

Social Distance Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walks: June 1, 2021

Incidental Notes.

- There are lots of nice and interesting late-season migration birds listed for this day. And, once again the “From Afar” lists are impressive. It is so great and interesting to have these From Afar reports.
- 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. (For the time being the in-persons walks will be limited to 10 people, with, of course, mask-wearing and other Covid-19 protocols.) Thanks to the “Coot Walkers” who also submitted observations. At this time of year it is especially great to get as much coverage of the Island’s haunts and habitats as possible.
- 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

(34 species)

Canada Goose – 5

Mute Swan – 3

Mallard – 4

Ring-necked Pheasant – 1

Sooty Shearwater – 5

Snowy Egret – 1

Glossy Ibis – 2

Herring Gull – 11+

Great Black-backed Gull – 22++

Common Tern – 20+

Mourning Dove – 8

Ruby-throated Hummingbird –

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Kingbird – 3

Blue Jay – 3

American Crow – 20

Fish Crow – 5

Barn Swallow – 11

Black-capped Chickadee – 4

Carolina Wren – 12

American Robin – 23

Gray Catbird – 17

European Starling – 12

Black-and-white Warbler – 2
Common Yellowthroat – 20
American Redstart – 3
Yellow Warbler – 20
Blackpoll – 1
Rufus-sided (Eastern) Towhee – 21++
Song Sparrow – 11
Northern Cardinal – 8
Red-winged Blackbird – 23
Common Grackle – 2
American Goldfinch – 20

And, Dogfish, Shark,

From Afar South Kingston & Cumberland, RI; Woodbury, CT; Pittsfield & Westport, MA; Queechy Lake, Canaan, NY; Seattle, WA; Sedbergh, England.

(77 species)

Canada Goose – 18
Mute Swan – 2
Wood Duck – 5
Mallard – 14
Common Eider – 57
Wild Turkey – 1
Pied-billed Grebe – 1
Double-crested Cormorant – 14
Great Blue Heron – 2
Great (American) Egret – 1
Black Vulture – 1
Turkey Vulture – 6
Osprey – 1
Bald Eagle – 3
Red-tailed Hawk – 2
Piping Plover – 4
Willet – 3
American Woodcock – 1
Mourning Dove – 4
Rock Pigeon – 6
Chimney Swift – 3
Anna's Hummingbird – 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3
Downy Woodpecker – 3
Pileated Woodpecker – 2
Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1
Willow Flycatcher – 1
Eastern Kingbird – 2
Red-eyed Vireo – 4
Blue Jay – 4

American Crow – 15
Fish Crow – 9
*Crow species – gathering
Violet-green Swallow – 7
Tree Swallow – 10
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 2
Bank Swallow – 2
Barn Swallow – 11
*Nuthatch – 1
White-breasted Nuthatch – 4
Black-capped Chickadee – 4
Bushtit – 1
Tufted Titmouse – 3
Brown Creeper – 1
House Wren – 5
Carolina Wren – 3
Eastern bluebird – 1
Wood Thrush – 2
American Robin – 16 (1 baby)
*Blackbird – 1
Gray Catbird – 6
Brown Thrasher – 2
Northern Mockingbird – 1
European Starling – 17
*Pied Wagtail – 1
Cedar Waxwing – 19
Common Yellowthroat – 6
American Redstart – 7
Yellow Warbler – 9
Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1
Black-throated Blue Warbler – 10
Prairie Warbler – 2
Spotted Towhee – 1
Eastern Towhee – 6
Chipping Sparrow – 9
Song Sparrow – 15
Scarlet Tanager – 3
Northern Cardinal – 11
Red-winged Blackbird – 10
Yellow-headed Blackbird – 1
Common Grackle – 10
Brown-headed Cowbird – 2
Baltimore Oriole – 5
House Finch – 6
American Goldfinch – 9
House Sparrow – 4

And, Turtles, Carp, Beaver, Red & Gray Squirrel, Chipmunk ...

[Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers](#) – eBird report: Rodman Pond Rd., Block Island, Rhode Island, US

Jun 1, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM. Checklist Comments: Sunny, light west wind, 60F at 8a.m. Participants: Amy Keeler, Diane King, Susan Matheke, Deb Martin, Austin Morin, Nigel Grindley, Cathy Joyce, Heather Hatfield, Socha Cohen, Alyce Russo, Steve Schall, Vicki Butlevska (& baby Georgia), & Kim Gaffett. 2 Glossy Ibis observed in field of Old Town Inn on the way to the walk start. 22 species: Mallard 4, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Mourning Dove 8, Herring Gull 1, Great Black-backed Gull 12, Eastern Kingbird 3, Blue Jay 3, American Crow 15, Black-capped Chickadee 3, Barn Swallow 1, Carolina Wren 7, European Starling 8, Gray Catbird 12, American Robin 18, American Goldfinch 15, Song Sparrow 6, Eastern Towhee 11, Red-winged Blackbird 18, Common Grackle 2, Common Yellowthroat 8, Yellow Warbler 10, Northern Cardinal 7

[Curt Milton](#) – Good evening! It was a beautiful day here in Seattle: warm and sunny with temperatures in the mid-60s and climbing when I started my walk at the Union Bay Natural Area.

As you noted, Kim, we seem to be in the summer lull between migration periods. But there were still a number of interesting birds, including one I had never seen before: a yellow-headed blackbird. These don't usually come west of the Cascade Mountains but this one is here, possibly seeking cooler weather.

Here is my report: Song sparrow: 5-8, American Crow: Numerous (10+), American Robin: 1, Mallards: Numerous, Anna's Hummingbird: 2, Wood Duck, female: 1, Black-capped Chickadee: 1, Canada goose: 10+, Red-winged Blackbird: 2 female, 5 males (two were possible fledgling males), Violet-green Swallow: 6-8, Yellow-headed Blackbird: 1, Spotted Towhee: 1, Bald Eagle: 1, Great Blue Heron: 1, Bushtit: 1, Cedar Waxwing: 6, Pie-billed Grebe: 1.

I also saw some turtles, several spawning carp and what I think was a beaver. That's it from here. Thank you for making this happen!

[Dan Kasuba](#) – Hi Kim, I just returned from visiting family and friends in Massachusetts and upstate NY. Got out birding twice with Martha at Mt Auburn Cemetery. Beautiful! On June 1: 7 AM- 9:30AM [Pittsfield\(MA\)](#) state forest- 7 American redstarts, 3 scarlet tanagers, 1 brown creeper, 1 red eyed vireo, one turkey, one red tailed hawk, one woodcock, 2 wood ducks, 2 mallards, 1 chestnut sided warbler, many black throated blues, 5 yellow and 3 common yellow throated warblers, 2 pileated woodpeckers, 1 towhee
> 12 PM- 2PM [Queechy Lake, Canaan NY](#)- 1 bald eagle, 5 turkey vultures, 2 house wrens, 2 Carolina wrens, 2 Baltimore orioles, 6 cedar waxwings, 2 ruby-throated hummingbirds, many tree swallows. Hope all is well and as always, thanks !!

[Darcy Thurrott](#) – Hi Kim, This is my list! Hope you receive a lot of them from everywhere. Such a great time of year! Loving your recorded Zooms...keep up the great work with Charlotte. See you in mid July, can't wait!

Woodbury, CT. Our backyard 75°, NNW wind 7-10 mph, sunny 2 red squirrels, 1 chipmunk, 4 gray squirrels, 1 baby robin in nest. 2 Canada Goose, 1 Mourning Dove, 1 Chimney Swift, 1 Black Vulture -- Flying overhead, 1 Turkey Vulture, 2 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 3 Blue Jay, 1 Black-capped Chickadee, 1 Tufted Titmouse, 2 White-breasted Nuthatch, 1 House Wren, 1 Carolina Wren, 1 Gray Catbird, 1 Eastern Bluebird, 1 Wood Thrush, 3 American Robin, 4 House Finch, 4 American Goldfinch, 1 Chipping Sparrow, 2 Song Sparrow, 2 Common Grackle, 4 Northern Cardinal.

[Laura Rosenzweig](#) – I forgot to send my report yesterday [June 1] but I did get out on another beautiful morning with 'bird dog' and we espied a pied wagtail bobbing about on the river stones. Then, as I sat down to watch it, a nuthatch caught my eye flitting from branch to branch in the tree above. On the way back we passed a gathering of crows in a field, remarkably silent for crows, and a little house sparrow flitting about in a hedge. As we walked into the garden a blackbird hopped out of the ivy and quickly went back in again. There are definitely some nests in there and they too are keeping quiet about it. Hope your weather improves but doesn't turn into debilitating humid-laden heat too soon :)

[Lauren Miller-Donnelly](#) – Hi Kim, This morning I was lucky enough to hear two different brown thrashers singing on the beach in Westport. I was so lucky to SEE one singing at the top of a cedar tree, as they are usually pretty hard to see. Here is my list Wednesday, [June 2nd](#): Common Eider 57, Mourning Dove 1, Piping Plover 4, Willet 3, Double-crested Cormorant 14, Osprey 1, Willow Flycatcher 1, Eastern Kingbird 2, Red-eyed Vireo 1, American Crow 1, Black-capped Chickadee 2, Tufted Titmouse 1, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2, Barn Swallow 9, House Wren 1, Gray Catbird 3, Brown Thrasher 2, American Robin 1, Cedar Waxwing 7, House Finch 1,

American Goldfinch 4, Chipping Sparrow 8, Song Sparrow 5, Eastern Towhee 4, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, Common Grackle 4, Common Yellowthroat 3, Prairie Warbler 2, Northern Cardinal 2. Happy Birding!!!! -Lauren

[Tim Mooney](#) – From my suburban Cumberland neighborhood, plus the edges of the Monastery property nearby. (500 acres of town-protected woods a short walk from my house.) Monastery birds noted with *. As I walked around the neighborhood yesterday morning, the robins were screaming about something. When I got closer, a Red-tailed Hawk flew out of an oak tree, trailed by 4 robins, a grackle and maybe a titmouse. Everybody wanted in on the chase!

Canada Goose – 4 (flyover), Red-tailed Hawk – 1, American Crow – 4 (flyover), Fish Crow – 9 (noisy “murder” flying over), Blue Jay – 1, Common Grackle – 2, Brown-headed Cowbird – 1, European Starling – 17 (mixed flock of adults and juveniles), Northern Cardinal – 5, American Robin – 10, House Finch – 1, American Goldfinch – 1, Tufted Titmouse – 1, Song Sparrow – 2, House Sparrow – 3, Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1, Downy Woodpecker – 1, White-breasted Nuthatch – 2, Mourning Dove – 2, Rock Pigeon – 6, Chimney Swift – 2 (flyover), Carolina Wren – 3, House Wren – 1, *Baltimore Oriole – 2, Gray Catbird – 2, Northern Mockingbird – 1, *Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1, *Red-eyed Vireo – 2, *Wood Thrush – 1, *Yellow Warbler – 2, *Eastern Towhee – 1.

[Tom Fetherston](#) – Hi Kim - We left from Old Harbor and went straight to the wind farm. Not much in the way of bird or other critter activity on the way. Deployed the bait stations with GoPro cameras. Saw dogfish and a larger shark yet to be identified. Moved to SW Ledge. Clouds of birds working over schools of bait being pushed by blues and probably stripers. Most of the birds were common terns but there were several sooty shearwaters among them. Headed back for lunch at Ballard’s around 1230. Fun day, not much biological diversity seen but the shearwaters were pretty cool! [Although not land based, this report is recorded in BI list, not “From Afar”.]

Hi again Kim –

I sent my sea bird report yesterday. Not sure if this is past the deadline, but I was out on Worden’s Pond [South Kingston, RI] before sunrise this morning and saw: Canada goose, Mute swan, Bald eagle, Mallard duck, Wood duck, Great blue heron, American egret, Yellow warbler, Bank swallow, Barn swallow, Red-winged blackbird, Common grackle, Baltimore oriole. Cheers, Fether. [I record either 1 or 2 individuals for each of these species, depending on my assessment of the likelihood of single observation or multiples – surely my assessments are conservative.]

[Will Young](#) – I Walked for close to an hour on North End up the path where Scott used to band [USF&WS/Kurz property], and Sachem Pond. Mute Swans 3, GBBG +++, Herring gulls ++, Mourning doves a few, Barn swallows ++, Yellow warblers +++, Black and white warbler 2 heard, Eastern towhees +++, Common Yellowthroat numerous heard 5 seen, Redstart a few heard 2 seen, Blackpoll warbler 1 seen, Canada goose several, Northern cardinal 1, Song sparrows several, Robins 5, Grey catbirds several, RWBB several, Starlings several, Snowy Egret 1, Goldfinch 5, American & Fish crows several, Chickadee 1, Downy WP one heard, Carolina wren several heard.