

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS- JULY, 2019

Well fall migration is underway if at a slow pace; there were no additions to the list. For the year I have recorded 188 species with 256 ever. For this month 88 species were seen during 31 surveys and 120 hours. So far I have conducted 1,096 surveys over 5,295 hours. The best days this month were the 27th when 39 species and the 25th when 768 birds located.

There was a Great Shearwater on the 5th (wind SE5) with an immature Brown Booby on the 25th (wind SW 4). There was a Reddish Egret on the 5th and a Green Heron on the 2nd with two on the 16th. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 7th whilst Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen all month with five on the 8th. A Roseate Spoonbill was seen on the 17th with six on the 22nd, then one seen on the 29th. Unexpectedly an adult Black Scoter flew to the south on the 16th. During the month 77 Swallow-tailed Kites were seen with 13 on the 2nd. Also on the 2nd two Mississippi Kites flew to the south. There were single Short-tailed Hawks (light morph) on the 14th with a Red-tailed Hawk on the 23rd.

A total of 56 Black-necked Stilts seen with 14 on the 4th and 22 on the 14th. There were single Greater Yellowlegs on the 20th and Lesser Yellowlegs on the 24th. There were single Whimbrel on the 11th and 31st. Unexpectedly there were two Marbled Godwits (they flew to the south) on the 11th with more normally one on the 28th. Ruddy Turnstones were seen from the 13th and Sanderling were seen from the 7th. Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen from the 23rd in all 420 seen with 96 on the 24th. Least Sandpipers were seen from the 13th. There were single Pectoral Sandpiper on the 18th, Stilt Sandpiper on the 26th and Short-billed Dowitcher on the 11th. Laughing Gulls have been migrating to the south all month if in low numbers. There was a Gull-billed Tern on the 29th and a Roseate Tern on the 11th both were adults. Finally for this group Common Terns were seen occasionally from the 1st.

There was a new high count for the Common Ground-Dove there were five on the 11th, 28th and 29th. There were single Downy Woodpeckers on the 1st, 28th and the 30th. There was also a Pileated Woodpecker on the 20th. A single Great Crested Flycatcher was seen on the 3rd, 4th and 6th. A rarity was a Gray Kingbird on the 31st. There was a Loggerhead Shrike on the 2nd with two on the 3rd. At the end of the month there was one on the 30th with two on the 31st. The bird of the month was a Florida Scrub-Jay on the 6th this is just the second record for the park (the other was on June 14, 2018). There were single Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 24th with a Bank Swallow on the 27th. There was a new high count for Northern Mockingbird there were 17 on the 11th. On the 10th single Northern Parula and Common

Yellowthroat were seen. Finally there was a male Shiny Cowbird on the 19th. Harry Robinson.