

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 8, 2009

As has been the case the last number of days Tilden's Woods continues to consistently produce the widest diversity of species. Overall numbers are also expected to increase in the near future after the next wave of migrants arrives. Highlights reported from Tilden's this morning were WORM-EATING WARBLER (far NE corner – heard only), LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH (singing south of boardwalk), 'BREWSTER'S' AND BLUE-WINGED WARBLER, BAY-BREASTED WARBLER, several NORTHERN PARULAS and BLUE-HEADED VIREOS. In total 17 species of warbler have been reported from this location this morning.

Elsewhere, the tip has generally been slow, although this morning a SUMMER TANAGER was the highlight. It was observed at the very end flying attempting to fly out over the lake. Also reported from the vicinity was a WILSON'S WARBLER and BLUE-WINGED WARBLER. The LARK SPARROW photographed yesterday at the parking lot by the tip tram spot was not relocated. Out on the lake SCOTERS continue to be reported. This morning 12 BLACK SCOTERS were observed.

The Redbud Trail produced a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT and another was heard singing south of DeLaurier yesterday, a traditional breeding area. An EASTERN BLUEBIRD was reported from the parking lot there today.

The Woodland Nature Trail (WNT) also continues to attract a male PROTHONOTARY WARBLER. Although occasionally disappearing from view for up to an hour at a time, a bird is present near the southernmost bridge. The bird has been observed taking in nesting material into a nest box and scrapping with a HOUSE WREN. The female PROTHONOTARY WARBLER reported at the north end of the WNT a few days ago has not been reported recently. Elsewhere along the trail, a CERULEAN WARBLER and BLUE-WINGED WARBLER were reported this morning.

No reports have been submitted for areas in the northern half of the Park but the activity level yesterday afternoon had subsided a bit from the night before.

A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was also reported just north of the gate.

Good Birding,
Hike Leaders Pete, Karl, Dave, Justin, Todd and Maria nne

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Friday May 8th, 2009 @ 5:30 PM
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Expert and photographer **Jean Iron.**