

Social Distance Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walks: October 6, 2020

~ October 6 Note: Yay for the **From Afar** birders; and yay for Debbie Martin and Gail Cahill who provided the only reports from Block Island.

~ Both lists are an aggregate of observations from the two groups of observers (B.I. and Afar).

~ [Things in brackets are notes by me = kg]

Block Island

Mallard – 20

Ring-necked Pheasant – 4

Double-crested Cormorant – 1

Great Egret – 1

Egret/Heron species – 1

Osprey – 1

Marsh Hawk – 1

Gull species – 5

Belted Kingfisher – 1

American Crow – 3

European Starling - 40

From Afar Chapachet, Pt. Judith (Narragansett) & South Kingston, RI; Stonington & Farmington, CT; Surry, NH; Seattle, WA.

Canada Goose – 7

Mallard – 12

Wild Turkey – 3

Double-crested Cormorant – 10+

Great Blue Heron – 3

Great Egret – 2

Turkey Vulture – 2

Cooper's Hawk – 1
American Coot – 10
Herring Gull – 10
Great Black-backed Gull – 6
Gull species – 4
Mourning Dove – 2
Anna's Hummingbird – 1
Belted Kingfisher – 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 6
Downy Woodpecker – 7
Hairy Woodpecker - 1
Northern flicker – 1
Pileated Woodpecker – 3
Dusky Flycatcher – 1
Flycatcher species – 1
Blue Jay – 9
American Crow – 9
Black-capped Chickadee – 22
Tufted Titmouse – 14
White-breasted Nuthatch – 2
Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1
Carolina Wren – 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet – 2
Eastern Bluebird – 10
American Robin – 3
Hermit Thrush – 1
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler – 5
Blackburnian Warbler - 1
Song Sparrow – 3
White-throated Sparrow – 2

Golden-crowned Sparrow – 1

Sparrow species – 4

Northern Cardinal – 5

House Finch – 8

American Goldfinch – 11

Curt Milton – Seattle, Wa.: Wow! I went to a new place today and saw lots of great birds, including many coots! The Union Bay Natural Area is on Lake Washington in Seattle and is owned by the University of Washington. It's one of the largest pieces of marshland on Lake Washington and is definitely a major stopping point for lots of birds.

One of the highlights was coming across a bush full of very vocal birds that, folks on two Facebook bird groups say, were red-winged blackbirds. I'll attach a short sound file so you can hear them. Pretty amazing to hear but I couldn't see them. Weather in Seattle today: clear and cool, temps in the upper 60s. Perfect fall day! Here is my list: Mallards: Numerous, Coots: Numerous, [numerous = 10; no number = 1. Kg] Crows: 5, Great blue heron: 2, Black-capped chickadee: 2, Golden crowned kinglet: 2, Dusky flycatcher, Anna's hummingbird, Northern flicker, Canada geese: 7, Song sparrows: 2, Golden crowned sparrow, Downy woodpecker (95% sure) Thanks for organizing this! Here is the sound file



Red-winged
blackbirds.m4a

of the red-winged blackbirds:

Debbie Martin, Hey Kim, there were 3 young male pheasants in my backyard at 7:45 this morning. They are 3 out of the 5 that hatched this summer. The other 2 stay on our driveway toward the beginning of it. Saw one there 1:30 this afternoon then pulled onto Graces Cove and saw a kingfisher on telephone wire.

Gail Cahill, Hey On Tuesday I did a bike ride/bird watching. 4:30 to 6:00pm. 3 Crows Southeast Light area, 40 Starlings on corner of Spring Street and Southeast Road, Pulled up to bridge on beach avenue and sat for a good long while watching the water there, 1 Snowy Egret (I think, tall and white) ["tall" suggests to me Great egret -kg], 1 Some kind of Egret? It was dark in color. This one flew in and I could see was darker, was worried it was in the shade and I just couldn't make out the color but because the other Egret was still there and I could still see the color good on it. This one was dark, (brown?) Seemed to be same size as the white one [Could it have been a Great Blue Heron (tall) or Night-heron (short like a Snowy Egret? -kg), 1 Comorant, 10 pair of mallards, 1 marsh hawk could be two, saw one at the bridge and then another down in New Harbor but that was where the one i saw was heading, so maybe the same. 5 Gulls, Heard an osprey, could not see it.

Heather Hatfield – Buckhill State Management Area (RI), 10/6/20, 60sF, Breezy, sunny. Mallards 2, GBH 1, WB Nuthatch 2, BC Chickadee 15, Blue Jays 6, Pileated Woodpecker 3, Downy Woodpecker 4, Tufted Titmouse 8, Coopers Hawk 1, B. Kingfisher 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 4, Flycatcher species 1, Hermit Thrush 1, RB Nuthatch 1, Carolina Wren 1, Song Sparrow 1, Turkey Vulture 2, American Robin 3. Steere Hill Woodworth Trail, Chepachet, RI: Blackburnian Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 5, Cardinal 1, Blue Jay 1.

Kim Gaffett – Not much to report as I was on the mainland for the day. Entering Pt. Judith: 6 GBBG, 10 Herring Gull, 10+ D-C Cormorant, and in S. Kingston – 3 Turkey.

Polly Huntington – ? Hi Kim, Here is my bird list for yesterday - not very exciting, as it was simply birding in the backyard! Bird List October 6, 2020: 4 Black-capped chickadee, 4 Tufted Titmouse, 8 House Finch, 2 Blue Jay, 1 Northern Cardinal, 2 Mourning Dove, 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker – female, 1 Goldfinch, 2 White-throated sparrow.

Stephanie Baute – Surry, NH – at the bird feeders: Between 6-10 bluebirds young and parents, 3 cardinals. One is young and likes to eat dried mealworms with young bluebirds, 2 tufted titmice, 4 crows, 1 downy woodpecker, 1 hairy woodpecker, 1 red bellied woodpecker, many goldfinch in their fall colors [many = 10 -kg]

Vickie & Tom Carter – Hi Kim. Yesterday we were in Stonington, CT-Barn Island Wildlife Management Center. We saw 1 chickadee, 2 egrets [assuming Great Egret -kg], 4 sparrows and 4 gulls. Cloudy and windy. Not many birds out. Vickie and Tom Carter