

Social Distance Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walks: June 15, 2021

Incidental Notes.

- 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.
- 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

(17 species)

Common Eider – 6

Ring-necked Pheasant – 3

Double-crested Cormorant – 1

Osprey – 2

Herring Gull – 3+

Great Black-backed Gull – 1

American Crow – 5

Barn Swallow – 1

Carolina Wren – 5

Gray Catbird – 9

Northern Parula – 1

Common Yellowthroat – 3

Yellow Warbler – 1

Rufus-sided (Eastern) Towhee – 15

Song Sparrow – 10

Red-winged Blackbird – 20

American Goldfinch – 5

From Afar Cumberland, RI; Sarasota FL; Seattle, WA.

(49 species)

Canada Goose – 10

Wood Duck – 1

Mallard – 30+

Brown Pelican – 3

Great Blue Heron – 7

Green Heron – 4

Tricolored Heron – 1

Great (American) Egret – 1
Snowy Egret – 2
Cattle Egret – 2
Turkey Vulture – 1
Osprey – 1
Bald Eagle – 2
Red-shouldered Hawk – 2
Red-tailed Hawk – 1
Royal Tern – 1
Least Tern – 1
Black Skimmer – 8
Mourning Dove – 2
Eastern Screech Owl – 1
Chimney Swift – 3
Anna's Hummingbird – 2
Belted Kingfisher – 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1
Downy Woodpecker – 3
Norther Flicker – 1
Blue Jay – 3
California Scrub Jay – 1
American Crow – 13+
Fish Crow – 2
White-breasted Nuthatch – 2
Black-capped Chickadee – 12
Bushtit – 6
Tufted Titmouse – 1
Carolina Wren – 2
American Robin – 9
Brown Thrasher – 1
Northern Mockingbird – 7
European Starling – 5
Cedar Waxwing – 3
Song Sparrow – 12
Northern Cardinal – 4
Red-winged Blackbird – 10
Common Grackle – 4
Brown-headed Cowbird – 1
Baltimore Oriole – 1
House Finch – 2
American Goldfinch – 2
House Sparrow – 11

[Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers eBird report:](#) Black Rock Rd. from Cooneymus Rd. to bluff, Washington, Rhode Island, US
Jun 15, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Protocol: Traveling 1.0 mile(s) Checklist Comments: Cloudy to start with showers just ending. Light sw wind. Cool to start (60Fish) but warmed near the end when the sun came out. Participants: Austin Morin, Amy Keeler, Kim Bubko, Susan Matheke, Cathy Joyce, Nigel Grindley, Socha Cohen, Judy Gray, & Kim G.
16 species: Common Eider 6, Ring-necked Pheasant 3, Herring Gull 3, Great Black-backed Gull 1, Double-crested Cormorant 1, Osprey 2, American Crow 5, Barn Swallow 1, Carolina Wren 5, Gray Catbird 8, American Goldfinch 5,

Song Sparrow 10, Eastern Towhee 15, Red-winged Blackbird 20, Common Yellowthroat 3, Yellow Warbler 1

[Curt Milton](#) – Good afternoon! It's a beautiful day here in Seattle with temps in the low-60s but ... not many birds. Two other birders I met at the Union Bay Natural Area said the same thing: slow! One person said there is a Virginia Rail to be seen there but ... not today, unfortunately.

Here is my list for today; American Crow: numerous (10+), Mallards: numerous, including several groups of ducklings (photo below), Canada Goose: numerous, Great Blue Heron: 4, Black-Capped Chickadee: Numerous, Song sparrow: numerous, Wood Duck, juvenile male, Anna's Hummingbird: 2, Bald Eagle: 2, American Robin: 2, California Scrub Jay, Red-Winged Blackbird: numerous, Osprey, Bushtit: 4-8. That's it. Thanks for organizing this! Curt



[Dan Kasuba](#) – Hi Kim, I just wanted to report in on my recent birdwatching. This was on 6/16, 7:30-9 am, Lido Key, Sarasota Florida: 4 green herons, 1 tricolored heron, 1 great egret and 3 GBHs, 2 snowy and 2 cattle egrets, 8 black skimmers, One royal and one least tern, 1 belted kingfisher, 1 red-bellied woodpecker, 3 brown pelicans, 1 brown thrasher, many mockingbirds, and 1 Eastern screech owl that has been roosting in a stand of palms in my yard ! Thanks and enjoy

[Susan Matheke](#) – Hi Kim, I just want to add the Northern Parula who landed on our railing, early morning of our bird walk. Beautiful bird. The same railing and window has seen the daily non-stop antics of a cat bird defending his territory from his reflection - the window is a mess but the cat bird is ok. Susan

[Tim Mooney](#) – Hi Kim – Just around the neighborhood in Cumberland, RI. The goldfinches are more noticeable this week, with a couple bright yellow males around. Also saw two red-spotted purples flutter through the yard. The butterfly milkweed that I planted last year came back and is starting to bloom. I can see that blazing orange from my work table and it makes me happy. Best, Tim

Red-tailed Hawk – 1, Red-shouldered Hawk – 2 , Turkey Vulture – 1, American Crow – 3, Fish Crow – 2 , Blue Jay – 3, Common Grackle – 4, Brown-headed Cowbird – 1, European Starling – 5 , Northern Cardinal – 4, Cedar Waxwing – 3, American Robin – 7 , House Finch – 2 , American Goldfinch – 2, Tufted Titmouse – 1 , Black-capped Chickadee – 2 , Song Sparrow – 2, House Sparrow – 11, Northern Flicker – 1 , Downy Woodpecker – 3, White-breasted Nuthatch – 2 , Mourning Dove – 2, Chimney Swift – 3 , Carolina Wren – 2, Baltimore Oriole – 1 , Northern Mockingbird – 2