

WHERE-ON-EARTH CRAZY-AS-A-COOT BIRD WALKS

November 16th, 2021

Incidental Notes.

- Interesting to note that both lists have nearly the same number of species. The BI list records 27 species because I did not count “Gull species”, as they likely were either Herring or Great Black-backed. And, interesting to see in Dan’s Sarasota, FL lists birds that are long gone from BI until next spring (for instance Black-and-White & Pine warblers)
- Doubly interesting is the observation of Common Raven and Snowy Owl on BI. After Nov. 16, Snowy Owl was not reported again on BI until Nov. 22 – at least 3 observations we relayed to me. Possibly 2 individuals, as one was noted to be “very white” (likely male), and one photo showing dark breast and belly (likely female)
- Both lists are an aggregate of observations from the two groups of observers (B.I. and Afar).
- A note of caution: when counting at a bird feeder it is the most reliable/conservative to count the number of a species seen at any one time. Care should be taken to not over count by tallying the cumulative number seen.
- [Things in brackets are notes by me - kg] How I quantify: Few=3, Several=5, Many/Numerous=10, +=10+, +++=10++.

Block Island

(27 species)

Eurasian Wigeon – 2

American Black Duck – 7

Mallard – 41

Northern Pintail – 1

Ring-necked Duck – 29

Scaup species – 3

Bufflehead – 11

Ring-necked Pheasant – 3

Great Cormorant – 1

Great Blue Heron – 1

Norther Harrier – 3

Killdeer – 1

Sanderling – 9

Herring Gull – 10

Great Black-backed Gull – 17

Gull species – 9

Snowy Owl – 1

Northern Flicker – 2

American Crow – 11

Fish Crow – 3

Common Raven – 1
Carolina Wren – 7
American Robin – 4
European Starling – 200+
Myrtle Warbler (Yellow-rumped Warbler) – 2
Song Sparrow – 6
White-throated Sparrow – 1
Red-winged Blackbird – 1

From Afar South Kingston, RI; Sarasota, FL

(28 species)

Canada Goose – 50
Mallard – 15
Wood Duck – 3
American Black Duck – 3
Ring-necked Pheasant – 1
Anhinga -2
Great Blue Heron – 2
Great Egret – 1
Little Blue Heron – 1
Cattle Egret – 1
Roseate Spoonbill – 1
Wood Stork – 1
Turkey Vulture – 10
Osprey – 1
Bald Eagle – 1
Eastern Screech Owl – 2
Belted Kingfisher – 2
Pileated Woodpecker – 2
American Kestrel – 1
Blue Jay – 5
American Crow – 50
Black-capped Chickadee – 5
Tufted Titmouse – 12
White-breasted Nuthatch – 12
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 6
American Robin – 24
Black-and-White Warbler – 2
Pine Warbler – 4

Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers eBird report: Seneca Swamp & S Fresh Pond, Washington, Rhode Island, US
Nov 16, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM Protocol: Traveling 0.5 mile(s). Checklist Comments: Sunny, cold (40-45 F), breezy
WNW. Scaup species observed were all female. Participants: Cathy Joyce, Nigel Grindley, Kim Bubko, Dianne King, Mena
Hautau, Faye Benedict, Susan Matheke, Heather Hatfield, Amy Keeler, Judy Gray, Max & Ollie Wolf, and Kim G 19
species (+1 other taxa): Eurasian Wigeon 2, Mallard 21, American Black Duck 7, Northern Pintail 1, Ring-necked
Duck 29, Scaup (Aythya) sp. 3, Bufflehead 11, Ring-necked Pheasant 2, Herring Gull 10, Great Black-backed Gull 17,
Northern Harrier 2, Northern Flicker 2, American Crow 1, Carolina Wren 4, European Starling 200, American Robin 1,
White-throated Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 5, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Myrtle Warbler 2

Chris Blane – Kim- we saw a raven in black rock near graham jones on 11- **17** - 21 and a kildeer at graham jones. The raven was being harassed by [5] crows, and finally it flew off towards Montauk

Dan Kasuba – Hi Kim, Sorry I'm a bit late [never too late! -kg] but I did get out on 11/16, Red Slough nature preserve in Sarasota, from 10-11 am, and a few sightings around town. The white pelicans recently returned! [From their breeding grounds of Canada & northern & NW US. -kg]

One each of the following: roseate spoonbill, wood stork, great egret, cattle egret, little blue heron, American kestrel, and osprey. Also, 2 pileated wood peckers, 2 anhingas, 2 belted kingfishers, 2 GBHs, 50 crows [I am assuming – and listing these as – American Crows. -kg], 4 pine warblers, 2 black and white warblers, 10 turkey vultures, 2 eastern screech owls, and 6 blue gray gnatcatchers, thanks and happy Thanksgivings to all!

Kim Gaffett – Going about my day on BI: (Home) Great Blue Heron 1, Mallards 20, (Ministers Lot – beach – Cuttings Cot. Loop) R-N Pheasant 1, A. Robin 3, A. Crow 5, Fish Crow 3, N. Harrier 1, Sanderling 9, Great Cormorant 1, Carolina Wren 3, Song Sparrow 1, Gull species 7.

Tom Fetherston – South Kingston, RI. Good morning Kim! Maggie and I crossed the pond to Great Swamp this morning. Our bird list includes those seen crossing Worden's Pond, but I'll note that in the list as WP. Canada goose (50?) WP, Mallard duck (15?) WP, Wood duck (3) WP, Black duck (3) WP, Bald eagle (1) WP, Blue jay (5), Robin (24?), Ringneck pheasant hen (1), Black-capped chickadee (5?), Tufted titmouse (12?), White-breasted nuthatch (12?). Some of the species were in flocks moving in the woods so hard to get anything other than an estimate of numbers. The eagle was flying along the south shore of the pond and perched in a tree by the water. Always a thrill to see one! Cheers, Fether

Tracy Dillon Reported flying from beach below Cuttings Cottage going westerly over CC - 1 **Snowy Owl**.