

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.

Point Pelee National Park Migration Update for May 1, 2010

Mild temperatures and thundershowers greeted birders first thing this morning. Perhaps because of this changing weather birds seemed to be especially active, only resting briefly at the top of trees before moving on. Many birds were observed flying south off the tip. Nevertheless, many new arrivals were evident at the tip. At least 3 RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS could be seen flying back and forth. Also evident were BALTIMORE AND ORCHARD ORIOLES. Less obvious were the ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAKS, but they remained more stationary offering longer views. Also observed at the Tip were several WARBLING VIREOS, A WHITE-EYED VIREO AND BLUE-HEADED VIREO. Mixed in were a single CAPE MAY WARBLER, BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER, COMMON YELLOWTHROAT, NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, EASTERN KINGBIRD, AND LEAST FLYCATCHER. At the very tip was a "NELSON'S GULL" (HERRING X GLAUCOUS GULL HYBRID), CASPIAN TERN, COMMON TERN AND BONAPARTE'S GULL. Two SAVANNAH SPARROWS and a single FIELD SPARROW flitted nearby on the beach.

Elsewhere in the Park, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was report west of the Visitor Centre (close to the west beach), 2 WHITE-EYED VIREO'S and a BLUE-WINGED WARBLER were reported from Post Woods. A single OVENBIRD was observed from the Woodland Nature Trail and KENTUCKY WARBLER, BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER, BLUE-WINGED WARBLER and NORTHERN PARULA were all reported from Blue Heron.

Outside the Park 130 Willet (an impressive number) and 8 MARBLED GODWIT were reported from Hillman Marsh on April 30, 2010. They have not been reported yet today.

Good Birding,

Hike Leaders Pete, Karl, Todd, Justin, Marianne, John and Jeremy

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