

ANNUAL FIELD DAY:

The annual field day was held on Sunday, June 13 on the Carden Alvar, a calcareous area of great botanical and faunal interest just north of the Kirkfield lift locks. Members met at the gates of the Cameron Ranch at 8 am and trekked into the centre of the ranch where they spied a pair of **Loggerhead Shrikes** (not Northern Shrikes, as in the earlier note) and a wide variety of other birds (see list below), cattle, plants and geological formations. Ellen Larsen later invited members to her nearby cottage for a picnic lunch. Thanks to members Ellen, John Riley and Jean Iron for putting on the event.

Brodie Club Outing to the Carden Alvar
13 June 2004

List of 84 species of birds seen or heard compiled by Jean Iron and Ron Pittaway.

Our tour began at the Cameron Ranch. After walking on the ranch where we saw many alvar plants and birds including the endangered Loggerhead Shrike, we drove to Ellie Larsen's for lunch. After lunch we walked on Ellie's property, which has a variety of old fields and mixed forest habitats. We saw two adult Red-shouldered Hawks and nest with at least one juvenile. Later we went to Wylie Road to check the Sedge Wren Marsh but no wrens sang. On our way home, we stopped at Prospect Road marsh.

Highlights:

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| 1. Great Blue Heron | 44. Eastern Bluebird |
| 2. Green Heron | 45. Veery |
| 3. Turkey Vulture | 46. Wood Thrush |
| 4. Canada Goose | 47. American Robin |
| 5. Mallard | 48. Gray Catbird |
| 6. Osprey | 49. Brown Thrasher |
| 7. Northern Harrier | 50. European Starling |
| 8. Cooper's Hawk | 51. Cedar Waxwing |
| 9. Red-shouldered Hawk | 52. Yellow Warbler |
| 10. American Kestrel | 53. Chestnut-sided Warbler |
| 11. Wild Turkey | 54. Magnolia Warbler |
| 12. Killdeer | 55. Black-throated Blue Warbler |
| 13. Upland Sandpiper | 56. Black-throated Green Warbler |
| 14. Wilson's Snipe | 57. Blackburnian Warbler |
| 15. Ring-billed Gull | 58. Black-and-white Warbler |
| 16. Caspian Tern | 59. American Redstart |
| 17. Rock Pigeon | 60. Ovenbird |
| 18. Mourning Dove | 61. Common Yellowthroat |
| 19. Black-billed Cuckoo | 62. Canada Warbler |
| 20. Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 63. Scarlet Tanager |
| 21. Belted Kingfisher | 64. Eastern Towhee |
| 22. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 65. Chipping Sparrow |
| 23. Downy Woodpecker | 66. Field Sparrow |
| 24. Northern Flicker | 67. Vesper Sparrow |
| 25. Eastern Wood-Pewee | 68. Savannah Sparrow |
| 26. Traill's Flycatcher (Alder or Willow) | 69. Grasshopper Sparrow |
| 27. Least Flycatcher | 70. Song Sparrow |
| 28. Eastern Phoebe | 71. Swamp Sparrow |
| 29. Great Crested Flycatcher | 72. White-throated Sparrow |
| 30. Eastern Kingbird | 73. Northern Cardinal |
| 31. Loggerhead Shrike | 74. Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| 32. Warbling Vireo | 75. Indigo Bunting |
| 33. Red-eyed Vireo | 76. Bobolink |
| 34. Blue Jay | 77. Red-winged Blackbird |
| 35. American Crow | 78. Eastern Meadowlark |
| 36. Horned Lark | 79. Common Grackle |
| 37. Tree Swallow | 80. Brown-headed Cowbird |
| 38. Barn Swallow | 81. Baltimore Oriole |
| 39. Black-capped Chickadee | 82. Purple Finch |
| 40. Red-breasted Nuthatch | 83. American Goldfinch |
| 41. White-breasted Nuthatch | 84. House Sparrow |
| 42. House Wren | |
| 43. Marsh Wren | |