



**NORTHWEST ILLINOIS:
MISSISSIPPI PALISADES & LOST MOUND
MAY 20-22, 2021**

IN COLLABORATION WITH LAKE COOK AUDUBON

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The area around Savanna, Illinois, along the Mississippi River in the northwestern part of the state, makes for a great birding weekend. High quality bluff forests and top-notch grasslands situated along the Mighty Mississippi means there is exception bird diversity in a small area, and many of the birds are highly sought by local birders. On this trip we saw most of those regional specialties, birds like **Loggerhead Shrike, Whip-poor-will, Cerulean, Yellow-throated, Prothonotary, and Kentucky Warblers, Blue Grosbeak, Western Meadowlark, Lark, Vesper, and Grasshopper Sparrows, Acadian Flycatcher, Summer and Scarlet Tanagers**, and more. Although migration wasn't super active, we did see many migrating **Common Nighthawks**, a smattering of **migrating warblers**, and **Common Terns** along the river.

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May 20

Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge in the evening

May 21

Mississippi Palisades State Park in the morning

Afternoon at various sites along the Mississippi south of Savanna, as well as Whitton Rd.

May 22

Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge

BIRD LIST. 101 species (including 10 heard only). Taxonomy follows the Clements/eBird Checklist, 2019 update. Former (or alternate) English names are in parentheses. (H) = heard only; (L) = tour leader only. The global IUCN red list status is listed for threatened and near-threatened species: CR=Critically Endangered, EN=Endangered, VU=Vulnerable, NT=Near-threatened.

Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i> (Feral Pigeon)
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
Eastern Whip-poor-will (NT)	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Sandhill Crane	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron (H)	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>
Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virens</i>
Alder Flycatcher (H)	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>

Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>
Bell's Vireo (H)	<i>Vireo bellii</i>
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
Veery (H)	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
Wood Thrush (H)	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>
Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Louisiana Waterthrush (H)	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>

Blue-winged Warbler (H)
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler (H)
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler (H)
Blackpoll Warbler (H)
Yellow-throated Warbler
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting

Vermivora cyanoptera
Protonotaria citrea
Leiothlypis peregrina
Geothlypis formosa
Geothlypis trichas
Setophaga ruticilla
Setophaga cerulea
Setophaga americana
Setophaga petechia
Setophaga striata
Setophaga dominica
Piranga rubra
Piranga olivacea
Cardinalis cardinalis
Pheucticus ludovicianus
Passerina caerulea
Passerina cyanea



The group watches American White Pelicans flying along the Mississippi River at sunset, just as Whip-poor-wills started singing their evening chorus.