

Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, May 18, 2013

Hello to All,

By noon the estimated number of birders on and around Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow exceeded a hundred. Several birding clubs were there. We met along our ways and shared sightings. Although the count for each species was not impressive, the number of species made for a good show.

When the birds are around, we stick around. Bird walks during migration can last four hours or longer. The break is usually signaled by human needs. The hardy among us pick up again, either in Jackson Park or beyond. Make your plans to stay as long as you wish or can.

BIRDERS: 35. Eric and Eli, Carol, Robert, Doris, Mark, Hal, Karin C., Karin D., Jennette, Phil, Liz, Jennie, Matthew, Raman & Varsha, Rick, Marian, Betsy D., Karen, Scott, Rosemary, Marg, Frank, Helen, Wes, Aurora, Al, Steve, Maddie, Penny, Kit, Kathy, Pam, and Pat

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

PLACES: Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

WEATHER: Partly Cloudy. Temperature 68 – 76 F. Winds East 5 – 10mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 79

X = commonly seen and/or individuals not counted.

Hal Cohen and Mark Webster shared their lists for this group report.

Canada Goose – X. Only two families seen with ten goslings in the West Lagoon.

Wood Duck – 2 Males.

Mallard- X. In M/F pairs.

Great Blue Hero – 1. Fly over.

Green Heron – 3.

Black-crowned Night Heron – 3.

Spotted Sandpiper – 1.

American Kestrel – 2. Spotted by Karin D. on SE tip of Wooded Island. Together in flight south.

Ring-billed Gull – X. Fly overs

Herring Gull – 1. Flyover reported by Mark Webster.

Caspian Tern – 2.

Mourning Dove – 1. Reported by Mark Webster.

Chimney Swift – X.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1. Perched on thin branch NW outside corner of Rose Garden.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER – 1. Woods at North end of Bobolink Meadow.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER – 1. Reported by Mark and Hal.

Downy Woodpecker – 2.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER – 1.

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE – 2.

LEAST FLYCATCHER – 2. Calling

Eastern Phoebe – 1. Reported by Hal.

EASTERN KINGBIRD – 4.

BLUE-HEADED VIREO – 1. Reported early on in walk.

Warbling Vireo - 6

PHILADELPHIA VIREO – Reported by Kathy N. and Pam.

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

Blue Jay- 3 +. Quiet in flight heading north near Music Bridge.

American Crow – X.

Purple Martin – X. Adult males in flight. No traffic in or out of condos. Females & eggs inside.

Note: On Wednesday's Walk, an adult Cooper's Hawk was perched on top of a House. Bold bird!

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – X. Most were seen near the Music Bridge

Cliff Swallow – X.

Barn Swallow – X.

Black-capped Chickadee – 2.

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1.

House Wren – 1.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2.

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 3. South grassy area of East parking lot, doing their routine of perching 5 or so feet up on a branch, then flying to the ground to snatch a morsel of protein.

VEERY – 1.

Swainson's Thrush – 2.

American Robin – X.

Gray Catbird – X.

Brown Thrasher – 1. Center of Wooded Island.

European Starling - X

Tennessee Warbler – 1.

Nashville Warbler – 1.

Northern Parula – 4.

Yellow Warbler – 10.

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 8.

Magnolia Warbler – 10.

Cape May Warbler – X. Reported by Hal.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER – 1. Female.

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 2.

Blackburnian Warbler – 2. Male & Female.

Palm Warbler – 5.

Blackpoll – X. Common.

Black-and-white Warbler- X. Reported by Hal.

American Redstart - X

Ovenbird – 1. Wooded Island.

Northern Waterthrush- 2.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER – Heard by several & seen by some birders near Rose Garden.

MOURNING WARBLER – 1. Male.

Common Yellowthroat – X. Common. Male & Female.

Wilson's Warbler – 6. 5 males/1 female.

CANADA WARBLER – X. Reported by Hal.

SAVANNAH SPARROW – 2.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW – 1. Reported by Hal Cohen.

Song Sparrow 2.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW – 4.

White-throated Sparrow – 7.

White-crowned Sparrow – 1.

Northern Cardinal – X.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 2. Females.

INDIGO BUNTING – 1. Male.

Red-winged Blackbird – X.

Common Grackle – 5.

Brown-headed Cowbird – 5.

Baltimore Oriole – X.

American Goldfinch – X.

House Sparrow – 1. Male.

For daily pictorial reports on birds, bugs and plants, as well as the disturbance and change in habitat on and near Wooded Island, please visit a blog maintained by Hal Cohen, retired college

professor of ecology and biological sciences. Hal visits Wooded Island daily and has a lot of information to share. Look for **woodedisland.blogspot.com**

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 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.

Best of Birding to All,

Patricia Durkin

Chicago Audubon Society Representative

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