

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 6, 2009

Tilden's Woods continues to attract birds and birders. One possibly two GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS were reported there this morning. Also present were a number of MAGNOLIA WARBLERS, CAPE MAY WARBLER, several BLUE-HEADED VIREOS and LEAST FLYCATCHERS, AMERICAN REDSTART, OVENBIRD and BLUE-WINGED WARBLER. The LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was heard singing southwest of the boardwalk again.

Slightly further north and west of Tilden's Woods another 4 BLUE-WINGED WARBLERS were reported, as was another male GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER at Black Willow. Also observed at Black Willow was one of our first WILLOW FLYCATCHERS of the spring. At DeLaurier an EASTERN BLUEBIRD and "YELLOW" PALM WARBLER were spotted.

Down at the Tip, a WILLET was observed first thing this morning, sitting on the beach. Also present amongst the other gulls there was a LESSER-BLACK BACKED GULL (age not noted). Slightly further north, along the West Beach trail, a CLAY-COLORED SPARROW was seen well. Another (?) was reported in the vicinity of the Solar Panel display yesterday. At the half way stop (for the tram) along the west beach, a GRASSHOPPER SPARROW was reported.

We have had few other reports from elsewhere in the Park. For example, there have been no reports of the PROTHONOTARY WARBLER along Woodland Nature Trail this morning.

Yesterday afternoon, a WESTERN MEADOWLARK was discovered along the west beach, just north of the tip train loop. It was frequenting the area near the Honey Locust tree ("Serengeti Tree").

Although people did look for the SPOTTED TOWHEE, no one reported it yesterday.

Good Birding,

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

FESTIVAL OF BIRDS MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 18, 2009

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

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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**.