

Birds on W. Ironbound Island

Eric Mills, July 6, 2009

Dear James and the KCC,

Yesterday's trip to W Ironbound didn't yield many birds because of wind and time of day. Nonetheless, here's my list in case it's useful add to the other atlas results. I've given numbers (estimated, in parentheses) and the breeding status letter according to yesterday's observations.

Common Eider - (ca. 100) H
Sooty Shearwater - (2) X
N. Gannet - (ca. 20) X
D.-cr. Cormorant - (ca. 40) nests
Great Blue Heron - (3) H
Merlin - (1, maybe 2) H
Herring Gull - (ca. 100) FY
Great Black-backed Gull - (ca. 20) FY
Black Guillemot - (2) H - and maybe T if you saw them a week ago
Am. Robin - (20+) CF
Song Sparrow - (25) A
D.-e. Junco - (10) A
Common Grackle - (1) H

Slim pickings! But a lovely place and no doubt easier to bird in the early morning.

All the best,

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