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Sketch or Photo

29 Jun 2007
Date 4/29/07 Time 8:30-10:15 A.M. Weather Cold, warming up - hazy
Location Ed Levin County Park

Notes Today my mom & I went primarily to check back on the BLPH nest we saw last time, but we saw other things of note.

Birds Seen
CAGO 50+ we saw last time, but we
PBGR 2 saw other things of note.
TUVU 9 The first item was a gray
WTKI 2 bird with a crest that looked
RTHA 1 and behaved like a flycatcher.
MODO 2 We made a few more observations
ANHU 2 and decided it was a WEWP.
NLUWO 1 We spotted a pair of goldfinches
WEWP 2 (AMRO) and another (LEGO) but
BLPH 4 (2 pairs) no LAGO, regretfully. We drove
WEST 1 over to the BLPH nest by the dog
YBMA 1 run and sat and waited for 45
AMRO 2 minutes, making a mark every time
NOMO 1 the babies were fed. The pair was

Points Noted:
- yellow @ base of bill
- gray head w/ small crest
- no eyering
- Flycatcherish shape & behavior
- cream on lower belly extending in a point up the chest
- smaller than the BLPH that took its perch
- faint wing bars
- not flicking tail
- heard click of bill when caught insect, returned to same perch

Conclusions:
Western Wood Pewee
2 seen

Common Name Western Wood-Pewee; Black Phoe
Latin Name *Contopus scitoides*; *Sayornis*

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Date 6 Jul 2007 Time 10-12:00 PM Weather Sunny, warm 70-75°
Location Mendon Ponds Park, Mendon, MA

Notes Birded with my mom, dad, sister, and grandma. Habitat was mixed deciduous woods with pond and meadow habitat. In the meadow near the pond, we saw several ~~EAFLS~~ and two HAWKS, the latter singing on top of the bluebird boxes. The first bluebirds we saw were female, but we saw a male later. We fed many of the trained BCCHs sunflower seeds, and they called many others in with their sweet "chip" calls. Further into the forest, a murder of crows were making a racket, numbering 20-30 birds. We thought maybe they might be mobbing an owl or hawk, so we braved the poison ivy and went off the trail. It turned out that they were simply having a "meeting of the board" or some other social event. At a small pond in the most mature part of the forest, we fed many more BCCH and saw a NOCA and a HAWK. We found and killed out a male HAWK after much patience, and a CHSP in the meadow also singing, and LEAPH at the forest edge.

Birds Seen
HAWK 1
LEAPH 1
AMCR 20
BCCH 15+
AMRO 2+
HAWK 2
LEABL 3
HOWA 1
CHSP 1
NOCA 3
AMGO 5+ (4)

What I Saw:
- medium-sized warbler with olive back and yellow underbelly
- black mask and bright yellow face
- sat upright, not hunched
- over like most of the warblers I've seen

Common Name - MO
Latin Name

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Date 11 Aug 07 Time ~9-11 AM Weather Sunny, light breeze
Location Don Edwards NWR Birded with mom

Notes Habitat: Restored Saltponds with islands in middle; fast-running slough with pickleweed. Driving up the road to Don Edwards, we saw a flock of RNPH containing ~40 birds. They were mostly juv., with a few adults. Then we drove to the parking lot, where we saw an unidentified sparrow 2 or 3 BARS, and a BHOW in its nest box. Then we walked out on the levee and looked at the islands in the middle where we heard that there were BLSKs nesting. We saw a pair on the first island, but there didn't seem to be any babies. However, I did see a FOTE nest with one chick! On the next island, there was another nesting BLSK pair, and they had two chicks. We saw a juv. BLTE through someone else's scope very far away on a post in the middle of the pond.

Birds Seen
CAGO 3
PBGR 1
ALUPE 28
GREG 5
SNEG 17
TUVU 5
AMCO 3
BNST 50+
GRYE 2
UESA 29
Bov. sp. 6
RNPH 150+
CAGU 200+
FOTE 7
BLTE 1
BLSK 6
MODO 5+
BHOW 1
BARS 15+
NOMO 2
CALT 2
SAUS 3
HOPI 12+

Common Name Red-necked Phalarope; Forster's Tern; Black Skimmer
Latin Name *Phalaropus lobatus*; *Sterna forsteri*; *Rynchops niger*