

Checklist S32851380

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Location

Jackson Park, Chicago--Wooded Island/Bobolink Meadow area, Cook County, Illinois, US ([Map](#)) ([Hotspot](#))

Date and Effort

Thu May 05, 1994

Protocol: Historical

Party Size: 1

Observers: [Paul R. Clyne](#)

Comments: TOTALS ENTERED HERE ARE INCLUDED IN COMPOSITE JACKSON PARK, CHICAGO, CHECKLIST FOR THIS DATE. Day's routing: 06:45-09:50: Promontory Point (Burnham Park), Music Court, Wooded Island, North Lagoon; 14:20-15:40: North Lagoon, Bobolink Meadow, 63rd St. Beach, Wooded Island. Entire route on foot. Weather: Morning clear; 50 F at 06:30; winds calm. Afternoon cloudy; 72 F; winds SW 15 mph shifting to NW. For remarks on Jackson Park and southern Burnham Park sites, see <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S25360919>. [Checklist transcribed and uploaded to eBird by Paul R. Clyne in 2016, based primarily on computer printout compiled by Clyne, dated 16 June 1994.]

Species

64 species total

73 Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

36 ad., 27 downy young (5 broods)

6 Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

3 pairs at Wooded Island lagoons

14 Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

11 males, 3 females

2 Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

9 Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

(flock) northbound

1 Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

4 at East Lagoon

7 **Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
ad. at Heron Island (largest islet of East Lagoon)

1 **Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*
southbound at Driving Range

1 **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*
at East Lagoon

1 **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*
at East Lagoon

39 **Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*

15 **Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)** *Columba livia* (*Feral Pigeon*)

3 **Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*

1 **Chimney Swift** *Chaetura pelagica*
north of 57th St.

1 **Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*
male

3 **Downy Woodpecker** *Picoides pubescens*

2 **Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)** *Colaptes auratus*
auratus/luteus

4 **Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*
at Wooded Island

2 **Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus*
at Wooded Island

1 **Cassin's Vireo** *Vireo cassinii*

I submitted a documentation of this record to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and published details in Meadowlark 3.4:141-142, q.v. In brief, a very drab vireo in the "Solitary Vireo" complex, with an olive-green head (but with a dull gray wash, strongest on forehead and absent on nape), dull white throat and dull yellow wash to sides of upper breast. Photograph #3 (p. 375) in Farrand's 1988 Western Birds: An Audubon Handbook provides a very good match to the Jackson Park bird, although our bird may have been even less gray on the head than the photo bird. Significantly, this bird was singing persistently over a three-day period, 3-5 May, in the Japanese Garden at the northeast corner of Wooded Island on the first two dates, and between the Darrow Bridge and north bridge of Wooded Island on the last date. The song was likened by

all observers to that of Yellow-throated Vireo; compared to typical songs of Blue-headed Vireo, the song was lower in pitch, burry rather than sweet, with much longer pauses between phrases. No variations in song pattern were noted. At the time of occurrence, *cassinii* was classified as a subspecies of “Solitary Vireo” (*V. solitarius*), along with Plumbeous Vireo (form *plumbeus*). Unlike *plumbeus*, however, *cassinii* had received essentially no attention in field guide treatments of this complex, and most of the observers had no knowledge of its existence, much less characteristics, until the morning of the last date observation, when it was seen singing by Thomas S. Schulenberg (who was the first to propose *cassinii* as a candidate), Robert D. Hughes, and me. Subsequent attempts later that morning and the following day to record and / or elicit response from playbacks of vireo songs were in vain. As far as I am aware, none of the other six or more observers of this bird submitted documentation.

- 1 **Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius*
at Wooded Island

- 3 **Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata*

- 1 **American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
north of 57th St.

- 3 **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx
serripennis*
at East Lagoon

- 15 **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*

- 3 **Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*
at Wooded Island

- 1 **Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis*
at Wooded Island

- 2 **House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*

- 10 **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea*
9 at Wooded Island; 1 at north bank of West Lagoon

- 2 **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula*
at Wooded Island

- 1 **Gray-cheeked Thrush** *Catharus minimus*
at Wooded Island

- 1 **Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*
at Wooded Island

- 8 **American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*

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- 1 Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis*
at Music Court
- 4 Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum*
- 32 European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*
- 4 Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapilla*
(1 heard singing) at Wooded Island
- 2 Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*
(1 singing)
- 3 Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*
2 males, 1 female at Wooded Island
- 2 Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*
at Wooded Island
- 2 Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*
females
- 1 Cape May Warbler** *Setophaga tigrina*
male at Music Court
- 1 Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*
heard singing at Wooded Island
- 1 Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*
heard singing at SE islet of East Lagoon
- 1 Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga pensylvanica*
male at Wooded Island
- 2 Black-throated Blue Warbler** *Setophaga caeruleascens*
males at Wooded Island
- 37 Palm Warbler (Western)** *Setophaga palmarum palmarum*
- 17 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)** *Setophaga coronata coronata*
- 1 Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*
male singing at Wooded Island
- 10 Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina*

25 White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

13 White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*

1 Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*
at Bobolink Meadow

2 Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*

2 Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*

3 Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana*

1 Eastern Towhee *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
heard at Wooded Island

5 Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*
3 males, 2 females

14 Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

13 Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula*
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3 Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*
1 pair, 1 female

3 House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*
2 males, 1 female at Japanese Garden

4 American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*

Are you submitting a **complete checklist**
of the birds you were able to identify?

Yes