

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

November 2nd, 2021

Incidental Notes.

- Nice reports on both near & far lists. Special thanks for non-Coot walk BI lists.
- And, note Lauren's postscript list for Oct. 19. In addition to adding it here I have updated the Oct. 19 report with these additions. Thanks Lauren, it is always great to get your submissions.
- And also, thanks to Martha for her mid-schedule list from Cambridge, MA.
- Both lists are an aggregate of observations from the two groups of observers (B.I. and Afar). Of course, Oct. 19 & Nov. 9 lists are not in the Nov. 2 aggregates.
- 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 – 43

Mallard – 24

Red-breasted Merganser – 9

Ring-necked Pheasant – 4

Cormorant species – 27

Great Blue Heron – 1

Great Egret – 11

Virginia Rail – 1

American Oystercatcher – 3

Killdeer – 1+

Herring Gull – 3

Great Black-backed Gull – 7

Mourning Dove – 18

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 2

Northern Flicker – 6

Merlin – 2

Blue Jay – 7

American Crow – 10

Black-capped Chickadee – 4

Brown Creeper – 3

Carolina Wren – 27

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 2

Hermit Thrush – 1

American Robin – 22

Gray Catbird – 1
European Starling – 30
Myrtle Warbler (Yellow-rumped Warbler) – 1
American Tree Sparrow – 1
Song Sparrow – 5
White-crowned Sparrow – 2
Slate-colored (Dark-eyed) Junco – 5
Northern Cardinal – 2
Red-winged Blackbird – 11
House Sparrow – 6

From Afar Pt. Judith, RI; Roseburg, OR

(17 species)

American Widgeon – 2
Mallard – 2
Hooded Merganser – 2
Double-crested Cormorant – 2
Great Egret – 2
Osprey – 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk? – 1
Belted Kingfisher – 2
Scrub Jay – 2
Common Raven – 2
Black-capped Chickadee – 2
White-breasted Nuthatch – 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2
Cedar Waxwing – 2
Yellow Warbler – 2
Spotted? Towhee – 2
Dark-eyed Junco – 2

Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers eBird report: Mansion - Minister's lot roads loop/nooks & crannies, Washington, Rhode Island, US. Nov 2, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM. Protocol: Traveling 1.0 mile(s) Checklist Comments: Sunny with 0-light NNE wind, cool & dewy. Loop from Corn Neck Rd. down Minister Lot rd to the end. Returned to Corn Neck Rd. via Tinker's Lane. investigated many back yards, hedgerows, Dee's Tug Hole northeast corner of Georgian Swamp. Participants: Vicki Butlevska, Carli T., Deb Martin, Socha Cohen, Susan Matheke, Diane King, Kim Bubko, Mena Hautau, Judy Gray, Heather Hatfield, Nigel Grindley, Cathy Joyce, George Davis & Kim G. 24 species (+1 other taxa). Canada Goose 43, Mallard 4, Ring-necked Pheasant 2, Mourning Dove 18, Virginia Rail 2, Great Black-backed Gull 7, cormorant sp. 23, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2, Northern Flicker 4, Merlin 1, Blue Jay 5, American Crow 3, Black-capped Chickadee 4, Brown Creeper 1, Carolina Wren 25, Gray Catbird 1, Hermit Thrush 1, American Robin 20, American Tree Sparrow 1, Dark-eyed Junco 5, White-crowned Sparrow 2, Song Sparrow 5, Red-winged Blackbird 11, Yellow-rumped Warbler 1, Northern Cardinal 2

Corrie Heinz – At Bethany's Airport Diner, Block Island: House Sparrow 6, Merlin 1, Killdeer 1.

Kim Gaffett – Going about my day on BI: Starling 30, Mallards 20, A. Robin 2, on BI; and 2 Osprey in Pt. Judith

Mena Hautau – Nov. 2, 2021 Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers at Bethany's.



Penny Lapham – Roseburg, OR, backyard and river. Belted Kingfisher, Mallards, Hooded Merganser Sharp-Shinned Hawk?, Common Raven, Dark-eyed Junco, Scrub Jay, Yellow Warbler, [Spotted?]Towhee, Great Egret, Black-capped Chickadee, Cedar Waxwings, Double-crested Cormorant, American Wigeon, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-breasted Nuthatch. [Since no quantifying numbers were included I will conservatively list each species as having 2 individuals. This is likely a way “under-count” (with the exception that I’ll list “1” for the Sharp-sinned hawk.)]

Tom Fetherston – At Clay Head Trails, Bl. Hi Kim – Always wonderful to spend time in such a beautiful place 😊 Marsh hawk (harrier), Sharp-shinned hawk, Northern flicker, Golden crowned kinglet, Brown creeper,

Carolina wren, Ringneck pheasant, American crow, Blue jay. Cheers, Fether [Since no quantifying numbers were included I will conservatively list each species as having 2 individuals.]

Vicki Butlevska 3 oyster catchers, 5 Am. Crows, 9 Red-breasted Merganzers, 11 egrets, 1 great blue heron, Herring gull, 4 cormorant. At Andy's way Sent from my iPhone

Postscript from Oct. 19, 2021

Lauren Miller-Donnelly– Hi Kim, Here is a new observation for **October 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

Preview for Nov. 16, 2021

Martha Vielie-Gass – Cambridge, MA. At Fresh Pond this morning, **November 9**, 2021: 8 Ring Necked Ducks, pair of Red Winged Blackbirds, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, White Breasted Nuthatch