

Yesterday. Feb. 22, seven birders meandered from Sioux Falls out to Lake Vermillion Recreation Area. Along the way, we saw a few Red-tailed and Rough-legged hawks, a group of 30+ American Robins, and scattered small flocks of Horned Larks, plus a western Meadowlark. Once we made it to the east side of Lake Vermillion, there was a wildlife food plot that had almost a hundred American Tree Sparrows plus a Harris's and two White-crowned Sparrows, and a couple dozen Red-winged Blackbirds. At the Outdoor Campus, a Bald Eagle flew over along with Mallards.

As we made it down to the water access points on the northeast side of Lake Vermillion, there was another busy flock, this time made up of mostly Cedar Waxwings but also Purple Finches and Blue Jays.

We added an American Kestrel at the gas station by the landfill on our way home.

Thanks to everyone who attended, it was nice to be out when it wasn't below zero. Our next club event will be our March field trip on Saturday the 29th.

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