

## TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS -AUGUST, 2016

For much of the month conditions were calm and sunny however for the last week there were stronger winds from the east. On the 31<sup>st</sup> the winds came from the southwest with the occasional shower.

There was a young Brown Booby on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The last Yellow-crowned Night-Herons (four) were seen on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Blue-winged Teals were seen from the 5<sup>th</sup> with a new high count of 248 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. A single Green-winged Teal flew to the south on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Black-necked Stilts were seen occasionally with 15 on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 21<sup>st</sup>. American Avocets put in their first appearance with one on the 5<sup>th</sup> and two on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were single Solitary Sandpipers on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Willets were the feature of the month with very large numbers on the beach; there were 283 on the 7<sup>th</sup> with 446 on the 20<sup>th</sup>, then 360 seen on the 21<sup>st</sup> with 62 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. A Marbled Godwit flew to the north on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

It was nice to see Parasitic Jaegers back there was one on the 26<sup>th</sup> with two on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two Roseate Terns on the 10<sup>th</sup> with one on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were two adult Arctic Terns in breeding plumage on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Black Terns were seen all month with 81 on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The last White-winged Doves (two) were seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Ruby-throated Hummingbird on the 20<sup>th</sup> with an Eastern Kingbird on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Loggerhead Shrikes peaked at three on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a Tree Swallow on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Bank Swallows peaked at 14 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were single Cliff Swallows on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Barn Swallows peaked at 1429 on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Yellow Warbler on the 10<sup>th</sup> with a Prairie Warbler on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finally there was a Louisiana Waterthrush on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Both the Yellow Warbler and the Louisiana Waterthrush were new species. The other two were American Avocet and the Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

During this month up to 42 species were seen a day and there were 2,581 birds on the 5<sup>th</sup>. In all during August 87 species were seen during 17 surveys. A total of 171 species have been noted this year with 174 overall for this site.

So what will September bring?

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