

heron, a green heron and a kingfisher were here. a great horned owl & a spotted sandpiper were birds noted this time but not on last census. There were fewer bass working in upper channel than last time. Returned to car by late twilight. Heard the whippoorwill here and in Baldwins woods area.

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at about 1:00 P.M., placed a 6 foot piece of string on the leg of the tame screech owl and staked it out on back yard lawn. The following birds appeared in the following order:

Catbird, called at approx 30 feet but did not leave protection of trees. Its call attracted the robin.

robin, arrived and immediately called from approx 15 feet. Its loud vigorous call immediately attracted other birds and was responsible for the congregation of birds. The robin remain at about 15 feet and dove several times, passing overhead of owl by approx 3 feet. In two minutes 6 other robins had arrived from various directions.

blue jay: Immediately followed robin in arrival and in 1 minutes 5 blue jays were in area. They called at about 15 feet and four on four occasions passed over the head of the owl by less than 2 feet. The owl reacted each time. Blue jay remained at various distances while the robins were more consistently about 15 feet from the owl.

cardinal: four arrived (2 males & 2 females) and investigated the owl at about 8 feet away, some coming as close as 3 feet but never attacking the owl like the robin & blue jay.

starling: one local resident with family 100 away stopped and scolded at about 20 feet away.

song sparrow: 2 birds arrived late & called from 10 feet away.

yellow-shafted flicker: one arrived and alighted in tree 50 feet away & remained silent. It then dove down across owl (10 feet above it) and alighted in tree on other side of yard. It then return at a closer dive (3 feet above owl)