser - 30+	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Cardinal
Common Merganser - 25	Downy Woodpecker	Common Grackle - 1 - car
Ruddy Duck - 5 - car only	Northern Flicker	American Goldfinch
Wild Turkey - 20+	Pileated Woodpecker - 3 - car	House Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe - 12	American Kestrel - 11	
Double-crested Cormorant - 50+	Peregrine Falcon - 2	The rain held off until we were just about done.
	Blue Jay	Jon Benedetti
	American Crow	