

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, March 9, 2013

Hello to All,

Some early spring migrants were seen today. A major WOW scene was a low level flight by a pair of WOOD DUCKS over us as we stood on Darrow Bridge. They circled a couple of times around the north end of the East Lagoon, and landed next to TWO MALE HOODED MERGANSERS.

TWO MALE RED-WINGED BLACKBIRDS were calling in Bobolink Meadow. A flock of AMERICAN ROBINS flew over the North Bridge. Eric thought he heard a call of a KILLDEER near the east end of the soccer field. Eric and Mark both heard a Killdeer along the lakefront near LaRabida Hospital, although we did not see it.

Jennie, Rick and Pat traveled to Evanston in search of the Varied Thrush that comes to a backyard feeder. Once again we were disappointed. A visit to Lutz Pastry Shop on West Montrose alleviated the morning's target bird miss.

BIRDERS: 8. Leo, Jennie, Rick, Phil, Mark, Rick, Eric and Pat

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

PLACES: Wooded Island, Bobolink Meadow, 66<sup>th</sup> St Harbors, Lakefront, Lutz Pastry Shop and Evanston, IL.

WEATHER: Cloudy. Sleet at the start. Temperature in the middle 30's F. Winds SSE 10 – 20 mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 24

Canada Goose – 42 North Lagoon. + others in small flocks and in flight along the lakefront.

WOOD DUCK – 2. Males. East Lagoon.

Mallard – 12.

NORTHERN SHOVELER – 2. Males. East Lagoon. Were seen in the Outer Harbor for the past two weeks.

Redhead – X Over 20 were found in the Inner Harbor.

Greater Scaup – X. Inner Harbor.

Lesser Scaup – few. Inner Harbor.

Bufflehead – X. Inner Harbor.

Common Goldeneye – 1 male and 1 female East Lagoon Others was in the 66<sup>th</sup> Harbors and Lakefront.

HOODED MERGANSER – 2. Male. East Lagoon.

Common Merganser – X. Lakefront.

Red-breasted Merganser – X. 66<sup>th</sup> St. Harbors, Lakefront and East Lagoon.

American Coot – X. Inner Harbor.

KILLDEER – Heard.

Ring-billed Gull – X

Herring Gull – 5. 66<sup>th</sup> St. Harbors

Downy Woodpecker – 2.

HAIRY WOODPECKER – 1. Wooded Island.

American Crow – 2.

American Robin – 8.

European Starling – 6. Bobolink Meadow.

American Tree Sparrow – 18 in a single flock, north of LaRabida Hospital

Northern Cardinal – 2.

Red-winged Blackbird – 2. Bobolink Meadow.

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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