

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 5, 2009

Another pleasant morning for birding in the Park. Many birds scattered throughout the Park. While we haven't heard from everywhere here are the highlights.

Aside from a Golden-winged Warbler, Black Scoter and Surf Scoter, few species have been reported at the tip today. Most birds have been reported north of the tram halfway stop.

On the Woodland Nature Trail, a male Prothonotary Warbler kept investigating one of the nest boxes, while it scrapped with a persistent House Wren. The fighting was intense. This is at the south end along the boardwalk near post 11. Also noted in that area was a Prairie Warbler and a Cape May Warbler.

At the north end of that slough, a female Prothonotary is still present. That is the first bridge going clockwise around the trail. Elsewhere on this trail, Blue-winged Warbler and a number of other warbler species were reported. We should mention that one group reported a SPOTTED TOWHEE late yesterday on the Woodland Nature Trail, I believe it was either Post 6 or 8. South of the WNT on the Post Woods seasonal trail, our first reported Lincoln's Sparrow was spotted.

Off the West Beach, seen from the West Beach Parking area, at least 4 Surf Scoters were observed splashing as they chased one other.

Tilden Woods seems to be the hotspot for warblers (at the moment). Though a bit low in number and scattered, species reported included Louisiana and Northern Waterthrush, Kentucky, Worm-eating, Northern Parula, Blackburnian, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green Warblers. Ovenbird and Nashville, Magnolia and Black-and-white Warblers were found as well, as were Blue-headed and Yellow-throated Vireo.

As the afternoon waned yesterday, about 10 species of warbler were found near Sanctuary Picnic Area (park at Northwest Beach). This included Wilson, Palm and Blue-winged. A Golden-winged Warbler was reported from there today.

From further a field, an adult Little Blue Heron was reportedly seen at Wheatley last evening, flying up one of the lagoons.

Good Birding,
Hike Leaders Pete, Karl, Dave, Justin, Todd and Marianne

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

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Take a virtual journey to James Bay's Akimiski Island and discover
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Expert and photographer **Jean Iron.**