

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, May 7, 2011

Hello to All,

This was the 36th Annual Spring Bird Count Day in the State of Illinois. Every species and the number of each species were counted by dedicated birders across the state on this day. Wooded Island and Jackson Park received special attention, as it deserves, for this is an important birding area along the lakefront and migratory route.

Paul Clyne is the compiler for Jackson Park. We worked closely with Paul and provided our data to him. Paul is collating the data and loving every minute required by such a major task. Official Jackson Park results are forthcoming. The results will be close to a record high for species count.

In the meantime, I will share some of the highlights of our contributory count. There was a significant influx of WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS. Our group found a male ORCHARD ORIOLE on Wooded Island and a first spring and adult male ORCHARD ORIOLE in the Meadow. We counted 24 species of warblers! A HAIRY WOODPECKER was found by Hal Cohen in the Meadow. Hal also spotted the Orchard Orioles in the Meadow. When the final Jackson Park census is available it will be shared with all.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Places: Wooded Island, North, East and West Lagoons, Soccer Field, Bobolink Meadow, 59th St. Promontory and 67th St. Outer Harbor and trees near La Rabida Hospital.

Weather: Drizzle at the start. Afterward the skies remained cloudy. Temperature low 50's Degree F, Winds were northeast changing to east by noon. Later changed to southwest.

Observers: 21 + birders participated in our count. Some were "recruited" during our walk.

Total Species for our group: 95

Thanks to all that really got into the count and tabulation. We made a significant contribution.

Pat Durkin