

Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, November 16, 2013

Hello to All,

The *female Surf Scoter* was not found in the Harbors.

The Rose Garden held a few sparrow species.

It is November. What more can be said?

“My sorrow, when she’s here with me,
Thinks these days of autumn rain
Are beautiful as days can be;
She loves the bare, the withered tree;
She walks the sodden pasture lane.”

Robert Frost, *My November Guest*

BIRDERS: 8. Sally, Jennette, Rick, Jennie, Mark, Raman, Karin D. and Pat

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

PLACES: Wooded Island, Bobolink Meadow, Outer and Inner Harbors, Lakefront

WEATHER: Misty at start. Cloudy. Windy. Temperature upper 40’s to 50 F. Winds S 15 – 25 mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 22

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. Mark Webster provided his list for this report.

1. Canada Goose – X.
2. Mallard – X. Outer Harbor and Marina and Lake
3. LESSER SCAUP – 3. Outer Harbor. 2 females and 1 male.
4. Bufflehead – 30. 24 Outer Harbor. 2 Lakefront. 3 Inner Harbor and 1 male to greet us at the start near Darrow Bridge.

5. Red-breasted Merganser – 30 in the Outer Harbor 1 female at the south end of the Inner Harbor. 200 – 300 on the Lake, near horizon.
6. Pied-billed Grebe – 2. 1 in the West Lagoon and 1 in the Outer Harbor.
7. HORNED GREBE – 1. Outer Harbor. Nice white throat and neck.
8. Great Blue Heron – 1. East Lagoon.
9. Cooper's Hawk – 1. Roosting in the trio of pines in Bobolink Meadow.
Discovered by Mark Webster.
10. Red-tailed Hawk – 1. Circled the south end of Wooded Island
11. American Coot – X. Outer Harbor.
12. Ring-billed Gull – X.
13. Herring Gull – 2. 1 on dock in Marina and the other at the Outer Harbor.
14. Mourning Dove – 1. Japanese Garden.
15. Downy Woodpecker – 1 Heard on Wooded Island.
16. American Crow – 5.
17. Black-capped Chickadee – X. Heard on Wooded Island.
18. European Starlings – 2 flocks. The first flock of 40 flew over the East Lagoon at the south end. The second large flock of 200 to 300 hundred was seen flying over 63rd St. West of Stony Island.
19. Song Sparrow – Reported by Mark W.
20. White-throated Sparrow – 6. Rose Garden.
21. Dark-eyed Junco – 5. 3 in the Rose Garden and two along the Lakefront.
22. Northern Cardinal – 2.

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 58th Street (labeled Science Drive on a small blue street sign). There

is a Stop Light at 58th 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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