

November 11, 2007

Cindy,

It was cold, but not rainy. There were about 12 of us. Didn't see anything spectacular, but it is surprising what there is to see if you have a powerful scope (on a tripod, as about 6 of them did. From the beach at Douglas, we saw scoters, hooded merganser, ruffed wing hawk, and - flying by over the water - loons. Over at Todd Farm, among the Canada geese, we saw snow geese and cackling geese, which look just like Canada geese only not much bigger than a mallard. We stopped at Crane's Orchard, west of Fennville, for lunch.

To get to the Douglas beach, by the way, you have to go down a fairly long stairway. That is why Oval Beach is more popular.

The trip went on longer than expected - past 3:00 - and I had to hurry to pick up Carol at her daughter's near Hudsonville and make it back home in time for her to go to 6:00 mass.

Thanks for inviting me to dinner and giving me a bed. You have a neat family. Lance and his girl seem to have something good going on. She seems young. Is she younger than Lance?

Steve