We conducted our census under heavy clouds and threatening rain. The breeze came up at 9:00 and a fine misty rain began to fall soon after, which quickly grew in intensity. Only those birders whose areas were close to Audubon House made it back in time; the rest of the group finished nesting material to the platform by pond 4, spotting the male American Redstart between ponds 5 & 3, and counting 450 Double-crested Cormorants packed like sardines on the island at pond 2 which faces Campus Drive.

American Redstart at the SJWS photo by Christine Jacobs