Despite the cold northerly winds and overcast skies, the six birders who explored PISP had an enjoyable and successful time birding. Luckily we had no rain. The bird banders told us that they had their best one day catch rate at PI of 45 species on Thursday, May 9, and only 15 on Friday, May 10. This demonstrates how the birds were reacting to the cold front. However, we discovered a good diversity. Our favorite sighting was locating and looking at a recently fledged great-horned owl and its mother on an unnamed woodland trail. While watching the owls, a pair of crows tried mobbing the baby. Mother owl did not tolerate this behavior and drove the crows away.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Buffehead
Red-breasted Merganser
Common Loon
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Common Tern
Forster’s Tern
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Great-crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Swainson’s Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
Black-and-white Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow