

Wooded Island Bird Report for Saturday, April 2, 2011

Hello to All,

The weather started out chilly but warmed up towards the end of our walk. The railing on the south side of Darrow Bridge has been repaired. The Rose Garden fence looks mighty fine. We took a group picture in front of the east side of the fence. It was a nice walk on a warming morning.

Observers: 10 birders, including Jennie, Sally, Liz, Rick, Jennette, Caroline, Matthew, Kim A. and a birding pal, and Pat Durkin.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Places: Wooded Island, Bobolink Meadow, 59th St. Marina and 67th St. Outer Harbor

Weather: Sunny skies with soft patches of clouds, Temperature 40 to 50 degrees F., West wind 10 -15MPH.

Total Species Count: 29

Pied-billed Grebe - 1, East Lagoon, reported by Kim A.

Horned Grebe - 3, Outer Harbor

Double-crested Cormorant - 2 fly-overs, Wooded Island, reported by Kim A.

Canada Goose - on land, water and a few in the air. Some sitting on nests on the small islands in the Lagoons.

WOOD DUCK - 1, male, East Lagoon.

Mallard - found on all water areas and small flocks were in flight.

Bufflehead - 15, 3 East Lagoon -1 male & 2 females, 13 Outer Harbor ~ split between male/female

Common Goldeneye - 1, 59th St. Marina, reported by Caroline.

Red-breasted Merganser – 1 female, 59th St. Marina

RUDDY DUCK – 1, male, blue bill, breeding plumage, East Lagoon.

Red-tailed Hawk – 1, the "Big Fella" returned to the Outer Harbor just before we left. All the gulls panicked and took flight. Didn't think Red-tails liked to eat gull.

American Kestrel – 1, Japanese Garden, large Catalpa tree, spotted by Kim A.

American Coot – 1, 59th St. Marina, reported by Caroline, several in Outer Harbor.

Ring-billed Gull – ~150 Outer Harbor, pairing. Several flyovers of Wooded Island and a few sitting in the North, East and West Lagoons.

Herring Gull – 2, Outer Harbor.

Monk Parakeet – 2, at home, at the golf driving range condos.

Northern Flicker – 1, Rose Garden, spotted by Rick.

Eastern Phoebe – 1, north end of wooded area, Bobolink Meadow, near tennis courts.

American Crow – Wooded Island.

Black-capped Chickadee – Wooded Island

American Robin – Wooded Island, Soccer Field and Bobolink Meadow.

European Starling – Wooded Island.

EASTERN TOWHEE – 1, male, northeast of Rose Garden, west side of paved path. He popped up on a branch and stared us down. We all had great close-up views, with his little white pocket handkerchief showing. A female Northern Cardinal was in the background and looked like she was wearing bright red beak stick. FOY for our

group. The Towhee was also in the company of other sparrows: Song and Dark-eyed Juncos.

Song Sparrow – heard and seen on Wooded Island, Bobolink Meadow and Heron Island.

Dark-eyed Junco – Wooded Island. Kim A. spotted an Oregon subspecies on Wooded Island, near the Towhee.

Northern Cardinal – On Wooded Island and in the Meadow.

Red-winged Blackbird – 2 south end of Bobolink Meadow. Not dive bombing us yet.

Common Grackle – Wooded Island, Japanese Garden

American Goldfinch – 3 near the Rose Garden.

Good Birding!

Pat Durkin