

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, June 1, 2013

Hello to All,

Additions to last week's report (5/25/13):

Seven additional species were provided by Al Legzdins. The additions increased the Total Species Count from 55 to 62. The number of warbler species jumped from twelve to fifteen.

1. Blackburnian Warbler x 1.
2. Black-and-white Warbler x 2.
3. Palm Warbler x 2.
4. Hooded Merganser 1, Female.
5. Eastern Kingbird x 1.
6. Swainson's Thrush x 1.
7. Red-bellied Woodpecker x 1.

Although there was no rain this morning, the southwest winds were strong. The FEMALE HOODED MERGANSER was seen in the company of a pair of Mallards on the east side of Turtle Island. She can fly and fish. I saw her dive and come up with a wobbly large fish and swallowed it with ease. Mark called out an OSPREY flying over the East Lagoon. Mark also spotted a YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO in the Rose Garden. A MALE EASTERN BLUEBIRD perched on a pole northwest of Darrow Bridge. A FEMALE EASTERN BLUEBIRD was seen later in the center of Wooded Island. The number of CHIMNEY SWIFTS flying about was less than last week. The numbers of CEDER WAXWINGS today have increased. They were found in near the Japanese Garden where they nested last summer.

BIRDERS: 14. Jennette, Carol, Eric, Tobias, Rick, Liz S., Fran, Jay, Karin D., Berthold, Marcus, Dave Bickerson from England, Mark, and Pat

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

PLACES: Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

WEATHER: Partly Sunny. Windy. Temperature 59 – 76 F. Winds SW 15 – 25 mph.

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 53 + 1\*

Mark Webster shared his list for this report.

X = commonly seen and/or not counted.

1. Canada Goose – X with goslings.

2. Wood Duck – 5. Males together in the East Lagoon. Only so much room in the nest.
3. Mallard – X.
4. HOODED MERGANSER – 1. Female.
5. Great Blue Heron – 1. Flyover.
6. Green Heron – 3.
7. Black-crowned Night Heron – 6.
8. OSPREY – 1. Flyover.
9. AMERICAN COOT – 1. Still here along the east shore of Wooded Island.
10. Ring-billed Gull – X.
11. Caspian Tern – 2.
12. Rock Pigeon – 1. On grass southeast of the South Bridge. Not a usual sighting.
13. Mourning Dove – 1. Perched on snag in the southwest corner of Rose Garden.
14. Monk Parakeet – 1. Near golf driving range nest.
15. YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO – 1. Rose Garden.
16. Chimney Swift – X.
17. Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2.
18. Hairy Woodpecker – 1. Female. Wooded Island.
19. Eastern Wood Pewee – 3.
20. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – 1.
21. Eastern Phoebe – 3.

22. GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER – 1. South Bridge.
23. Empidonax. Species – x \*
24. Eastern Kingbird – 2.
25. Warbling Vireo – X.
26. Red-eyed Vireo – 2.
27. Blue Jay – x (Heard)
28. American Crow – X.
29. Purple Martin – X. Back around the houses. Compartments occupied.
30. N. Rough-winged Swallow – X.
31. Cliff Swallow – X.
32. Barn Swallow – X
33. House Wren – X. Heard near the Rose Garden.
34. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2.
35. EASTERN BLUEBIRD – 2. Male & Female.
36. Swainson's Thrush – 1.
37. American Robin – X.
38. Gray Catbird – X.
39. Brown Thrasher – 1. Center of Wooded Island.
40. European Starling – X.
41. Cedar Waxwing – 9.

42. Yellow Warbler – X.
43. American Redstart – 1. Female. Spotted by Mark.
44. Common Yellowthroat – 1. Male.
45. Wilson's Warbler – 2.
46. Song Sparrow – X.
47. Northern Cardinal – 1. Male.
48. Indigo Bunting – 1. Male on the North fence in the wooded section of the Meadow.
49. Red-winged Blackbird – X.
50. Common Grackle – X.
51. Brown-headed Cowbird – X.
52. Baltimore Oriole – 5.
53. American Goldfinch – X.
54. House Sparrow – X.

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](http://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 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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