

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS – JUNE, 2021

Another month in the record book; a total of 91 species seen this is a high count. So far this year 224 species seen this is a higher total for half of the year than seen in the WHOLE of each of the first four years. In all 293 species were seen with the addition of one species this month. There were 30 surveys in June over 177 hours. The best days were the 15th with 44 species and the 16th with 619 birds.

There was a Scopoli's Shearwater on the 27th. On the 27th there was also a single Great Shearwater with six on the 28th and two on the 29th. There were single Leach's Storm-Petrels on the 1st and the 2nd. There was an immature Masked Booby on the 15th with an immature Brown Booby on the 22nd. There were two Northern Gannets on the 2nd with singles on the 3rd and 4th. There were also three on the 15th. There were single Magnificent Frigatebirds on the 5th, 8th, 17th and 22nd.

There was a Reddish Egret on the 19th. There were single Green Herons on the 8th and 28th. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 9th. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen all month with counts of six on the 6th and five on the 19th. The first fledged young was seen on the 29th. White Ibis flew to the north all month with high counts of 244 on the 16th and 234 on the 19th. There were 60 Glossy Ibis on the 7th with 39 on the 14th, 26 on the 15th and three on the 17th. There were two Roseate Spoonbills on the 2nd later from the 13th they were seen flying to the north on nearly every day. In all 163 were seen with a high count of 30 on the 23rd. There was a Wood Stork on the 16th with 14 on the 26th and three on the 27th.

For the ducks 14 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks flew to the south on the 12th this is a high count. A party of five flew to the north on the 14th (June & July are the two months for this species). A flock of four immature Muscovy Ducks flew north by the shore on the 18th this is another high count.

Swallow-tailed Kites were seen daily with high counts of 11 on the 17th and the 24th. There were single Mississippi Kites on the 8th and 10th. There was an immature Bald Eagle on the 16th. There was a dark morph Short-tailed Hawk on the 10th.

There were two Black-bellied Plovers on the 1st with one on the 9th and three on the 15th. Black-necked Stilts were seen on eight dates from the 13th a total of 56 flew to the south most were out at sea. The high counts were 19 on the 18th and 12 on the 23rd. There were three Greater Yellowlegs on the 14th. Willets were seen on 24 dates with a high count of 17 on the 27th. There was a Whimbrel on the 18th. There were two Ruddy Turnstones on the 1st with three on the 7th. There was a Sanderling on the 1st with five Semipalmated Sandpipers on the 22nd.

There was a Gull-billed Tern on the 14th. Least Terns were seen all month with 13 on the 1st, 15 on the 14th and 15 again on the 17th. There was a Black Tern on the 5th. There was a Black Skimmer on the 3rd with two on the 5th, three on the 24th and two on the 25th.

There were single White-winged Doves on the 21st, 23rd and 27th. There was a young Great Horned Owl on the 13th. Chuck-will's-widows were heard to at least the 27th singles seen with two on the 5th. Now to the new species there was a Hairy Woodpecker on the 16th. There were singles Eastern Kingbird on the 13th and Gray Kingbird on the 24th. Single Loggerhead Shrikes were seen on the 5th, 12th and 29th. Up to two American Crows heard daily all month. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 15th with three on the 23rd. Barn Swallow high counts were six on the 2nd and seven on the 12th. There was a Tufted Titmouse on the 6th with a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher on the 4th. There were two Brown Thrashers on the 26th. There were single Northern Parula on the 4th and 11th. There was a singing Yellow-throated Warbler on the 11th. There was a female Summer Tanager on the 13th. Single Brown-headed Cowbirds were seen on the 14th, 16th and 18th. House Finches were present all month with high counts of ten on the 21st and 11 on the 23rd.

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