

## Wooded Island Bird Walk Report for Saturday, September 3, 2011

Hello to All,

We had hoped for a good migration morning, but it was not to be. Perhaps after the expected storms later today, and a change in wind direction, tomorrow will prove to be a better day. But we are all into the zen of birding and so what we find brings its own joy.

With the fall migration approaching, birders have flocked to Darrow Bridge in greater numbers. Everyone joined in the search for warblers who offered all too brief glimpses of themselves as they gleaned insects from leaves and branches.

BIRDERS: 19! Karin C., Jennie, Marilyn, Ed, Bob #1, Bob #2 from Glenview, Maureen from Seattle, Hal, Joanne, Linda, Sally, Jennette, Caroline, Leo, Eric, Liz, Raman, Jean, Pat

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

PLACES: Wooded Island, Soccer Field and Bobolink Meadow.

WEATHER: Mostly sunny. Humid. Temperature in the middle 80 degrees F. Infrequent breeze

TOTAL SPECIES COUNT: 36

Now for the birds:

Canada Goose – X

Wood Duck – 2. 1 adult male and 1 adult female, near the southeast shore of Wooded Island.

Mallard – 8. East Lagoon.

Double-crested Cormorant – 1. Stayed high on the snag along the southeast edge of Wooded Island. Took a swim in the East Lagoon later in the morning.

Great Blue Heron – 1. East Lagoon.

Black-crowned Night Heron – 1. Juvenile. East Lagoon.

Ring-billed Gull – 3+. Flyovers.

Caspian Tern – 2. Late morning arrivals to the East Lagoon.

Monk Parakeet – 4. Near the golf shack.

Chimney Swift – 4+. Flying high.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2. One was on Wooded Island near lamppost 37. Liz spotted the second one darting along the east side of Heron Island.

Downy Woodpecker – 1. Calling. Grove of trees southwest of the golf shack and adjacent to the boardwalk.

Northern Flicker – 2.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER – 1. Rose Garden.

Eastern Kingbird – 2. The first was in and west of the Rose Garden. The other was in the Meadow.

Warbling Vireo – 2.

Red-eyed Vireo – 1. Along the soccer field.

American Crow – 5.

Barn Swallow – 3.

Black-capped Chickadee – 1. Heard near the South Bridge.

Swainson's Thrush – 5. All on Wooded Island.

American Robin – 16. A flock of 15 were under the trees and shrubs at the north end of the soccer field. Many juveniles were among them.

Gray Catbird – 2. Wooded Island.

Brown Thrasher – 2. In the Rose Garden.

European Starling – 1.

Cedar Waxwing – 5.

Tennessee Warbler – 1. Wooded Island.

American Redstart – 1. Near the Music Bridge.

Magnolia Warbler – 2. One was on Wooded Island and the other was near the boardwalk trees.

Yellow Warbler – 1. Wooded Island. Confirmed by Hal.

Wilson's Warbler – 1. Grove of trees near the boardwalk.

Song Sparrow – 2. Rose Garden.

Northern Cardinal – 2. Wooded Island.

Baltimore Oriole – 2. Music Bridge.

American Goldfinch – X. Most were seen in the Rose Garden.

House Sparrow – 1.

This report has been recorded on eBird.

As always, corrections, additions and comments are welcome.

The Wooded Island Walks are on Wednesday at 7 a.m. and on Saturday 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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