

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, October 26, 2013

Hello to All,

The winds from the west were pushing clouds over the Lake. There seems to be fewer birds around, although the presence of a hawk, gliding silently around the south end of the Island, would keep most wise birds in place. Those that caught a glimpse of the raptor thought that it may have been a Cooper's or even a Red-tailed Hawk. It was a good sized raptor for sure with stealth maneuvers.

"Patches", the leucistic pied Mallard, was among a group of Mallards in the West Lagoon.

The pockets of birds were found in the Japanese Garden area, and near the Music Bridge, especially the northwest area along the paved path and lagoon.

BIRDERS: 10. Karin C., Sally, Marian from Indiana, Jennette, Mary and Eric, Jennie, Ramon, Eric G. and Pat.

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

PLACES: Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

WEATHER: Partly Cloudy. A steady 50 F. Winds from the west 10 – 20 mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 20

X = commonly seen and/or not counted.

This is a group report, with many birders contributing to the list. Most of the birds were seen by a least several or all the birders.

1. Canada Goose – X.
2. Mallard – X.
3. *Pied-billed Grebe* – 1. East Lagoon.
4. Great Blue Heron – 1. Along the shore at the south end of the Japanese Garden.
5. Black-crowned Night Heron – 1. Further south than the Great Blue, but could not relocate when we came near the area. Was seen from Darrow Bridge.
6. Hawk Species – SSE of Rose Garden.
7. *American Coot* – 2. East Lagoon.
8. *Belted Kingfisher* – 1. Male.
9. American Crow – 2.

10. Brown Creeper – 1. Jennie spotted it on a tree trunk at the south end of the east parking lot.
11. Winter Wren – 1.
12. Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1.
13. Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1.
14. Hermit Thrush – 3.
15. Yellow-rumped Warbler – 3.
16. Palm Warbler – 1.
17. Song Sparrow – 1.
18. White-throated Sparrow – X.
19. Dark-eyed Junco – 10.
20. Northern Cardinal – 3.

Corrections, additions and comments are welcome.

This report will be recorded on eBird as a group report for the Wooded Island Bird Walks.

The Walks are free and open to one and all. They are held year round. Birders always show up on Darrow Bridge at the start times. Newcomers are warmly welcomed.

The Walks start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, and at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Birders gather on Darrow Bridge, which is located south of the Museum of Science and Industry. Ample parking is available east of Darrow Bridge and is accessible from South Lake Shore Drive at 58<sup>th</sup> Street (labeled Science Drive on a small blue street sign). There is a Stop Light at 58<sup>th</sup> Street. Make a turn at the Stop Light towards the Museum. Turn Left (south) at the intersection of Science Drive and Columbia Drive. Go through the parking lot to the west end near Darrow Bridge.

Best of Birding to All,

Patricia Durkin

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