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Point Pelee National Park Migration Update for May 7, 2010:

Birders woke to cloudy skies, brisk southeast winds, and an approaching storm. Prior to the rain, an adult LAUGHING GULL (possibly the same bird from a few days ago) stood right next to an adult BONAPARTE'S GULL on the very tip allowing for a nice comparison. A lone DUNLIN also walked around amongst the gulls. Compared to the thousands of BONAPARTE'S GULLS that were seen at the tip yesterday, almost none were evident today. Also the terns chose another location to loaf. Offshore a COMMON LOON, and all three SCOTER species were reported. Close to the tip, a male HOODED WARBLER sang regularly but it was more difficult to see, keeping down low in the shrubs. A GRASSHOPPER SPARROW was observed west of the tip tram stop.

At about 8:30 a.m., the rain finally arrived followed soon thereafter by thunder. Nevertheless, Tilden's Woods was very productive. Numerous pockets of warblers were actively feeding, most up high in the tree tops. A number of BLACKBURNIAN, BLACK-THROATED GREEN, NASHVILLE, BLACK-AND-WHITE and YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS were in evidence. Also scattered amongst them were BLACK-THROATED BLUE, TENNESSEE, CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLERS, OVENBIRD, AMERICAN REDSTART, several SCARLET TANAGERS, and PHILADELPHIA VIREO. A LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was described from the wet spot along Shuster's Trail. A YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT called a few times nearby.

We are waiting for the thunder and lightning to stop before new birds are reported.

A HUDSONIAN GODWIT was reported from Hillman Marsh yesterday afternoon. The WHITE-FACED IBIS also continues to be reported (yesterday) from along Big Creek at Malden Centre, Essex County.

Good Birding,

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

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