

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.

May 3, 2009

Birding so far today has been almost a mirror image of yesterday. Not many new birds have been reported today but few appear to have moved on either. Nevertheless, the sunny weather is affording great looks at many common birds. The GRASSHOPPER SPARROW continues to draw attention in front of the Visitor Centre, posing for both birders and photographers. It has been at the same spot for at least 3 days now.

In addition to the male PROTHONOTARY WARBLER reported from the south end of the Woodland Nature Trail (WNT), another, this time a female was reported from the north end of the trail. Also reported in the vicinity were a WHITE-EYED VIREO and NORTHERN PARULA.

Reports from the tip area included a CLAY-COLORED SPARROW, 2 YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRDS (male and female observed flying off the tip south), several INDIGO BUNTINGS and both species of ORIOLES. Offshore were late lingering BUFFLEHEAD (7), BLACK SCOTER (1), and WHITE-WINGED SCOTER (1).

Tilden's Woods continues to be the most active area at the south end of the Park. Again, the same complement of birds appears to be present. This includes numerous BLACK-THROATED GREEN and BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLERS. Other reported included CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER, YELLOW-THROATED VIREO, BLUE-HEADED VIREO, ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER and HOODED WARBLER (female). The KENTUCY WARBLER has not been reported yet today, but it seems possible that it too is still around.

Outside the Park, a local birder reported LEAST BITTERN, COMMON MOORHEN (1) AND AMERICAN COOT (2) from the bridge along the north side of Hillman Marsh.

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

FESTIVAL OF BIRDS MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 18, 2009

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Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 5:30 PM  
Pelee Days Inn- \$60 per person (\$25 tax receipt)

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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**.