

## **TOM RENNICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS – JULY, 2021**

Another month it looked like there would be no new species until the last 30 minutes of the last day. There were 31 surveys over 180 hours and the best days were the 21<sup>st</sup> with 48 species and the 25<sup>th</sup> with 838 birds (how low these numbers are compared to November/January). For the month 97 species located this is a joint high count with 2018. There have been ten additions this year with 229 for the year to date and 294 ever (it is creeping up to the 300 count).

There was a Cory's Shearwater on the 1<sup>st</sup> with two Great Shearwaters on the 6<sup>th</sup> and one on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a Magnificent Frigatebird on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a Reddish Egret on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a Green Heron on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Single Black-crowned Night-Herons were seen on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were around all month with five on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>. Glossy Ibis were seen occasionally with 40 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 15 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Roseate Spoonbills (adults) migrated to the north to the 15<sup>th</sup>; 81 in all. The best day was the 3<sup>rd</sup> when 41 flew to the north. There were also singles on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Wood Storks were seen occasionally with eight on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Most unexpected was a Fulvous Whistling-Duck on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Swallow-tailed Kites were seen on most days with 13 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 on the 11<sup>th</sup>, seven on the 21<sup>st</sup> and five on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were two Mississippi Kites on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with one on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were single light-morph Short-tailed Hawks on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

There were single Black-bellied Plovers on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There were nine Semipalmated Plovers on the 21<sup>st</sup>. On the beach there was a Piping Plover on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Black-necked Stilts seen from the 5<sup>th</sup> there were three on that date with higher counts of 20 on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 27 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 15 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were two Greater Yellowlegs on the 19<sup>th</sup> with one on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a Lesser Yellowlegs on the 13<sup>th</sup> with two on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Willets' were seen all month with 61 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>. There were three Spotted Sandpipers on the 21<sup>st</sup> with three Whimbrel on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a Marbled Godwit on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were three Ruddy Turnstones on the 15<sup>th</sup> with one on the 21<sup>st</sup>, two on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and one on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a breeding plumage Red Knot on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Sanderling were seen from the 20<sup>th</sup> with 140 on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 110 on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 70 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen from the 12<sup>th</sup> with 89 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 240 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 350 on the 24<sup>th</sup> ( new high count), then 330 seen on the 25<sup>th</sup> with 30 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were eight Least Sandpipers on the 21<sup>st</sup> with three on the 27<sup>th</sup> and singles on the 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. There were single Pectoral Sandpipers on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There were two Stilt Sandpipers on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There were single Short-billed Dowitchers on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with six on the 21<sup>st</sup> and one on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There was a Gull-billed Tern on the 6<sup>th</sup> with two Caspian Terns on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a Common Tern on the 7<sup>th</sup> with two on the 20<sup>th</sup>, two on the 29<sup>th</sup> and three on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Least Terns seen all month with 14 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 13 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and seven on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There were three Black Terns on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

There were single White-winged Doves on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Common Ground-Doves had a new high count of seven on the 24<sup>th</sup>. At the last minute there was an addition to the list there was a Budgerigar on the 31<sup>st</sup>. A female Chuck-will's-widow was present all month. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There were also single Belted Kingfishers on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Downy Woodpeckers had a new high count of four on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Up to two Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on five dates. There was a Great Crested Flycatcher to at least the 25<sup>th</sup>. There were two Gray Kingbirds on the 10<sup>th</sup> (a high count) with one on the 18<sup>th</sup>. American Crows present all month with four on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Purple Martins were seen to the 20<sup>th</sup> with 14 on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There was an adult Tree Swallows on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with two on the 28<sup>th</sup>, then singles seen on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were two Bank Swallows on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with one on the 27<sup>th</sup>, then six seen on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was also a Cliff Swallow on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Barn Swallows were seen all month with 113 flying to the south on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 23 Northern Mockingbirds on the 10<sup>th</sup> a new high count. Single Brown Thrashers were seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. There were two Yellow Warblers on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a Common Yellowthroat on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Common Grackles were seen to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Boat-tailed Grackles had a passage this year with a high count of 93 on the 9<sup>th</sup> there were also 43 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were four Brown-headed Cowbirds on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. House Finches present all month with 13 on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

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P.S. The list went up again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.....