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### Sketch or Photo

**WEWP**  
Sketched from memory  
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**BLPH**  
Male and Female  
Feeding young

Starched in the field, details added from more observation in the field  
Feeding from 8:28 A.M. to 10:10 AM

**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*

29 Jun 2007  
Date: 6/29/07 Time: 8:30-10:15 A.M. Weather: Cold, warming up - hazy 60°  
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+
- PBGR 2
- TUVU 9
- WTKI 2
- RTHA 1
- MODD 2
- ANHU 2
- NUWO 1
- WEWP 2
- BLPH 4 (2 pairs)
- WEST 1
- YBMA 1
- AMRO 2
- NOMO 1

The first item was a gray bird with a crest that looked and behaved like a flycatcher. We made a few more observations and decided it was a WEWP. We spotted a pair of goldfinches (AMGO) and another (LEGO) but no LAGO, regrettably. We drove over to the BLPH nest by the dog run and sat and waited for 45 minutes, making a mark every time the babies were fed. The pair was

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• song was higher and slightly different from the recording on my I dentiflyer slower but sweeter

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• black mask and bright yellow face

• sat upright, not hunched. I over like most of the warblers I've seen

• yellow-olive back and tail

• sketched from male breeding pt in Sibley Eastern

**What I Saw:**

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

Common Name: - MO  
Latin Name: - MO

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 EABLs and two HAWRS, 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 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 HAWO. We found and killed out a male HAWO after much patience, and a CHSP in the meadow also singing, and L EAPH at the forest edge.

Birds Seen:

- HAWO 1
- AEAPH 1
- AMCR 20
- BCCH 15+
- AMRO 2+
- HAWR 2
- KEABL 3
- HOWA 1
- CHSP 1
- NOCA 3
- AMGO 5+ (4)

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**Red-necked Phalarope**  
black back of the male leading into brown on the sides; singing bill

black edge (juvenile) of wing  
black and brown  
white neck, face, and chest

beginnings of nonbreeding plumage  
long primary wing back  
black cap  
white breast

Forster's Tern (nonbreeding)  
black cap  
white breast

Black Skimmer (nesting)  
black cap  
white breast

Call of BLSK like "ems" but deeper and stronger, less rattling

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

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
- AWPE 28
- GREG 5
- SNEG 17
- TUVU 5
- AMCO 3
- BNST 50+
- GRYE 2
- UESA 29
- Low sp: 6
- RNPH 150+
- CAGO 200+
- FOTE 7
- BLTE 1
- BLSK 6
- MODD 5+
- BNOW 1
- BARS 15+
- NOMO 2
- CALT 2
- SAUS 3
- HOPI 12+

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