

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, January 21, 2012

Hello to All,

Yesterday's snowstorm left six to eight inches. Lake effect snow continued throughout the early morning. There was a single birder who braved the elements and made the circuit: ERIC GINSBERG. Jennette also walked to the parking lot only to find it deeply covered in snow. Eric made it around the Island and to the Outer Harbor, so we could file this report. The Island must have been beautiful in white, but difficult to navigate.

Mark Webster visited the 66th St. Outer Harbor yesterday, just before the snow storm began in earnest. Mark checked the large flock of Canada Geese and found a SINGLE SNOW GOOSE. That was a great find.

BIRDERS: 1. Eric.

PLACES: Wooded Island. 66th St. Outer Harbor and Lakefront.

WEATHER: Overcast. Lake effect snow falling. 6 to 8 inches on snow on the ground. Lakefront frozen. Little open water in the Outer Harbor. Temperature 15 - 20 F. Wind NE 5 - 12.

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 11

Canada Goose - X. Many concentrated in the limited open water of the Outer Harbor.

Mallard -3. Outer Harbor.

Common Goldeneye - 1. Male. Outer Harbor.

Ring-billed Gull ~ 50. Outer Harbor.

Herring Gull - 3. Outer Harbor.

Downy Woodpecker - 3. Wooded Island.

American Crow - 2. Wooded Island.

American Tree Sparrow - 1. Wooded Island.

White-throated Sparrow - 2. Wooded Island.

Northern Cardinal – 3. Wooded Island.

American Goldfinch – 10. Wooded Island.

This report has been recorded on eBird.

Please note that the Wooded Island Walks are on Wednesday will start later, at 7:15 a.m. due to the later sunrise.

The Saturday walks start at 8 a.m.

The group gathers on Darrow Bridge in Jackson Park, south end of the Columbia Basin (North Lagoon); south side of the Museum of Science & Industry.

Good Birding!

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