

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK, ORMOND-BY-THE-SEA
an unusual weekend

As I am still in the first year of this project I still do not know what is “normal” however this weekend did seem to break quite a few records. Any new high count for the park is shown in red and the new species is also in red.

Date	12.16.16	12.17.16	12.18.16
Hours	6	7	5
Wind	E 6	SE 6	SW 8
Common Loon	2		
Horned Grebe	5	8	
Northern Gannet	1,185	4,880	3,110
Brown Pelican	105	226	105
Gadwall	14		
American Wigeon	10		
Northern Pintail	14		
Green-winged Teal	420		
Redhead	37		1
Canvasback	27	4	
Greater Scaup	1060		
Lesser Scaup	17,200	3,150	185
Surf Scoter			3
White-winged Scoter			2
Black Scoter	143	199	14
Bufflehead	12	18	
Red-breasted Merganser	159	25	6
Red Knot	80	95	76
Pomarine Jaeger	4	7	3

Parasitic Jaeger	1		1
Laughing Gull	360	2,920	800
Franklin's Gull			1
Ring-billed Gull	77	52	47
Herring Gull	13	47	9
Iceland Gull			1
Great Black-backed Gull	17	24	3
Royal Tern	15	18	6
Sandwich Tern	20	37	8
Forster's Tern	19	15	8
Black Skimmer	187	32	4

Both the Iceland Gull and the Franklin's Gull were in first-winter plumage. The Iceland Gull is the 190th species for the park and the 188th for this year. On Sunday as the wind increased the gannet passage more or less came to an end hence just five hours that day.

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