

Species Checklist – HMANA Braddock Bay Raptor ID Tour April 6-12 2014

	Family Anatidae — Geese, Swans, and Ducks	
1	Cackling Goose <i>B. hutchinsii</i>	Uncommon - At least one mixed in with Canada Geese flight on first day
2	Canada Goose <i>B. canadensis</i> *	Abundant on bay, in fields and overhead
3	Mute Swan <i>Cygnus olor</i> (I) *	Introduced species - common on Salmon Creek
4	Tundra Swan <i>C. columbianus</i>	Uncommon - one large group on first day
5	Wood Duck <i>Aix sponsa</i> *	Relatively common in flight and on the bay - also perched on West Spit
6	Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i> *	Common on bay
7	American Wigeon <i>A. americana</i> *	Common on bay
8	American Black Duck <i>A. rubripes</i> *	Common - small numbers on bay
9	Mallard <i>A. platyrhynchos</i> *	Abundant
10	Blue-winged Teal <i>A. discors</i> *	Uncommon - a few on Salmon Creek and on bay
11	Northern Shoveler <i>A. clypeata</i> *	Common on bay
12	Northern Pintail <i>A. acuta</i> *	Common on bay
13	Green-winged Teal <i>A. crecca</i> *	Common on bay
14	Canvasback <i>Aythya valisineria</i> *	Common on bay
15	Redhead <i>A. americana</i> *	Common on bay
16	Ring-necked Duck <i>A. collaris</i> *	Common on bay
17	Greater Scaup <i>A. marila</i>	Common. Good comparison at Oswego harbor
18	Lesser Scaup <i>A. affinis</i> *	Common. Good comparison at Oswego harbor
19	White-winged Scoter <i>M. fusca</i>	Uncommon - a few with King Eider's from Ontario Blvd
20	Long-tailed Duck <i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Common - many in winter plumage vocalizing on lake proper rather than bay
21	Bufflehead <i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Common on bay
22	Common Goldeneye <i>B. clangula</i> *	Relatively common on bay
23	Hooded Merganser <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i> *	Relatively common on bay
24	Common Merganser <i>Mergus merganser</i> *	Relatively common on bay
25	Red-breasted Merganser <i>M. serrator</i> *	Abundant on lake proper but also surprisingly on creeks and bay this year
26	King Eider <i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Rare!!! 10 first winter birds off of Ontario Blvd on April 6th mix of brown males with orange bills and females
	Family Phasianidae — Partridges, Grouse, and Turkeys	
27	Wild Turkey <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> *	Dozen or so displaying in field east of Hamlin Beach SP (HBSP)
	Family Gaviidae — Loons	

28	Common Loon <i>G. immer</i> *	Flyovers and on lake - heard and seen well at HBSP
	Family Podicipedidae — Grebes	
29	Pied-billed Grebe <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> *	Common - small numbers dotted around bays, creeks, ponds
30	Horned Grebe <i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Common - excellent numbers this year on lake - often relatively uncommon
31	Red-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	
	Family Phalacrocoracidae — Cormorants	
31	Double-crested Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i> *	Common on bay
	Family Ardeidae — Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	
32	American Bittern <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i> *	Briefly seen in flight
33	Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i> *	Common
34	Great Egret <i>A. alba</i> *	Uncommon - three flyovers.
35	Black-crowned Night-Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> *	Surprisingly uncommon at Braddock - seen in small channel east of HBSP
	Family Cathartidae — New World Vultures	
36	Black Vulture <i>Coragyps atratus</i> *	One - right over the platform on the 10th
37	Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i> *	Abundant - over 3000 on the 10th alone
	Family Pandionidae — Osprey	
38	Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> *	A few - had just started to show up a week before the tour.
	Family Accipitridae — Kites, Eagles, Hawks, and Allies	
39	Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> *	Pretty common
40	Northern Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i> *	Common - numbers hanging around the bay and migrating
41	Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i> *	Common - over 1000 on the 10th alone
42	Cooper's Hawk <i>A. cooperii</i> *	Uncommon - excellent comparisons with sharpies especially at Derby Hill with the close flight
43	Red-shouldered Hawk <i>Buteo lineatus</i> *	Uncommon - mainly juveniles at this date but a couple of adults were seen
44	Broad-winged Hawk <i>B. platypterus</i> *	One seen on the flight on the 10th - the day after the tour we had over 1000
45	Swainson's Hawk <i>B. swainsoni</i> (N)	Rare!!!! Two dark adults - perhaps the least common age and color morph of this rare bird for New York State
46	Red-tailed Hawk <i>B. jamaicensis</i> *	A Krider's and a dark/rufous adult a nice addition to the various ages and flavors of those usually seen

47	Rough-legged Hawk <i>B. lagopus</i>	A myriad of ages, sexes and colors.
48	Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> *	Mainly juveniles but at least one near adult birds at Derby
	Family Rallidae — Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	
50	American Coot <i>Fulica americana</i> *	Common on bay
	Family Gruidae — Cranes	
51	Sandhill Crane <i>Grus canadensis</i> *	Uncommon - becoming less so in the state - perhaps a dozen sightings over the week.
	Family Charadriidae — Lapwings and Plovers	
	Killdeer <i>C. vociferus</i> *	Common in flight over the watch and on surrounding fields
	Family Scolopacidae — Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	
52	Greater Yellowlegs <i>T. melanoleuca</i>	Uncommon - in flight over the watch
53	Lesser Yellowlegs <i>T. flavipes</i>	Uncommon - in flight over the watch
54	Dunlin <i>C. alpina</i>	Uncommon on date - one in flight up Salmon Creek
55	American Woodcock <i>Scolopax minor</i> *	Displaying at various sites around Braddock Bay
	Family Laridae — Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers	
56	Bonaparte's Gull <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	A few sightings - only a handful had molted in black hoods at this relatively early date
57	Ring-billed Gull <i>L. delawarensis</i> *	Abundant on fields and bay
58	Herring Gull <i>L. argentatus</i> *	Abundant on fields and bay
59	Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>L. fuscus</i>	One adult at Oswego Harbor
60	Glaucous Gull <i>L. hyperboreus</i>	First winter on Long Pond
61	Great Black-backed Gull <i>L. marinus</i> *	Relatively common distinctively large gull
62	Caspian Tern <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> *	Uncommon beyond this part of the state - common on the bay
	Family Columbidae — Pigeons and Doves	
63	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i> (l) *	Uncommon at watch
64	Mourning Dove <i>Z. macroura</i> *	Common at watch
	Family Strigidae — True Owls	

65	Eastern Screech-Owl <i>Megascops asio</i> *	Heard only near entrance to Braddock Bay
66	Great Horned Owl <i>Bubo virginianus</i> *	Nesting in small woodlot on back roads of Hilton - only nestlings viewed
67	Snowy Owl <i>B. scandiacus</i>	Uncommon - one seen on Long Pond from private property and one in front of the platform on April 10th
68	Long-eared Owl <i>Asio otus</i> *	Three seen on the first day. Individuals on two further days.
69	Short-eared Owl <i>A. flammeus</i> *	Seven seen on first evening in Lima at least five by the entire group
70	Northern Saw-whet Owl <i>A. acadicus</i> *	One seen well in owl woods - an off year Saw-whet Owl migration after a poor fall movement of birds
	Family Alcedinidae — Kingfishers	
71	Belted Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i> *	Common
	Family Picidae — Woodpeckers and Allies	
72	Red-headed Woodpecker <i>M. erythrocephalus</i> *	Two nesting birds seen at HBSP. Great views of these charismatic birds in tree and on ground
73	Red-bellied Woodpecker <i>M. carolinus</i> *	Common
74	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker <i>S. varius</i> *	One or two seen at West Spit early on the 10th
75	Downy Woodpecker <i>Picoides pubescens</i> *	Common
76	Hairy Woodpecker <i>P. villosus</i> *	Uncommon
77	Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i> *	Common - though big push occurred two days after tour
78	Pileated Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i> *	One seen on drive to Derby, other heard around Braddock
	Family Falconidae — Falcons	
79	American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i> *	Common migrant with others seen along highway and around bay using suitable stopover habitat
80	Merlin <i>F. columbarius</i> *	Becoming more common - stunning views of perched male at Frisbee Hill on the 6th
	Family Tyrannidae — Tyrant Flycatchers	
81	Eastern Phoebe <i>Sayornis phoebe</i> *	A few of these early spring migrants
	Family Laniidae — Shrikes	
82	Northern Shrike <i>L. excubitor</i>	Excellent views of an adult bird in front of the watch on the 6th
	Family Corvidae — Jays, Magpies, and Crows	
83	Blue Jay <i>Cyanocitta cristata</i> *	Common
84	American Crow <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> *	Common

85	Common Raven <i>C. corax</i> *	One bird at Derby Hill on the 7th and one at Braddock on the 10th. A good bird for Braddock
	Family Alaudidae — Larks	
86	Horned Lark <i>Eremophila alpestris</i> *	Common in flight over the watch
	Family Hirundinidae — Martins and Swallows	
87	Purple Martin <i>Progne subis</i> *	One found on the side of the road - on Martin road in Hamlin coincidentally
88	Tree Swallow <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> *	Common - impressive numbers in Oswego Harbor in the rain
89	Northern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i> *	Uncommon - first viewed at Oswego Harbor
90	Bank Swallow <i>Riparia riparia</i> *	Rare on date - record early - seen at watch on the 10th.
91	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i> *	Common
	Family Paridae — Chickadees and Titmice	
92	Black-capped Chickadee <i>Poecile atricapillus</i> *	Common - a nice bird for our west coast visitors
93	Tufted Titmouse <i>Baeolophus bicolor</i> *	Generally uncommon around the bay - a few over the week
	Family Sittidae — Nuthatches	
94	Red-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta canadensis</i> *	In owl woods with mixed flocks of passerines
95	White-breasted Nuthatch <i>S. carolinensis</i> *	Relatively uncommon on lake shore - a few sightings over the week
	Family Certhiidae — Creepers	
96	Brown Creeper <i>Certhia americana</i> *	Seen in good numbers at owl woods and a couple at West Spit during morning flight
	Family Troglodytidae — Wrens	
97	Winter Wren <i>T. hiemalis</i> *	One heard and seen briefly at Owl Woods
98	Carolina Wren <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i> *	Singing bird at West Spit finally seen
	Family Polioptilidae — Gnatcatchers	
99	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher <i>Polioptila caerulea</i> *	Seen in migration at West Spit
	Family Regulidae — Kinglets	
100	Golden-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus satrapa</i> *	Singing in Owl Woods and seen there in numbers

101	Ruby-crowned Kinglet <i>R. calendula</i> *	Seen in migration at West Spit
	Family Turdidae — Wheatears, Bluebirds, and Thrushes	
102	Eastern Bluebird <i>Sialia sialis</i> *	Great views at HBSP among other places
103	Hermit Thrush <i>C. guttatus</i> *	First seen at Derby Hill
104	American Robin <i>T. migratorius</i> *	Common
	Family Mimidae — Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies	
105	Northern Mockingbird <i>Mimus polyglottos</i> *	Common away from lake shore
106	Brown Thrasher <i>Toxostoma rufum</i> *	West Spit among other places
	Family Sturnidae — Starlings	
107	European Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> (l) *	Abundant as migrant
	Family Bombycillidae — Waxwings	
108	Cedar Waxwing <i>B. cedrorum</i> *	A few
	Family Calcariidae — Longspurs and Snow Buntings	
109	Lapland Longspur <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	One or two passing watch on the 10th
110	Snow Bunting <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	A small flock at Oswego Harbor plus a couple of small groups over the watch
	Family Parulidae — Wood-Warblers	
111	Palm Warbler <i>S. palmarum</i> *	One at watch on the 10th
112	Pine Warbler <i>S. pinus</i> *	A few at West Spit
113	Yellow-rumped Warbler <i>S. coronata</i> *	One or two at Owl Woods and at West Spit
	Family Emberizidae —New World Sparrows and Allies	
114	Eastern Towhee <i>P. erythrophthalmus</i> *	One West Spit
115	American Tree Sparrow <i>Spizella arborea</i>	Frisbee Hill and Marina gave good looks at mixed spizella flocks
116	Chipping Sparrow <i>S. passerina</i> *	Common
117	Field Sparrow <i>S. pusilla</i> *	Frisbee Hill and Marina gave good looks at mixed spizella flocks

118	Vesper Sparrow <i>Poocetes gramineus</i> *	One in scope perched at Derby Hill plus a few seen on the lunch run at Derby
119	Savannah Sparrow <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> *	Perched at Short-eared Owl spot in Lima among other places
120	Fox Sparrow <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	Good views at Derby Hill
121	Song Sparrow <i>Melospiza melodia</i> *	Common
122	Swamp Sparrow <i>M. georgiana</i> *	Singing from Braddock Bay Marsh
123	White-throated Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i> *	Owl Woods
124	Dark-eyed Junco <i>Junco hyemalis</i> *	Slate-colored a treat for the west coast contingent
	Family Cardinalidae — Tanagers, Cardinals and Allies	
125	Northern Cardinal <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i> *	Common
	Family Icteridae — Blackbirds, Meadowlarks, and Orioles	
126	Red-winged Blackbird <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> *	Common
127	Eastern Meadowlark <i>Sturnella magna</i> *	A few over watch and in and around the park
128	Rusty Blackbird <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> *	Good numbers in flight and perched at West Spit
129	Common Grackle <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i> *	Common
130	Brown-headed Cowbird <i>Molothrus ater</i> *	Good numbers in flight at West Spit
	Family Fringillidae — Finches and Crossbills	
131	Purple Finch <i>Haemorhous purpureus</i> *	Best views perched and singing birds at Frisbee Hill
132	House Finch <i>H. mexicanus</i> (l) *	Common
133	American Goldfinch <i>S. tristis</i> *	Common - starting to look spiffy in summer finery
	Family Passeridae — Old World Sparrows	
134	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> (l) *	Common