

This spring marked the 91st season of the annual Series of Spring Bird Walks. “The Series of Spring Bird Walks is one of the oldest community science partnerships” in Northeast Ohio and is co-sponsored by several area organizations. Medina County Park District walks were led by experienced birders and held at River Styx Park every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from April 13th through May 18th. Walks do not have a defined end time, but rather follow the same trails for consistency. Factors such as wind, precipitation, and temperature can all impact the duration of walks as well as the observations made during each walk.

In total, 748 individual birds of 85 different species were observed.

The following report depicts the species and individual birds observed over the course of the 2024 Spring Bird Walks at River Styx Park.

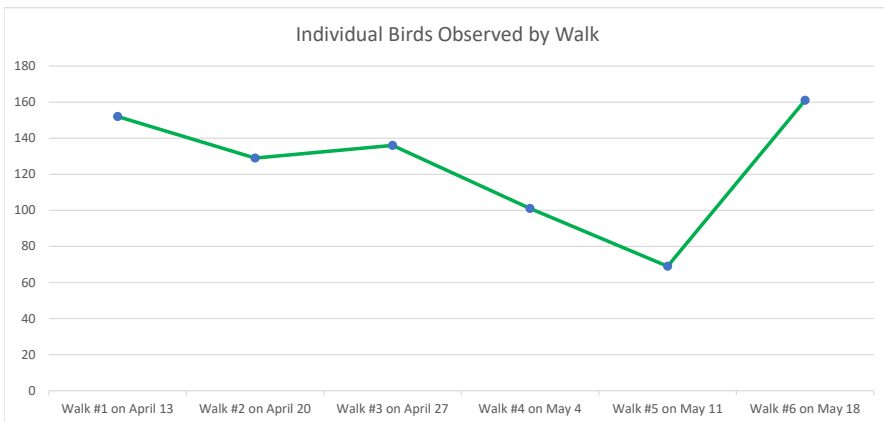


Figure 1: This chart depicts the total number of individual birds observed on each walk.

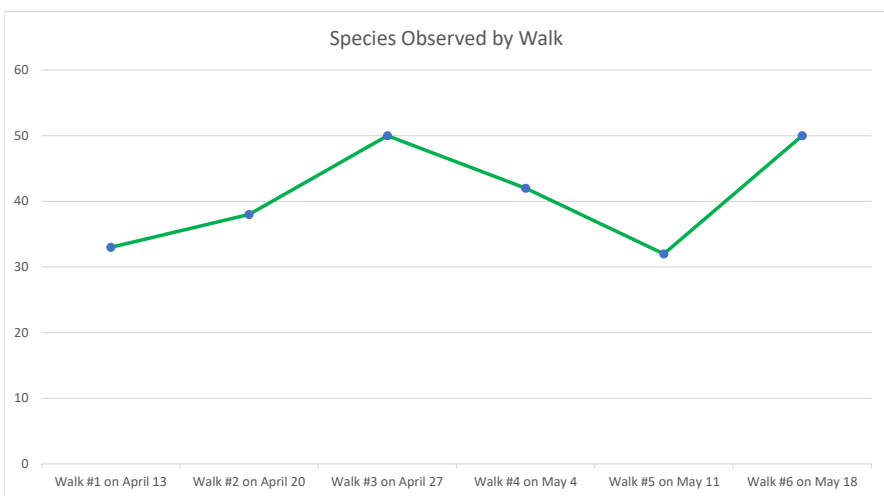


Figure 2: This chart depicts the total number of bird species observed on each walk.



Top Image: A Indigo Bunting is pictured calling from a branch in a tree.

Bottom Image: A Rose-breasted Grosbeak is pictured, pausing while feeding in a tree.

Spring Bird Walks encourage the experience and enjoyment of spring bird migration for all participants. During walks participants search for both migratory and resident birds. The Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting are just two examples of birds that may be found during these walks.



Figure 3: This chart is a comprehensive list of all birds seen during the 2024 Spring Bird Walks at River Styx Park. The list is broken down by species and date, listing individual birds observed.

| 2024 Spring Bird Walk Observations at River Styx Park | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| Species Observed | Individuals Observed by Survey Date | | | | | |
| | April 13 | April 20 | April 27 | May 4 | May 11 | May 18 |
| Acadian Flycatcher | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Alder Flycatcher | | | | | | 1 |
| American Crow | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| American Goldfinch | 9 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| American Redstart | | | | | 3 | 5 |
| American Robin | 8 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Baltimore Oriole | | | | 3 | | 4 |
| Belted Kingfisher | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Black Vulture | 1 | | | | | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | | | 2 | | | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 7 | 5 | 6 | 3 | | 2 |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | | | 1 | | | |
| Blue Jay | 8 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Blue-headed Vireo | | | | | 1 | |
| Blue-winged Warbler | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Broad-winged Hawk | | 2 | | | | 1 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 12 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 8 |
| Brown Thrasher | | | 2 | | | |
| Canada Goose | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Carolina Wren | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Cedar Waxwing | | | | | | 4 |
| Chimney Swift | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | |
| Common Grackle | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | 3 | | 4 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 2 | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 25 | | | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Eastern Bluebird | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Eastern Kingbird | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | | | | | | 1 |
| Eastern Phoebe | | 1 | | | | |
| Eastern Towhee | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| European Starling | 2 | | 1 | | | 4 |
| Field Sparrow | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Gray Catbird | | | | | 1 | 7 |
| Great Blue Heron | | | | 1 | | |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Green Heron | | | 1 | | | |
| Gull sp. | | 1 | | | | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Hawk sp. | | | | | | 1 |
| Hermit Thrush | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Hooded Warbler | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| House Finch | 2 | | | | | |
| House Sparrow | | | | 1 | | |
| House Wren | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| Indigo Bunting | | | | | | 2 |
| Magnolia Warbler | | | | 1 | | |
| Mallard | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Mourning Dove | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | |
| Mourning Warbler | | | | | | 1 |
| Nashville Warbler | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | 8 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Northern Flicker | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Northern Parula | | | | 2 | | |
| Osprey | 1 | | | | | |
| Ovenbird | | | | 1 | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 1 | | | | | |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| Red-eyed Vireo | | | | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| Red-Shouldered Hawk | | 1 | | | | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 1 | | 2 | | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 5 | 7 | 9 | | 1 | 8 |
| Rock Pigeon | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | | 2 | | 1 | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | 4 | 3 | | | |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Scarlet Tanager | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Song Sparrow | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| Tennessee Warbler | | | | | 2 | 3 |
| Tree Swallow | | 2 | 2 | 4 | | |
| Tufted Titmouse | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Turkey Vulture | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Warbling Vireo | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | | |
| Willow Flycatcher | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Wood Duck | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | |
| Wood Thrush | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | | | | | 1 |
| Yellow Warbler | | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | 4 | 5 | | | |