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Dear Dan,

Here are my sightings from June 21, 1993 until September 28, 1993.

KEY

m1=the first marsh created; the river trail encircles it.
m2=the second marsh area; it is adjacent to the old landfill.
grass=the old landfill.
river trail=the trail from Kenilworth between m1 and the Anacostia River.
Kenilworth=Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.

- 6/21-m2-19 Mallard, Great Egret, Tree Swallow, Northern Oriole, Killdeer
7/15-m1-30 Red-winged Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat
m2-Solitary Sandpiper, 2 Killdeer, 2 Mallard(1 young), 2 Green-backed
Heron(1 immature), Blue Grosbeak
grass-3 American Kestrel(family)
7/23-m2-14 Mallard(+2 broods, 1 of 3 birds, 1 of 1 bird), Belted Kingfisher, 2
Great Blue Heron, 2 Wood Duck, 4 Killdeer, Common Yellowthroat, 3
Canada Goose
grass-Blue Grosbeak, 2 Purple Martin, 7 Barn Swallow, 3 American Kestrel,
30 Laughing Gull(flyover), 2 Ring-billed Gull(flyover)
8/31-m2-4 Short-billed Dowitcher(juveniles), Spotted Sandpiper, 3 Green-winged
Teal, 15 Killdeer, Osprey, Belted Kingfisher, 2 Forster's Tern, 26
Mallard, 6 Great Egret
grass-3 Blue Grosbeak, American Kestrel, 20 Fish Crow
m1-Chestnut-sided Warbler, Northern Parula, American Redstart, White-eyed
Vireo, Northern Oriole, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Kenilworth-Eastern Kingbird, 100 Red-winged Blackbird, Common
Yellowthroat, Northern Waterthrush
9/7-m1-3 Great Egret, Acadian Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, 2 Northern
Parula, 10 Killdeer, 5 Mallard, Black-crowned Night Heron(immature),
Cooper's Hawk
m2-Belted Kingfisher, 3 Wood Duck, 2 Spotted Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull,
3 Great Blue Heron
grass-100 Fish Crow, American Kestrel
9/12-m1-Black-crowned Night Heron(immature), 3 Great Egret, Least Sandpiper,
10 Killdeer, Northern Waterthrush
9/14-grass-18 Killdeer, American Kestrel
m2-9 Great Egret, American Black Duck, 15 Mallard, 2 Lesser Yellowlegs,
Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Black-crowned Night

Heron(immature), 3 Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, 9 Killdeer, 50 Red-winged Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat, Caspian Tern(flyover), 100 Laughing Gull(flyover)

m1-Northern Waterthrush, Magnolia Warbler, Common Nighthawk, Great Egret, Common Yellowthroat

9/20-grass-50 Fish Crow

m2-Great Egret, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Tree Swallow, 50 Chimney Swift, 8 Wood Duck, 4 Great Blue Heron, 10 Mallard, American Black Duck, 200 Laughing Gull(flyover), Caspian Tern(flyover)

m1-Great Blue Heron, Green-backed Heron, Northern Waterthrush, Ovenbird, 2 American Redstart, Bay-breasted Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Northern Parula, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 2 Wood Thrush, 2 Eastern Wood Pewee, 2 Common Yellowthroat, 3 Indigo Bunting, 2 Gray Catbird

9/28-Kenilworth-Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk(immature), 3 Northern Flicker

m1-50 Chimney Swift, Gray Catbird

m2-3 Wood Duck, 15 Mallard, 25 Chimney Swift, Northern Flicker, 100 Ring-billed Gull(flyover)

NOTES: Grassland area was mowed over the summer, the Grasshopper Sparrows that I suspected to have nested were evicted. An edge of overgrown grass remained between the ball fields and the marsh area but this was unproductive. Just grass and ragweed seemed to flourish here. I suspect if there had been more wildflowers here more birds would have been present.

m1 was mostly taken over by cutgrass and cattails. The Red-winged Blackbirds that were feeding in the summer had moved out by late summer-I don't know why. No sparrows and relatively few yellowthroats have been observed although the habitat looks good. The woods around m1(the river trail) was somewhat productive for migrant passerines.

m2 seems to have a more diverse marsh habitat than m1. The tidal areas have mudflats that attracted a few shorebirds, ducks, and herons. Canada Geese inexplicably moved out. Although the marsh here looks impressive, the bird diversity has been somewhat disappointing. I did not record Sora, Virginia Rail, American Bittern, wild Black-crowned Night Heron, Snowy Egret, Blue-winged Teal, Yellow Warbler, Marsh Wren, Common Moorhen or many other marsh species. Hopefully, the habitat will improve. I am curious to know if many ducks use this area in the winter. I'll keep looking.

Sincerely,



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