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Wow!

Saturday was the best winter solstice walk at the Eco Park ever! Here is what we saw, in order of appearance:

Rough Legged Hawk (not common)
Kestrel
Crows
Magpie
Bald Eagles (3)
Ring Neck Duck
Mallards
Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Wigeon
Kildeer
Great Horned Owl (always a treat)
Downy Woodpecker
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Northern Flicker
Song Sparrow
Sparrow (sp) they wouldn't sit still long enough for us to identify them
American Goldfinch
Canada Geese
Cackling Geese
White-fronted Goose

That is a terrific 22 species altogether. Quite a day. You may want to note that there were over 100 geese on the newly seeded areas north of the lower parking lot. They say 'keep up the good work'.

It was f-f-f-freezing but a really good birding day. Probably half a dozen other people enjoying the park. One jogger on the 'circuit' trail. 23 degrees.

Happy Holidays,

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