

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, May 4 2013

### Thirty-ninth Annual Spring Bird Count Results

Hello to All,

Saturday, May 4, 2013 is a day that will live on in memory as an exciting and challenging birding experience for many of us.

Four separate parties birded Jackson Park from 5:45 a.m. to 6:29 p.m.

Twenty-eight participants traveled a total of 12.31 miles and logged in 23.51 hours of birding.

Peter Page started at dawn and covered Promontory Point and areas north.

Hal Cohen and Mark Webster started at first light along the lakefront and surveyed the beach and harbors, the golf course and along the west side of Lake Shore Drive from 67<sup>th</sup> St. to 51<sup>st</sup> St. then headed west to Cornell Avenue.

Randy Shonkwiler birded the entire afternoon and covered the areas that Hal and Mark did in the morning, plus the Wooded Island circuit that includes Bobolink Meadow.

The twenty-four Wooded Island birders had a very special member among its band. Sid Pandgaonkar came with camera and his artistic eye to capture over 100 photos of the birds seen that morning. A link to Sid's photo journal is below. Click on a photo, sit back, and enjoy the slide show, and likely more than one viewing will be enjoyed by you and those that you share the album with. Sid has graciously agreed to share his work.

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The Grand Total for individual species was 101, with a Blackpoll Warbler added later = 102.

The Total Number of Species Combined was 2,249, plus the Blackpoll = 2,250.

The SORA, a trio of ORCHARD ORIOLES, and at least two adult RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS were the Marquee Birds of the Day. All were seen on Wooded Island.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who played a part in this year's Spring Bird Count for Jackson Park. I was pinch hitting for Paul Clyne, and will be glad to have Paul back in the Batter's Box come next year. It was a challenge and great fun for me to play the role of compiler this year.

See you all next Saturday on Wooded Island for the bird walk. But if you really want a memorable experience, check with Sid to see if he is coming too.

As always,

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