

Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, May 25, 2013

Hello to All,

BIRDERS: 19+. Cathy W., Leo, Carol, Karin C., Jennette, Liz S., Jennie, Hal, Sally, Al, Wes, Steve, Matthew, Steve C., Raman, Karin D., Berthold, Marcus and Pat

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PLACES: Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

WEATHER: Cloudy. Cold. More like an October day than late May. Temperature 45 – 48 F. Winds were ENE 5 – 10 mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 55

Some additions from last week's report:

An additional MOURNING WARBLER found along the north end of the Meadow fence. Information from Liz M. That would bring the MOURNING WARBER count to two for day.

A flock MONK PARAKEETS, reported by EricG. The flock flew over Eric and Eli as well as a dozen CEDAR WAXWINGS.

The new additions of Monk Parakeets and Cedar Waxwings brought our Total Species Count to 81.

As for this week, there were again many birders and birding clubs on and around Wooded Island. The species count was down compared to last week. Some of our resident birds have begun the serious and consuming task of breeding, so things are a bit quiet. Twelve species of warblers continue to linger on Wooded Island. The number of *Chimney Swifts* in flight has continued to rise with each passing week.

X = commonly seen and/or individuals not counted.

Hal Cohen shared his list for this group report.

1. Canada Goose – the two families are traveling together with their 10 goslings. This time they were seen near Turtle Island in the East Lagoon. No youngsters lost from last week.
2. Wood Duck – 4. 3 Males/1 Female
3. Mallard – 5.

4. DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT – 65. Two large flocks in flight heading North.
5. Great Blue Heron – 3. One was perched all morning with a new best friend, Double-crested Cormorant, on the horizontal snag west of the Music Bridge.
6. Green Heron – 2. A birder reported seeing a nest being constructed around Wooded Island, in the same general location as last year, on the eastern shore.
7. Black-crowned Night Heron – 7.
8. AMERICAN COOT – 1. Still in the East Lagoon.
9. Spotted Sandpiper – 1. Spotted by Cathy W. along the eastern shore of Heron Island.
10. Ring-billed Gull – X.
11. Caspian Tern – 1.
12. Mourning Dove – 1. Hal found it.
13. Monk Parakeet – 1. One on the nest near the golf driving range, doing roof repairs.
14. Chimney Swift – X.
15. Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2. Wooded Island.
16. Downy Woodpecker – 2.
17. Hairy Woodpecker – 1. Spotted by Carol near the center of Wooded Island.
18. Least Flycatcher – 2.
19. Eastern Phoebe – 1.
20. American Crow – 2.
21. Purple Martin – 2.
22. Tree Swallow – 1.

23. Northern Rough-winged Swallow – X.
24. Cliff Swallow – X.
25. Barn Swallow – X.
26. House Wren – 1. Wooded Island.
27. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1.
28. VEERY – 2. North end of Meadow. One was seen by Hal near the tennis courts and the other was spotted by Cathy W. on the eastern shore, across from Heron Island.
29. American Robin – 3. Nesting.
30. Gray Catbird – 3. Nest building.
31. Brown Thrasher – 3.
32. European Starling – X.
33. Cedar Waxwing – 5.
34. Yellow Warbler – 6+.
35. CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER – 1. On land east of Heron Island.
36. Magnolia Warbler – 3+.
37. Yellow-rumped Warbler – X. Not many.
38. Blackpoll – 1.
39. American Redstart – 6+.
40. Ovenbird – 1.
41. Northern Waterthrush – 1.
42. MOURNING WARBLER – 3.

43. Common Yellowthroat – 2.
44. Wilson's Warbler – 10.
45. CANADA WARBLER – 2.
46. Song Sparrow – 3.
47. Lincoln's Sparrow – 1. Found by Hal.
48. Swamp Sparrow – 2.
49. Northern Cardinal – 3. Quiet. Nesting.
50. Indigo Bunting – 4. 1 Male/3 Females
51. Red-winged Blackbird – X.
52. Brown-headed Cowbird – 1. Maintained a top perch on Wooded Island
53. Baltimore Oriole – 3.
54. American Goldfinch – 2
55. House Sparrow – 1.

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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