

Wooded Island Birdwalk Report - November 2, 2013

Hello all,

I'm filling in for Pat on this week's report as she was unable to join us. It was a chilly morning, in the 40s with a northerly breeze, and it was apparent that winter will be with us soon. The birds must have felt the chill also because they did not readily come out to greet us.

Even with the cold temperature, twelve hardy birders searched for any and all birds to be found. The brave souls were: Kurt, Will, Chuck, Mark, Sally, Al, Sandra, Leo, Karin D., Phil, Deanne and Jennie.

My apologies for the difference in the fonts. I copied and pasted from 2 other emails and I can't seem to change the font in the section after the list.

The list below is a combination of Mark Webster's and the group's lists.

Pied-billed grebe [1]
Double-crested cormorant [4, flyover]
Belted kingfisher [1 male]
Great blue heron [2 sightings of single bird(s)]
Canada goose [abundant]
Mallard [1 male and 2 females on water; plus several flyovers]
Ring-billed gull [several flyovers]
Northern flicker [1]
Downy woodpecker [2 males, 1 female]
American crow [flock of 10, plus several flyovers]
American robin [2]
Hermit thrush [4]
Mourning Dove [1]
Golden-crowned kinglet [2 small flocks, c. 15 birds total]
Ruby-crowned kinglet [2]
Starling [4]
Orange-crowned warbler [1; excellent view]
Yellow-rumped warbler [4]
Northern cardinal [2 males, 2 females; plus others heard]
American goldfinch [3 sightings of single bird(s), 11 in a flock in the meadow]
Dark-eyed junco [c. 30]
Black-capped chickadee [1]
White-throated sparrow [5 seen; plus others heard]
Fox sparrow [1]
Swamp sparrow [1]

Song sparrow [2]

Field sparrow [1]

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.

Good birding!

Jennie