

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.

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A few new migrants were noted in the Park, even as the winds became from the north late last evening. Many of the same pockets of birds were reported from similar areas to yesterday. Probably close to 20 species of Warbler are still in the Park.

At the tip, no sign of the CALIFORNIA GULL reported yesterday, but 5 WILLET were standing on the stubby Point left after the heavy Westerlies of yesterday.

At the tip an ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER and a BREWSTER'S WARBLER (HYBRID) were found.

A HOODED WARBLER was reported from the East side near the Sparrow Field.

On a walk from the Loop Woods north along the Post Woods seasonal trail, a RED-HEADED WOODPECKER was reported.

But once again the best birding was in Tilden and on the Woodland Nature Trail.

On Shuster's Trail on the way to the Tilden Trail a very co-operative CANADA WARBLER danced in the bushes. As we stood there watching it, a YELLOW-THROATED VIREO vied for attention of the birders, as did a BLACK-THROATED BLUE. Later, a first year SUMMER TANAGER was reported from that spot. It then flew into Tilden Woods but as of writing, had not been re-found.

A PEREGRINE FALCON was seen at the East side, at the end of Shuster Trail.

On the Chinquapin Trail to the north of Tilden a BLUE-WINGED WARBLER and a HOODED WARBLER were reported.

The Woodland Nature Trail held the interest of many birders. BAY-BREASTED, CAPE MAY, PARULA, CANADA WARBLERS were all reported on the East side of the trail between the bridges over the sloughs. The male PROTHONOTARY was also reported at the south-east corner.

As usual for Pelee a number of WHITE-EYED VIREO are being found throughout the Park.

On the way into the Park, someone spotted a N. MOCKINGBIRD about 300 metres north of the Park on Pelee Drive.

Though not mentioned before, it should be noted that BLACK TERNS have been seen over the last while at the Marsh Boardwalk.

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

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