

# Ohio: The Biggest Week Species List | May 3-10, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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**Tour Summary:** This tour began in Cleveland, spending two days exploring the Cleveland Metroparks, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and the Cleveland Lakefront. We drove to the scenic Maumee Bay Resort located on the shore of Lake Erie, staying there for four days to bird at the Magee Marsh boardwalk, Howard & Metzger Marshes, and Oak Openings in Toledo. We attended some of the activities of the Biggest Week in Birding including a walk with Tom Stephenson, the author of the popular “Warbler Guide”, and the festival keynote speech by Kenn Kaufman. Our very knowledgeable group dined at the best restaurants in the areas, shared experiences, and greatly enjoyed each other’s company.

**VOTED FAVORITE BIRD:** BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER

The eBird link below details the 146 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you’re new to eBird, be sure to click “Show All Details” on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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## **ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS**

### **MAMMALS (11):**

**Eastern Cottontail** *Sylvilagus floridanus*—Seen daily around Lake Erie

**Eastern Chipmunk** *Tamias striatus*—Seen often during birding walks

**American Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*—Good looks at this lovely squirrel at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park/Station Road

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis*—Seen at Rocky River Reservation

**Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus niger*—This beautiful large squirrel was seen best at Erie Street Cemetery

**Woodchuck** *Marmota monax*—Good looks and many photos at the Erie Street Cemetery

**Muskrat** *Ondatra zibethicus*---Seen often while visiting the marshes around Lake Erie

**Common Raccoon** *Procyon lotor*---Seen most often around the Maumee Bay Lodge area

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*---Seen while driving and on the bird walk with Tom Stephenson

**Coyote** *Canis latrans*---Very dark individual, spotted while driving in the Cuyahoga National Park

**North American Beaver** *Castor Canadensis*---Seen by Dana around the Magee Marsh area

### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (7):**

**American Bullfrog** *Lithobates catesbeianus*---Seen three times in the Cuyahoga National Park  
**Painted Turtle** *Chrysemys picta*---Seen in ponds in the Cuyahoga National Park  
**Common Snapping Turtle** *Chelydra serpentina*---Seen under the lily pads at the Beaver Marsh  
**Northern Water Snake** *Nerodia sipedon*---Quite a few sun bathing at Sandy Ridge Reservation  
**DeKay's brownsnake** *Storeria dekayi*---Seen at the Sandy Ridge Reservation  
**Eastern Ribbon Snake** *Thamnophis sauritus*---Seen on the Magee Marsh boardwalk  
**Common Green Frog** *Hylarana erythraea*---Seen at the Beaver Marsh