

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK – BIRD COUNTS SEPTEMBER, 2021

Another month this time there were three additions to the list bringing the total up to 299 (so close). This year 243 species seen so far and 15 of them were new (I am attaching a table that shows what has been added and when). This month 139 species located which is way ahead of the previous high count of 124 last year. There were 30 surveys over 180 hours.

The records start with an exceptional sighting an American Bittern flying to the south out at sea on the 3rd. Great Blue Herons migrated to the south with 19 on the 10th and 37 on the 30th. For Snowy Egrets there were 41 on the 1st and 66 on the 2nd. Little Blue Herons had a new high count of 120 on the 1st. There was a Reddish Egret on the 8th. On the 18th a total of 210 Cattle Egrets flew to the south a new high count. Green Herons were located on six dates (up to two a day) to the 14th. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 4th. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen to the 19th with five on the 1st and four on the 15th. Later there were singles on the 25th and 28th. Roseate Spoonbills were seen on seven dates with seven on the 15th, seven on the 17th and 14 on the 23rd. Wood Storks seen occasionally with five on the 18th.

There was a Mallard on the 21st. Blue-winged Teals seen frequently with 850 on the 1st and 805 on the 7th. There were four Northern Shoveler on the 1st with singles on the 7th, 8th and 26th. There were three Northern Pintail on the 26th. Green-winged Teals were seen on five dates from the 7th with 65 on the 26th and 95 on the 27th.

There was a late Swallow-tailed Kite on the 3rd with a Mississippi Kite on the 21st. At the end of the month a Northern Harrier was seen on the 30th. There was a Sharp-shinned Hawk on the 14th. There were two Broad-winged Hawks on the 14th with one on the 28th. There were single American Kestrels on the 16th and 17th both flying to the south. There were two Merlins on the 12th then from the 18th a total of 18 seen. There were single Peregrine Falcons on the 21st, 25th and 26th.

There was an American Golden-Plover on the 3rd and six American Avocets on the 24th. There were two Lesser Yellowlegs on the 2nd with 12 on the 7th. There were single Solitary Sandpipers on the 2nd and 9th. There were two Spotted Sandpipers on the 1st with two more on the 2nd. There were two Marbled Godwits on the 11th. There were 16 Semipalmated Sandpipers on the 1st with eight on the 7th. Western Sandpipers seen from the 1st with 14 on that date, 18 on the 7th, 25 on the 20th and eight on the 23rd. There were 62 Least Sandpipers on the 1st with 13 on the 2nd, four on the 7th, three on the 17th and two on the 23rd. There were three Pectoral Sandpipers on the 1st with 15 on the 7th. There were six Dunlin on the 9th with two on the 30th. There were five Stilt Sandpipers on the 9th. There were 18 Short-billed Dowitchers on the 1st with three on the 5th and 22 on the 7th. There was also a Wilson's Phalarope on the 9th.

There was a Parasitic Jaeger on the 1st with two on the 11th and one again on the 20th. There were single Ring-billed Gulls on the 29th and Herring Gull on the 12th. There were single Gull-billed Terns on the 1st and 7th with three on the 11th and one again on the 15th. There was a Roseate Tern on the 9th. Common Terns were seen to the 26th with 65 on the 16th, 79 on the 17th, 120 on the 18th and 56 on the 20th. Forster's Terns were seen from the 3rd with seven on the 16th. Least Terns were only seen to the 12th. Black Terns were seen to the 21st with 27 on the 2nd, 25 on the 4th and ten on the 21st.

There was a White-winged Dove on the 30th. There was a Barred Owl on the 16th. The Chuck-will's-widow was heard to the 6th with another on the 23rd and 25th. Chimney Swifts were seen to the 11th with one on the 27th and two on the 29th. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds on the 6th, 19th and 26th. Belted Kingfishers were noted on ten dates in all 14 birds seen with three on the 22nd. Up to two Downy Woodpeckers were seen on most days there were also single Pileated Woodpeckers on the 2nd, 6th, 10th and 29th.

Now to the first of the new birds there was an Eastern Wood-Pewee on the utility wires near A1A on the 19th. There was a Great Crested Flycatcher on the 27th. Eastern Kingbirds were seen to the 28th with 38 on the 9th and 65 on the 23rd. A loggerhead Shrike was seen on seven dates. The second new bird was a White-eyed Vireo on the 29th. There were two Red-eyed Vireos on the 5th. Later they were seen daily from the 17th with five on the 20th and six on the 29th a new high count. American Crows seen or heard on most days with five on the 5th, five on the 9th and eight on the 10th a new high count.

There were single Purple Martins on the 9th and 23rd. There were two Tree Swallows on the 9th. There were single Northern Rough-winged Swallows on the 1st, 4th, 9th and 10th. There were three Bank Swallows on the 1st with four on the 2nd and 11 on the 9th. There were two Cliff Swallows on the 1st with one on the 2nd. There were 224 on the 9th with three on the 11th and two on the 12th. For the Barn Swallows there were 1,520 on the 9th and 670 on the 23rd. There were single Tufted Titmouse on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 26th. There was a House Wren on the 23rd. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were seen on eight dates from the 10th with two on the 19th, 26th and 29th.

There were three Veery on the 3rd with singles on the 7th, 24th and 25th. There were also three on the 26th these counts of three are the highest counts for the park. There were single Gray-cheeked Thrushes on the 24th and 25th with a Bicknell's Thrush on the 26th. Swainson's Thrushes were heard on seven dates with four on the 7th and six on the 26th a new high count. There were also single Gray Catbirds on the 22nd and 26th.

There were single Northern Parula on the 19th, 20th and 28th. There were also single Yellow Warblers on the 5th, 12th and 22nd. There was a Cape May Warbler on the 5th. A Black-

throated Blue Warbler was seen on the 19th and 20th. There was a Yellow-throated Warbler on the 27th. Single Prairie Warblers were seen on five dates from the 5th to the 29th with two on the 23rd. There was a Palm Warbler on the 14th with four on the 24th, then one seen on the 25th. There was a Black-and-white Warbler on the 19th. Single American Redstarts were seen on six dates from the 6th to the 25th. There was a Northern Waterthrush on the 28th. Common Yellowthroats were seen on five dates with counts of five on the 10th and 22nd. Now we come to the third addition to the list there was an immature Canada Warbler on the 22nd.

There was a Summer Tanager on the 13th with a Rose-breasted Grosbeak on the 16th. There were single Blue Grosbeaks on the 16th, 18th and 22nd. There was an Indigo Bunting on the 21st. There were two Dickcissels on the 7th with two more on the 14th. Bobolinks were seen to the 11th with 21 on the 3rd, 49 on the 7th and 140 on the 9th. There was a late individual on the 25th. There were two Common Grackles on the 23rd the only record for the month. There were single Brown-headed Cowbirds on the 3rd and 8th. There was a Baltimore Oriole on the 30th. Finally House Finches were seen on five days with counts of four on the 25th and 29th.

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