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Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, June 8, 2013

Hello to All,

Just like last year on this date, there was a huge marathon that brought the runners through Wooded Island. We began our walk as the line of runners was near the end.

Canada Geese are in molt. Many flight feathers were scattered about the grass. The goslings and ducklings are under the tutelage and protection of adults. The goslings are more discipline to line formation than the ducklings.

Eric and Hal heard a late BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER. Hal reported an EASTERN BLUEBIRD on the soccer field. Two WILLOW FLYCATCHERS were seen and heard calling a loud *FITZ-bew*.

BIRDERS: 16 Karin C., Jennette, Leo, Kurt, Jennie, Sid the photographer, Sally, Hal, Joanne, Eric, Tobias, Karen, Gary, Matthew, Karin D. and Pat

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

PLACES: Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

WEATHER: Sunny. Temperature 56 to upper 60's F. Wind NE 5 – 10 mph

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 44

Hal Cohen shared his list of sightings for this report.

X = commonly seen and/or not counted.

1. Canada Goose – 66.
2. Wood Duck – 8. 2 Males & 1 Female in East Lagoon, plus 5 flyovers.
3. Mallard – 18 adults with 3 groups of ducklings totally 16.
4. Green Heron – 1.
5. Black-crowned Night Heron – 3.
6. Ring-billed Gull – 7.

7. Caspian Tern 1.
8. Mourning Dove – 1.
9. Monk Parakeet – 1.
10. Chimney Swift – 17.
11. BELTED KINGFISHER – 1 Male. Spotted by Tobias.
12. Downy Woodpecker – 1.
13. Northern Flicker – 1.
14. WILLOW FLYCATCHER – 2
15. Eastern Phoebe – 1.
16. Great Crested Flycatcher – 1.
17. Eastern Kingbird – 2.
18. Warbling Vireo – 8.
19. Red-eyed Vireo – 3.
20. BLUE JAY – 1. On east side of Wooded Island.
21. Purple Martin – X. At home. Fathers making food deliveries.
22. Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 1.
23. Cliff Swallow – 6.
24. Barn Swallow – 7. Only two nests found under Darrow Bridge. This is the second year in a row that the Barn Swallows have stopped using Darrow Bridge for nesting.
25. Black-capped Chickadee – 1.
26. House Wren – 2.
27. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3.
28. EASTERN BLUEBIRD – 1. Soccer Field.
29. American Robin – 6.

30. Gray Catbird – 5.
31. European Starling – 4.
32. Cedar Waxwing – 1.
33. Yellow Warbler – 11.
34. BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER – Heard by Hal and Eric.
35. American Redstart – 1 young male.
36. MOURNING WARBLER – 1.
37. Common Yellowthroat – 5.
38. Song Sparrow – 6.
39. Northern Cardinal – 3.
40. Red-winged Blackbird – 6.
41. Common Grackle – 1.
42. Brown-headed Cowbird – 3.
43. Baltimore Oriole – 3.
44. American Goldfinch – 4.

For twice a week 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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