

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

December 7th, 2021

Incidental Notes.

- Again, 2 terrific lists – Block Island and locations from afar. The BI list would not have been so great if not for the non-Coot Walk reports. It really makes a big difference to get a few additional reports from different parts of the island. And, wow! It is so great to be getting reports from coast to coast.
- 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

(35 species)

Canada Geese – 20

Mute Swan – 3

Mallard – 20

Long-tailed Duck – 12

Common Merganser – 3

Red-breasted Merganser – 6

Ruddy Duck – 25+

Ring-necked Pheasant – 2

Northern Gannet – 1

Great Blue Heron – 6

Norther Harrier – 4

Coopers Hawk – 2

Sharp-shinned/Coopers Hawk – 1

Sanderling – 15

Herring Gull – 2

Great Black-backed Gull – 2

Mourning Dove – 35

Snowy Owl – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 5

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 3

Merlin – 2

Blue Jay – 9

American Crow – 9

Black-capped Chickadee – 2

Carolina Wren – 4

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1

American Robin – 36
European Starling – 203
Cedar Waxwing – 25
Myrtle Warbler (Yellow-rumped Warbler) – 5
Rufus-sided Towhee – 1
Song Sparrow – 5
White-throated Sparrow – 1
Red-winged Blackbird – 2
House Finch – 14

From Afar South Kingston, RI; Woodbury and Glastonbury, CT; Sarasota, FL; Seattle, WA.

(50 species)

Canada Goose – 2
Mute Swan – 2
Trumpeter Swan – 8-10
American Wigeon – 10
Mallard – 10
Northern Shoveler – 2
Bufflehead – 12
Double-crested Cormorant – 3
Cormorant species – 2
Anhinga – 4
Great Blue Heron – 4
Great Egret – 1
Little Blue Heron – 2
Tricolored Heron – 1
Green Heron – 1
Limpkin – 1
Turkey Vulture – 12
Bald Eagle – 1
American Coot – 25
Mourning Dove – 17
Eastern Screech Owl – 2
Belted Kingfisher – 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2
Downy Woodpecker – 6
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker – 2
Hairy Woodpecker – 1
Northern Flicker – 1
Pileated Woodpecker – 2
Blue Jay – 11
American Crow – 72
Common Raven – 1
Black-capped Chickadee – 18
Tufted Titmouse – 8
White-breasted Nuthatch – 5
Brown Creeper – 1
Carolina Wren – 3

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4
Eastern Bluebird – 5
Northern Mockingbird – 2
Black-and-White Warbler – 1
Pine Warbler – 15
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 1
Chipping Sparrow – 1
White-throated Sparrow – 7
Golden-crowned Sparrow – 2
Slate-colored Junco – 17+
Northern Cardinal – 5
Brown-headed Cowbird – 18
House Finch – 7
American Goldfinch – 3
House Sparrow – 4

Other cool critters: Sea Otter - 1

Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers eBird report: Mansion Rd. to beach and Jerry's Point, Washington, Rhode Island, US Dec 7, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Protocol: Traveling, 1.5 mile(s). Checklist Comments: Sunny and cool, about 40F. with NW wind. Participants: Gail & Shorty Cahill, Socha Cohen, Judy Gray, Sarah Gray, Austin Morin, Heather Hatfield, Cathy Joyce, Nigel Grindley, Keith Stover, Dianne King, Susan Matheke, Faye Benedict, Kim Gaffett.

23 species (+1 other taxa) Long-tailed Duck 12, Red-breasted Merganser 6, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Mourning Dove 35, Sanderling 15, Herring Gull 2, Great Black-backed Gull 2, Northern Gannet 1, Great Blue Heron 1, Sharp-shinned/Cooper's Hawk 1, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Merlin 1, Blue Jay 3, American Crow 5, Golden-crowned Kinglet 1, Carolina Wren 2, European Starling 3, American Robin 8, House Finch 4, White-throated Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 5, Red-winged Blackbird 2, Yellow-rumped Warbler 5

Curt Milton Greetings from damp, chilly Seattle! Fortunately, the onslaught of rain abated today, allowing me to go on the Where in the World Bird Walk here in Seattle. It was misty when I headed out about 1 p.m., with overcast skies and temps in the upper 40s. I went to the Union Bay Natural Area. Even though it seemed quiet, when I went through my list and photos after I got home, there was a decent number of species. Lots of waterfowl today on the lake. Here is my list: American crow: numerous, Golden-crowned Sparrow: 2, Black-capped Chickadee: numerous, Downy woodpecker: 1, Northern Flicker: 1, American Coot: Numerous, Bufflehead: numerous, Mallards: numerous, Trumpeter Swan: 8-10, Canada Goose: 1, Northern Shoveler: 2, American [Belted] Kingfisher: 1, Double-crested Cormorant: 3, Wigeon: numerous. Thanks for doing this! Curt

I thought you might enjoy this pic [see below] of the shovelers doing what they're named for: shoveling stuff out of the water. They put their beaks in the water and just paddle around looking for things to eat. Enjoy!

Dan Kasuba –Hi Kim, Most of my sightings were at Red Bug slough in Sarasota on 12/5, 9-10:30 AM and a few were in the neighborhoods of Sarasota the same day. New this season, 1 green heron and 1 limpkin, along with a sea otter in a pond! 1 bald eagle, 12 turkey vultures, 50 American crows, 1 tricolored heron, 1 great egret, 4 great and 2 little blue herons, a mixed Flock of warblers which included 15 pine, 1 black and white and 4 blue gray gnat catchers, 1 king fisher, 4 anhingas, 2 cormorants, 2 mockingbirds, 2 pileated woodpeckers and 2 Eastern screech owls. Enjoy the holidays!

Darcy Thurrott 14 Linden Road, Woodbury, Connecticut, Dec 07, 2021, 10:57 AM, Stationary.
5 Mourning Dove, 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Downy/Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Blue Jay, 4 American Crow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Tufted Titmouse, 1 White-breasted Nuthatch, 5 Eastern Bluebird, 4 House Sparrow, 7 House Finch, 3 American Goldfinch, 1 Chipping Sparrow, 2 Dark-eyed Junco, 7 White-throated Sparrow, 18 Brown-headed Cowbird, 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler, 1 Northern Cardinal Later email: Hi Kim, I also had a raven later, see

one daily here! Hope your count was good...did you see the snowy? Thanks, Darcy [Snowy Owl (2) were seen on this day by Tracy Finn on BI].

Gail & Shorty Cahil – Good morning Kim, Here is our list of other birds we saw throughout the day around home. We have a wild golden crabapple tree in the back yard and the birds below were having a feast!

1 Blue jay, 25 Cedar Waxwing, 1 Woodpecker with a red head the whole top and back of the head was red. We were so excited watching it that we didn't look for any other particulars so we aren't sure what kind. [A spot-on description of Red-bellied Woodpecker.] 28 Robins, 1 Towhee, 200 Starlings (these were out on the corner of Peckham Farm and Rodmans Hollow on the power lines). It was nice to be back walking with you all! G & S

Heather Hatfield & sister – Not a complete list of the day – does not include feeder birds. The following list is from Sachem Pond to Sandy Point, Block Island: 1 Snowy owl [likely one of the 2 seen at same place and day as T.F., therefore this record is not included in the count – to avoid double count.] 3GBH, 2 great egrets, 25+ Ruddy Ducks, 3 Mute Swans, 20 Canada Geese, 3 Common Mergansers, 1 Northern Harrier.

Kim Gaffett – Going about my day on BI: (Home) Great Blue Heron 1, Mallards 20, Merlin 1, RN Pheasant 1,

Tom Fetherston – South Kingston, RI. Here's my bird list as promised. Nothing like the bald eagle last time but some cool birds, nonetheless. I didn't go out on the pond, so the Worden's Pond (WP) sightings were from my dock. Mourning dove (12), Bufflehead pair (2) WP, American coot (15?) WP, Canada goose (1), Tufted titmouse (5?) They were back and forth to the feeders so hard to know exactly how many, White breasted nuthatch (2), Cardinal pair (2), Hairy woodpecker (1), Red-bellied woodpecker (1), Blue jay (3), American crow (3), Mute swan (2) WP, Carolina wren (2), Black-capped chickadee (2). Cheers, Fether

Tracy Finn Sandy Point, Block Island, RI. "Just saw the 2 Snowys"

Vicki Butlevska In the yard at home, west side, Block Island: 5 blue Jay, 2 Carolina wren, 4 Am. Crow, 2 red bellied woodpecker, 1 red wing blackbird, 2 chickadee, 3 Northern Harriers, 2 Coopers hawk, 1 Blue Heron

Will Young We had a short dog/bird walk around the neighborhood [Glastonbury, CT] this am. I will add to the list if I see anything else of interest on a later dog walk. We should see at least one raptor. Tufted titmouse 1, Chickadee 4+, NA Crow 5+, Downy WP 3, Raven 1, NA Cardinal 2, Blue Jay 6+, [White-breasted Nuthatch] WBNH 2, Brown Creeper 1, WT Sparrow 1, Junco 15+, Carolina Wren 1

