

AUDUBON PARK BIRD COUNTS: SEPTEMBER 2015

The count on the 30th was number 375 for this project; I recorded 98 species this month as against 97 for September, 2014. It just takes one.....During the month the River Otter was seen on occasions. There was a magnificent “six point” White-tailed Deer that I saw twice during the month.

So to the birds a Pied-billed Grebe was seen on the 20th. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 13th with two on the 26th. The highest count of the Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks was that of five on the 1st for most of the month just one seen. There were high counts of eight Mallard on the 26th and 55 Blue-winged Teal on the 20th. There was also a Green-winged Teal on the 26th.

Late in the month it was hawk time as there was a juvenile Broad-winged Hawk on the 25th and 27th with a light morph Short-tailed Hawk on the 25th. Two Merlins flew to the south on the 23rd with one on the 25th. A Sora was heard on the 23rd. There was a late White-winged Dove on the 4th. The last Chuck-will’s-widow was seen on the 20th, yes seen however I only heard an Eastern Whip-poor-will on the 27th. I have from time to time seen single Red-headed Woodpeckers but there were two adults on the 16th and 20th.

There was an Acadian Flycatcher on the 16th. White-eyed Vireos peaked at 25 on the 26th and Barn Swallows had a new high count of 233 on the 1st. All three regular migrant thrushes were seen there were single Veery on the 6th, 9th and 13th, a Gray-cheeked Thrush on the 13th and Swainson’s Thrushes on the 19th, 20th, 23rd and 26th. I keep hoping for a Wood Thrush.

A few interesting warblers were located there was a single Blue-winged Warbler on the 27th, a Tennessee Warbler on the 16th, a Chestnut-sided Warbler on the 16th and a Worm-eating Warbler on the 18th. There were high counts of six Ovenbirds on the 26th and five Northern Waterthrushes on the 18th. Finally there was a Blue Grosbeak on the 18th.

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