

Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, November 26, 2011

Hello to All,

We are approaching the season when none by the brave and (fool?) hearty will venture out for birding. The harsher the weather, the better to test our mettle, and layered clothing. This noble band of birders are four season types. If nothing else, there is always the benefit of the exercise and companionship. Nothing special to report today. The Outer Harbor held the most interesting birds.

BIRDERS: 6. Karin C., Jennie, Leo, Carol, Jennette and Pat

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

PLACES: Wooded Island, Bobolink Meadow, and 66th St. Outer Harbor.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with the threat of rain. Temperature in the 40's to 50's F. S/SW winds 10 – 26.

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 14

Now for the birds:

Canada Goose – More than 70 were seen in the water and on the grass SW of the West Lagoon. Another large group were on the grass south of the golf driving range lights. They have also reclaimed the fenced in driving range.

Mallard – 4 Two were in the 59th St. Marina and two were in the Outer harbor.

Redhead – 24. Outer Harbor.

Greater/Lesser Scaup – 2. Outer Harbor.

Bufflehead – 6.

Red-breasted Merganser – 27. Outer Harbor.

American Coot – 4. Two in the 59th St. Marina and two in the Outer Harbor.

Ring-billed Gull – 43. 15 flyovers of Wooded Island and Bobolink Meadow. 28 were on the boat docks in the Outer Harbor.

Monk Parakeet – 2. Heard. Flyovers at the Outer Harbor.

Downy Woodpecker – 2. Along the path, south of the South Bridge.

American Crow – 17. A large group caused a ruckus on the southeast side of Wooded Island. The source of the agitation was not found.

Black-capped Chickadee – Heard on Wooded Island by Jennie, west of the Rose Garden.

American Tree Sparrow – 3. Bobolink Meadow.

Northern Cardinal – 2.

Other creature: 8 Squirrels.

This report has been recorded on eBird.

As always, corrections, additions and comments are welcome.

Please note that the Wooded Island Walks are on Wednesday will start later, at 7:15 a.m. due to the later sunrise.

The Saturday walks start at 8 a.m.

The group gathers on Darrow Bridge in Jackson Park, south of the Museum of Science & Industry.

Good Birding!

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