

Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walk

WHERE-ON-EARTH BIRD WALK

October 19, 2021 - Updated

Incidental Notes.

- Yay to Dan Kasuba and Lauren Miller-Donnelly for their Where-on-Earth reports from Massachusetts and Florida – opposite ends of the fall migration!
- The individual Block Island lists are reduced as the Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walk on Block Island has resumed, thus generating one list from one walk location, rather than separate lists from a variety of locations.
- 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

(25 species)

Canada Goose – 1

Wood Duck – 2

Greater Scaup (a.k.a. Bluebill) – 2

White-winged Scoters – 5+/-

Hooded Merganser – 6

Ruddy Duck – 50

Wilson's Snipe – 1

Double-crested Cormorant – 15

Cormorant species – 1

Norther Harrier – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

American Oystercatcher – 2

Herring Gull – 15

Great Black-backed Gull – 30

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1

Northern Flicker – 3

Merlin – 2

Peregrine Falcon – 2+/-

Eastern Phoebe – 5

Blue Jay – 1

Crow species – 2

Carolina Wren – 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 15

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1

American Robin – 1
Gray Catbird – 1
Warbler species – 10+/-
Yellow Warbler – 1
Blackpoll Warbler – 1
Myrtle Warbler (Yellow-rumped Warbler) – 20+/-
Song Sparrow – 15
Swamp Sparrow – 5
Slate-colored (Dark-eyed) Junco - 20
Eastern Meadowlark – 2
Common Grackle – 1

From Afar Gooseberry Island, MA; Sarasota FL;

(57 species)

Brant – 4
Mute Swan – 1
Mallard – 3
Muscovy Duck – 3
Common Eider – 5
White-winged Scoter – 1
Red-breasted Merganser – 2
Common Loon – 1
Brown Pelican – 1
Double-crested Cormorant – 165
Great Blue Heron – 2
Little Blue Heron – 1
Great Egret – 1
Snowy Egret – 1
Yellow-crowned Night Heron – 1
Anhinga – 2
Wood Stork – 1
Turkey Vulture – 1
Black Vulture – 3
Osprey – 3
Cooper's Hawk – 1
Black-bellied Plover – 1
Sanderling – 2
Semipalmated Sandpiper – 4
Laughing Gull – 36
Herring Gull – 20
Great Black-backed Gull1
Tern species, large – 1
Eastern Screech Owl – 2
Belted Kingfisher – 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 6
Northern Flicker – 5
Eastern Phoebe – 5
Blue-headed Vireo – 2

Blue Jay – 10
American Crow – 10
Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1
House Wren – 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2
Golden-crowned Kinglet – 4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6
American Robin – 2
Gray Catbird – 2
Common Yellowthroat – 1
Palm Warbler – 2
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler – 22
Warbler species (Parulidae sp.) – 12
Clay-colored Sparrow – 1
Field Sparrow – 1
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) – 30
White-throated Sparrow – 2
Savannah Sparrow – 1
Song Sparrow – 30
Northern Cardinal – 8
Red-winged Blackbird – 4
Boat-tailed Grackle – 2
House Sparrow – 18
Raccoon – 1 😊

Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers eBird report: Sachem Pond & environs, Washington, Rhode Island, US. Oct 19, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM. Protocol: Traveling 1.0 mile(s). Checklist Comments: Very windy from the NW and cool. Participants: Heather Hatfield, Ginny Campbell, Nigel Grindley & Cathy Joyce, Mena Hautau, Amy Keeler, Nancy Porter & Dick Plumb, Susan Matheke, Susan & Keith Stover, Briggs Whiteford, Kim Gaffett was missing. Walk area included scanning Sachem Pond, walking the Golden Grove Rd. including paths in USFWS land, and then onto the Clay Head Trail path. 23 species (+2 other taxa): Canada Goose 1, Ruddy Duck 50, Herring Gull 15, Great Black-backed Gull 30, Double-crested Cormorant 15, cormorant sp. 1, Northern Harrier 2, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Northern Flicker 3, Merlin 2, Eastern Phoebe 5, Blue Jay 1, crow sp. 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Golden-crowned Kinglet 15, Carolina Wren 2, Gray Catbird 1, American Robin 1, Dark-eyed Junco 20, Song Sparrow 15, Swamp Sparrow 5, Common Grackle 1, Yellow Warbler 1 (It is very late for this species. However, it is a breeding bird in this area and is well known to the observers.), Blackpoll Warbler 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 10

Chris Blane – 10/20/21: Male and female bluebill in the Georgian swamp, 1 Wilson's snipe at Duponts (in a field!) 2 meadowlark here, 1 immature redtail at duPonts. And later in the day on Corn Neck Rd. near the marsh: Hooded Mergansers (6) and Wood Ducks

Dan Kasuba – Hi Kim, Hope you had a good summer. I know the fall weather has been spectacular up North. I've settled into my new place in Sarasota, discovered some nice nature preserves. Take care and as always thanks for your efforts keeping this a fun activity!
10/19/21- Ted Sperling Nature Park S Lido Key [Sarasota]Florida 8-9:30 AM
1 GBH, 1 yellow crowned night heron, 1 snowy egret, 1 little blue heron, 2 cat birds, 2 blue gray gnat catchers, 1 great egret, 2 ospreys, 2 king fishers, 5 cardinals, 1 brown pelican, 1 large tern[unidentified]
Red Bug Slough Nature persevere, Sarasota 10-11 am, 10/19/21- 1 wood stork, 1 Cooper's hawk, 2 palm warblers, 1 GBH, 2 anhingas, 3 Muscovy and 3 Mallard ducks,
3 black and 1 turkey vulture, many blue jays and American crows, 2 boat tailed grackles, 4 red bellied woodpeckers and 1 raccoon. I am also lucky to have a pair of Eastern screech owls that roost in my yard !

Katie Rice Hi Kim, Thanks for the reply. We decided on an earlier ferry and thus will pass on the organized walk. We saw White winged scoters off of Mohegan Bluffs and the Peregrines , two oyster catchers near Coast Guard and many warblers all over the island, mostly yellow rumped. Love this pretty place! Best, Katie Rice

Lauren Miller-Donnelly Hi Kim, Here is a new observation for 10/19!!!! ~Lauren
On Tuesday Oct 19th I jumped out of bed to get to Gooseberry Island for sunrise. This date was one of the better days for migrating birds of the 2021 season. This is because the winds were northwest overnight which is ideal conditions for viewing fall migrating birds there. here is my eBird list

(<https://ebird.org/checklist/S96484275>):

Brant 4, Mute Swan 1, Common Eider 5, White-winged Scoter 1, Red-breasted Merganser 2, Black-bellied Plover 1, Sanderling 2, Semipalmated Sandpiper 4, Laughing Gull 36, Herring Gull 20, Great Black-backed Gull 1, Common Loon 1, Double-crested Cormorant 165, Osprey 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Northern Flicker 5, Eastern Phoebe 5, Blue-headed Vireo 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6, Golden-crowned Kinglet 4, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, House Wren 1, American Robin 2, House Sparrow 18, Clay-colored Sparrow 1, Field Sparrow 1, Dark-eyed Junco 30, White-throated Sparrow 2, Savannah Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 30, Red-winged Blackbird 4, Common Yellowthroat 1, Yellow-rumped Warbler 22, warbler sp. (Parulidae sp.)12, Northern Cardinal 3