

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, February 16, 2013

Hello Everyone,

I'm filing the report this week on Pat's behalf as she was unable to join us. Seven hardy birders braved the 15 degree weather in search of any birds that were willing to make an appearance. We thought about limiting our walk to just the Island, but once we got out in the sun it didn't feel too cold so we made the full circuit.

We didn't see very much on Wooded Island and in Bobolink Meadow, and most of the birds we did see were, oddly, near the 59<sup>th</sup> St. Marina. We had a couple nice surprises at the Outer Harbor.

BIRDERS: 7. Phil, Raman, Jennette, Sally, Carol, Leo, Jennie

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

PLACES: Wooded Island, Bobolink Meadow and 66<sup>th</sup> St. Outer Harbor

WEATHER: Sunny. 15 F. Winds NW 10 – 20 mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 18

### Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

Downy Woodpecker – at least 3.

Brown Creeper – 1 on a tree near the Marina

Robins – a flock of 7, hanging out with the American Tree Sparrows on the lawn near the Marina

American Tree Sparrow – a large flock – at least 25, on the lawn and in the trees near the Marina

Common Goldeneye – 1 male in the East Lagoon

Mallard

Northern Cardinal

American Crow

Canada Goose

Ring-bill Gulls – fly overs

### Outer Harbor

CANVASBACK – a handsome bird spotted by Phil

Hooded Merganser – 1 gorgeous male with 2 females

Red-breasted Merganser

Greater/Lesser Scaup

Redhead

Coot

Mallard

Bufflehead

Canada Goose

Ring-billed Gull

Herring Gull

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.

Good birding everyone!

Jennie Strable

Wooded Island Birder

