

Great Lakes Migration: Northern Ohio and Michigan

May 15-22, 2024

Itinerary

Day 1, Detroit arrival transfer to Toledo (Wednesday, May 15)

Please plan to arrive at the Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) any time before 4 P.M. on the 15th. We will then head to our hotel in Toledo roughly one hour away. Craig and Pam will be at the airport to pick you up when you arrive. If everyone arrives early, we will have time to do some birding down the coast, checking for warblers, ducks, and any other migrants that may be around. We will check into our hotel and have a nice dinner.

Night in Toledo

Days 2 - 4, Lake Erie and surrounds (Thursday, May 16 – Sunday, May 19)

The following 4 days will be spent exploring the many birding areas in this part of Ohio. We will walk the boardwalks at Maumee Bay State Park and Magee Marsh; explore Toledo's amazing Metropark system (Oak Openings, Howard and Pearson), the vast array of marshes and wetlands around Sandusky, the forests west of Toledo and many more. The exact itinerary will depend on the weather and what birds have been seen.

Nights in Toledo

Day 5, Drive to Grayling for Kirtland's Warbler (Monday, May 20)

We will wake up early today, (19th) and travel North to Central Michigan to see the Kirtland's Warblers on territory. Grayling is home to some of the last strongholds of Jack Pine in Michigan, and has long been a coveted spot for birders to get great views of Kirtland's Warblers.

Night in Grayling area

Day 6, Birding Michigan back to Detroit (Tuesday, May 21)

Today we will head back down to Detroit but do it nice and slow. We will take a look at the species we have yet to see and make plans from there. A possible route could take us down the coast of Lake Huron looking for migrants. It should be a fun way to see some rural parts of Michigan with good birding along the way.

Night in Detroit

Day 7, Transfer to Detroit Metro Airport (Wednesday, May 22)

After some optional birding early in the morning for any bird species we may have missed, the tour ends back at Detroit Metro Airport.

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