

Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, July 20, 2013

Hello to All,

The koi are no more.

A plumed hunched heron keeps watch.

“No Fishing” ignored.

We enjoyed another very nice summer morning for birding in Jackson Park. An adult GREEN HERON perched on a branch inches from the nest in which at least one fuzz ball head was seen. The MALE EASTERN BLUEBIRD was seen among the trees that surround the 59th St. Marina. *Adult Baltimore Orioles* were not seen or heard. A juvenile was foraging on its own on Heron Island.

BIRDERS: 15. Ashley Heeney from Ohio, Cori Morse from Princeton, IL, Kurt, Yolanda, Karin C., Karin D., Jennette, Jennie, Raman, Mark, Eric, Carol, Leo, Betty and Pat.

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

PLACES: Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow

WEATHER: Sunny. Temperature 78 – 83 F. Wind North 10 – 15 mph. Humidity 57%

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 40

Mark Webster shared his list of sightings for this report.

X = commonly seen and/or not counted.

1. Canada Goose – X.
2. Wood Duck – 2. One adult male and one young in East Lagoon.
3. Mallard – X.
4. Double-crested Cormorant – 7. The number increased throughout the morning. They commanded the tall snag on the southeast corner of Wooded Island.
5. Great Blue Heron - 3
6. Green Heron – 3.
7. Black-crowned Night Heron – 4.
8. Sandpiper – likely Spotted – 1. Southeast shore of East Lagoon. Perched on a log.
9. Ring-billed Gull – X.

10. Caspian Tern – 1.
11. Monk Parakeet – 2. Near the nest at the golf driving range.
12. Chimney Swift – X
13. Downy Woodpecker – 2.
14. Eastern Wood Pewee – 1. Reported by Mark.
15. GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER – 1. Rose Garden.
16. Eastern Kingbird – 3.
17. Warbling Vireo – 3.
18. American Crow – 2 +.
19. Purple Martin – X
20. N. Rough-winged Swallow – X
21. Cliff Swallow – 2.
22. Barn Swallow – X.
23. Black-capped Chickadee – 2.
24. House Wren – 2.
25. EASTERN BLUEBIRD – 1. Male. Marina.
26. American Robin – X
27. Gray Catbird – 1.
28. European Starling – X.
29. Cedar Waxwing – 3.
30. Yellow Warbler – X. Heard.
31. Common Yellowthroat ? Heard in Bobolink Meadow.
32. Song Sparrow – 3. In great vocal form.
33. Northern Cardinal – 3.
34. Indigo Bunting – 2.
35. Red-winged Blackbird – 7+. Mostly female and young.
36. Brown-headed Cowbird – 2.
37. Baltimore Oriole – 1. Juvenile
38. House Finch – 3.
39. American Goldfinch – X.
40. House Sparrow 3.

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 several times in the week 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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