

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS –JUNE, 2019

Well the quietest month of the year is now over as expected no additions to the list. This year as in 2016 and 2018 just 71 species located, there were 77 species in 2017. There were 30 surveys over 120 hours i.e. just four hours a day on most days even that seemed too long. A total of 37 species seen on the 19th and there were 476 birds on the 14th. For the year to date 186 species were seen with an overall list of 256 species.

Unexpectedly there was a Cory's Shearwater on the 28th (east wind at 3 mph). There were single Brown Boobies on the 6th and 10th both were immatures. There were single Northern Gannets on the 2nd, 3rd and 15th. Switching to the herons there were single Reddish Egrets on the 8th, 15th and 30th. There was a Green Heron on the 7th. Roseate Spoonbills were seen on seven dates with 16 on the 4th, ten on the 13th and 16 again on the 25th. On the 23rd a flock of six Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks flew to the north OVER the park; this is just the third record for the park. There were two Swallow-tailed Kites on the 1st with one on the 2nd and two again on the 7th.

Out at sea Black-necked Stilts were seen flying to the south on three dates five on the 7th, seven on the 12th and five on the 19th. There was a Greater Yellowlegs on the 26th. Willets were seen from the 3rd with 14 on the 27th and 13 on the 29th. There were three Semipalmated Sandpipers on the beach on the 4th. There were two Gull-billed Terns on the 15th. Common Terns were seen on four dates with one on the 10th, two on the 19th, two on the 21st and seven on 24th. Another rarity was three Arctic Terns on the 17th (SE 13) this is a joint high count. There was a first summer Black Tern on the 9th and Black Skimmers were seen to the 8th.

There were single White-winged Doves on the 11th and 28th. Single Downy Woodpeckers were noted on the 19th and 21st. There were single Great Crested Flycatchers on the 26th and an Eastern Kingbird on the 11th. There was a Loggerhead Shrike on the 30th. Single American Crows were seen on the 6th and 30th. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 19th. Finally House Finches peaked at 24 on the 25th.

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