

2nd Annual Birding Cape Cod Weekend – 2007 May 12th & 13th, 2007

The second Annual Birding Cape Cod Weekend Event was held on May 12th and 13th, 2007. Members of the Cape Cod Bird Club led walks to top birding hotspots throughout the Cape Cod area. There was one walk in each town on both Saturday and Sunday and participants were welcome to stop by the Pilgrim Heights Hawk Watch in Truro both days.

Saturday was partly cloudy and cool with temperatures ranging from mid 40's to low 50's. For most of the day there were strong east/northeast winds with gusts up to 27mph recorded at the Pilgrim Heights Hawk Watch. On Sunday there was a light rain on the upper Cape early in the morning. Temperatures were in the upper 40's to upper 50's by afternoon with sunshine and a light northeast wind.

With Sunday the 13th being Mother's Day, the participation for the event decreased from last year's event with 155 people attending the walks, 95 on Saturday and 60 on Sunday.

The total number of species seen was 134 for the weekend, 103 on Saturday and 111 on Sunday.

Some highlights from the weekend were a MISSISSIPPI KITE and a BALD EAGLE seen at the Pilgrim Heights Hawk Watch in Truro on Sunday. Other highlights from the hawk watch were a PURPLE MARTIN and 37 COMMON LOON. At the West Harwich Conservation Area on Saturday there were 3 GLOSSY IBIS, 2 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, 200 LEAST SANDPIPER, and 4 MARSH WREN. During a dusk walk at the Crane Wildlife Management Area in Falmouth on Saturday there were, 5 AMERICAN WOODCOCK, 5 GRASSHOPPER SPARROW, 1 EASTERN MEADOWLARK, and 3 NORTHERN BOBWHITE. A NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH was recorded on the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary walk on Saturday. At the FALMOUTH TOWN FOREST on Sunday 1 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET was observed and 1 GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET was seen at Frost Fish Creek in Chatham. On Sunday during a dusk walk at Marconi in Wellfleet 5 WHIP-POOR-WILL were heard calling. A GREAT HORNED OWL was spotted roosting in a tree at the Kent's Point Conservation Area in Orleans on Saturday and one was heard calling at the Sandwich Conservation Area on Sunday. Seen in the Nauset Beach area on Sunday were 2 GREAT CORMORANT and 2 SEASIDE SPARROW. A late BUFFLEHEAD was seen on Sunday at the Salt Pond Visitors Center in Eastham.

The following is a complete list of all the birds recorded from each walk.

Canada Goose	60	Laughing Gull	45	Brown Thrasher.....	1
Brant.....	112	Ring-billed Gull	10	European Starling.....	2
Mute Swan	31	Herring Gull	147+	Cedar Waxwing	2
Wood Duck.....	1	Grt Black-backed Gull	49+	Nashville Warbler	2
Gadwall.....	4	Common Tern	5	Northern Parula.....	13
Am. Black Duck.....	39	Least Tern	3	Yellow Warbler.....	40
Mallard.....	34	Rock Pigeon.....	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	3
Green-winged Teal.....	2	Mourning Dove.....	66	Magnolia Warbler	5
Common Eider.....	20	Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	1	Black-throated Blue Warbler ...	3
White-winged Scoter	3	Great Horned Owl.....	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	37
Bufflehead.....	1	Whip-poor-will	3	Black-throated Green Warbler .	6
Red-breasted Merganser	14	Chimney Swift	3	Blackburnian Warbler	1
Northern Bobwhite.....	7	Ruby-throated Hummingbird...1		Pine Warbler	61
Red-throated Loon	2	Belted Kingfisher	9	Prarie Warbler.....	22
Common Loon	56	Red-bellied Woodpecker	16	Blackpoll Warbler.....	4
Northern Gannet.....	12	Downy Woodpecker	33	Black-and-White Warbler.....	1
Double-crested Cormorant...227		Hairy Woodpecker	8	American Redstart	3
Great Cormorant	2	Northern Flicker.....	17	Ovenbird	19
Great Blue Heron	5	Eastern Phoebe.....	10	Northern Waterthrush	1
Snowy Egret.....	10	Great-crested Flycatcher	17	Common Yellowthroat.....	45
Green Heron.....	2	Eastern Kingbird	11	Scarlet Tanager	3
Black-crowned Night Heron ...2		Blue-headed Vireo	1	Eastern Towhee.....	69+
Glossy Ibis.....	3	Red-eyed Vireo	5	Chipping Sparrow	53
Turkey Vulture	25	Blue Jay.....	75	Field Sparrow	3
Osprey.....	43	American Crow.....	212	Grasshopper Sparrow.....	5
Mississippi Kite	1	Fish Crow.....	8	Savannah Sparrow	7
Northern Harrier.....	5	Horned Lark	6	Saltmarsh Shp-tailed Sparrow..1	
Bald Eagle.....	1	Purple Martin	1	Seaside Sparrow.....	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	6	Tree Swallow	67	Song Sparrow.....	106+
Cooper's Hawk	1	N. Rough-winged Swallow	3	Swamp Sparrow	3
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Barn Swallow.....	61	White-throated Sparrow.....	5
Red-tailed Hawk	8	Black-capped Chickadee... 230+		Northern Cardinal	101+
American Kestrel	6	Tufted Titmouse.....	89	Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	2
Merlin.....	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	6	Eastern Meadowlark	1
Peregrine Falcon	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	17	Red-winged Blackbird	341+
Black-bellied Plover.....	36	Carolina Wren.....	9	Common Grackle	233+
Semipalmated Plover	2	House Wren	8	Brown-headed Cowbird	40
Piping Plover.....	15	Marsh Wren	6	Orchard Oriole	2
Greater Yellowlegs	24	Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	1	Baltimore Oriole	42
Solitary Sandpiper.....	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	1	House Finch	35
Willet	52	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	2	American Goldfinch.....	169+
Ruddy Turnstone.....	1	Eastern Bluebird.....	3	House Sparrow.....	9
Sanderling	30	Hermit Thrush.....	3		
Least Sandpiper.....	224	American Robin.....	110+		
Dunlin	25	Gray Catbird.....	124+		
American Woodcock	11	Northern Mockingbird	23		