



## Natureview Bird Hike

sponsored by the Western New York Land Conservancy on April 30, 2011

At nine AM on Saturday April 30th twenty two of us met in the Natureview Parking lot on Tonawanda Creek road to see how many different species of birds we could identify in the Park. The hike was organized by the Western New York Land Conservancy at the suggestion of Amherst Town Supervisor Barry Weinstein who joined us for the outing.

Bill Broderick a birding expert was our leader. He quickly decided that twenty two of us in a bunch would scare away most birds so he split us into two groups and assigned one group to another expert he brought along for such contingencies.

Natureview is primarily a wetland and in this season it is very wet. Mercifully the mosquitoes were not at their peak yet. We hiked for about an hour in this north section of the Park until we came to water over the tops of our boots and then went into the South end off Christine Drive.

It was a pleasant sunny day with clear skies. In all we identified 24 bird species. My 300 millimeter lens captured recognizable images of three: a cardinal, a turkey buzzard and a cowbird.

