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## Early Morning Bird Walk May 30, 2019 *By Val Walker*

This walk, originally scheduled on Tuesday May 28, was wisely postponed by Carter to the following Thursday due to cool, rainy weather in the forecast. And rain it did.



*Scanning for song birds - Val Walker*



*Beaver and feathered friend - Joy Cohen*

Thursday, on the other hand, was relatively mild, bright and sunny for the eleven participants as we strolled the trails and boardwalk of South St. Marys Island.



*Least Flycatcher - Joy Cohen*



*Marsh Marigold (Caltha palustris) – Val Walker*

A total of 37 species (see list below) were spotted with some of the highlights being a fleeting glance at a male Mourning Warbler and a close, sustained look at an atypical Hooded Merganser just off the boardwalk.



*Hooded Merganser (female?) – Joy Cohen*

There was plenty of song in the air including that of the ubiquitous Yellow-rumped Warbler and Redstart. Parula Warbler were also heard in addition to Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow Warbler and Warbling Vireo.

Canada Geese were overhead, both species of our commonly encountered gulls (Herring and Ring-billed) and as always the resident Canada geese and their families meandered about the pond. The size difference in the goslings among different families is quite remarkable.

Sadly the resident pair of Osprey and Peregrin Falcon did not make an appearance this time.

Thanks to the keen eyes of Carter and Euan and all that participated. Another good day at the locks!

Species Seen May 30, 2019
Canada Goose
Mallard
Hooded Merganser
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
Hooded Merganser
Double-crested Cormorant
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Great Blue Heron
Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Alder Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay

Species Seen May 30, 2019
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Cedar Waxwing
American Goldfinch
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Grackle
Mourning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler

