

Friends of Point Pelee provide guided birding hikes throughout the Festival of Birds at Point Pelee National Park of Canada. Proceeds from hikes support the Friends of Point Pelee and Point Pelee National Park. This submitted report is a service of the FoPP Hike Leaders.

Another beautiful day greeted birders in the Park this morning. First bird observed by many was a very cooperative Grasshopper Sparrow observed right in front of the Visitor Centre front door. Warblers were also observed throughout the Park. Highlights reported this morning included YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT. One was reported from the tip area as well as another from the Woodland Nature Trail. Not far away, a PRAIRIE WARBLER was reported from the "Sparrow Field". BLUE-WINGED WARBLERS and a few late RUSTY BLACKBIRDS were scattered throughout. A RED-HEADED WOODPECKER was seen at the tip and a very vocal RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER teased birders at Tilden's Woods, as did a CAROLINA WREN. Also following the guided walk there was a very photogenic YELLOW-THROATED VIREO. A WHITE-EYED VIREO was spotted at the Tip.

Also reported yesterday from the Park was two WORM-EATING WARBLERS. One was in Tilden's Woods (east of the boardwalk) and one along stop #15 in the Woodland Nature Trail. Also reported in Tilden's Woods yesterday was a KENTUCKY WARBLER, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH (2), and NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (16). A PROTHONOTARY WARBLER was seen at stop #12 along the Woodland Nature Trail.

Outside the Park a SNOWY EGRET was reported (May 2nd) from the bridge on County Rd. 20 in Amherstburg (near Holiday beach). On May 1st, 8 WILLET were reported from Wheatley Harbour and Hillman Marsh C.A. shorebird cell had 5 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS AND 1 EURASIAN WIGEON.

Good Birding,
Hike Leaders Pete, Karl, Dave, Justin, and Mary Anne

FESTIVAL OF BIRDS MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 18, 2009

Join us for the 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner
Friday May 8th, 2009 @ 5:30 PM
Pelee Days Inn- \$60 per person (\$25 tax receipt)

Reservations can be made at www.friendsofpointpelee.com
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To help our environmental impact...this is a ticket-less event!
Presentation-Journey to the land of Subarctic Shorebirds,
Take a virtual journey to James Bay's Akimiski Island and discover
Shorebirds and other subarctic wonders through the eyes of birding
Expert and photographer **Jean Iron.**