

## TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK

### BIRD COUNTS NOVEMBER, 2021

Another month this time there was just one addition to the list. There were 30 surveys over 184 hours producing 142 species for the month (there were 144 species in November 2020). This year to date a total of 268 species seen 19 were additions making a total list of 303 species. Can I reach 310 by the end of 2022? The best days were the 2<sup>nd</sup> with 65 species and the 20<sup>th</sup> with 5,252 birds. Now to the birds.

There was a Red-throated Loon on the 14<sup>th</sup> with two on the 19<sup>th</sup> and two again on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Common Loons were seen all month with 11 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 20 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a Manx Shearwater on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a single Brown Booby on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Northern Gannets were present all month with a count of 1,353 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. American White Pelicans were seen on nine dates with 20 on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 78 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Brown Pelicans peaked at 614 on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Double-crested Cormorants peaked at 132 on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Reddish Egret on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Single Black-crowned Night-Herons were heard on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>. There were three Glossy Ibis on the 4<sup>th</sup> with eight on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Roseate Spoonbills were seen on nine dates (always over the river) with 25 on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Wood Storks were seen on 18 dates with 18 on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 27 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. For the vultures the peak counts for the month were 165 Blacks on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 204 Turkeys on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Perhaps exceptionally there were geese this year with two Greater White-fronted Geese on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Snow Goose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Canada Goose on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Gadwall were seen on six dates with 13 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. American Wigeon were seen on four dates with six on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Now to the new species an American Black Duck this was seen on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a Mottled Duck on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There was a Blue-winged Teal on the 1<sup>st</sup> with 22 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and a late three on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Northern Shoveler on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with three on the 19<sup>th</sup> and four on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Northern Pintail were seen on eight dates with 30 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 30 again on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Green-winged Teal were seen on 12 dates with 70 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 127 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Canvasbacks were rare there were 17 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with ten on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 15 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Redheads were seen on ten dates with 20 on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 205 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ring-necked Ducks were seen on 18 dates with 105 on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 130 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Greater Scaup were seen from the 16<sup>th</sup> with 825 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 865 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Lesser Scaup seen all month with 1,820 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were single Common Eider on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There were two Surf Scoter on the 8<sup>th</sup> with three on the 20<sup>th</sup> and four on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were two White-winged Scoter on the 21<sup>st</sup> with one on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and two again on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Black Scoters were seen from the 7<sup>th</sup> with 126 on that date. Buffleheads were seen on 12 dates from the 11<sup>th</sup> with 11 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 14 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two Hooded Mergansers on the 16<sup>th</sup> with ten on the 18<sup>th</sup>, then eight seen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with one on the

24<sup>th</sup> and four on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Red-breasted Mergansers were seen from the 6<sup>th</sup> with 71 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were two Ruddy Duck on the 8<sup>th</sup> with two on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 15 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (a high count) and one on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Northern Harriers were seen on seven dates to the 15<sup>th</sup> with three on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a late record of two on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Single Sharp-shinned Hawks were seen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There was an immature light morph Swainson's Hawk on the 9<sup>th</sup>. A male American Kestrel was present all month. Merlins were seen on five dates to the 13<sup>th</sup> with four on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a late individual on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Peregrine Falcons were seen on five dates to the 19<sup>th</sup> with two on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There was an American Coot on the sea on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The fall shorebird passage was for the most part over. There was an American Avocet on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Willets peaked at 240 on the 5<sup>th</sup>. As a second record for the park a Long-billed Curlew flew to the north on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Red Knots were seen on nine dates with 37 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Three Purple Sandpipers flew to the north on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 Dunlin on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There were also 30 Long-billed Dowitchers on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a Wilson's Snipe on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finally for this group a party of five Red Phalaropes flew to the south on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pomarine Jaegers were seen on nine dates with ten on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Parasitic Jaegers were seen on ten dates with counts of three on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a Long-tailed Jaeger on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a first-winter Franklin's Gull on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Bonaparte's Gulls were seen on four dates from the 21<sup>st</sup> with four on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Herring Gulls peaked at 245 on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There were single Iceland Gulls on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen on 13 dates with 25 on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There were single Black-legged Kittiwakes on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Royal Terns peaked at 141 on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There were single Common Terns on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Forster's Terns peaked at 24 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were two Black Skimmers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with 90 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 16 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There were eight Common Ground-Doves on the 2<sup>nd</sup> this is a new high count. There was a Great Horned Owl on the 1<sup>st</sup> with two males shouting at each other on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a Ruby-throated Hummingbird on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with three on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – a new high count. Downy Woodpeckers were seen on five dates with two on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on six dates singles only. There was a late Eastern Wood-Pewee on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eastern Phoebe were present all month with six on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and seven on the 3<sup>rd</sup> a new high count. A Loggerhead Shrike was present all month. There were single White-eyed Vireos on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a new high count for Blue Jay as ten seen on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were 45 Tree Swallows on the 9<sup>th</sup> with 107 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were two late Cliff Swallows on the 14<sup>th</sup>. More normal were four Cave Swallows on the 9<sup>th</sup> (a high count) with one on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The last Barn Swallows were four on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was Tufted Titmouse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. A House Wren arrived on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and stayed to the end of the month. There were two on the 25<sup>th</sup> with three on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> this is a joint high count. There were single Blue-gray

Gnatcatchers on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. There were single Ruby-crowned Kinglets on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

There was an Eastern Bluebird on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the 5<sup>th</sup> there were three Gray-cheeked and one Bicknell's Thrush. There was a Hermit Thrush on the 4<sup>th</sup> with 11 on the 5<sup>th</sup> (another new high count), there were also two on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 80 American Robins on the 17<sup>th</sup> with one on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a Gray Catbird to the 7<sup>th</sup> with another on the 17<sup>th</sup>. European Starlings peaked at 720 on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 810 on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was an early Cedar Waxwing on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Warbler passage is over but there was an Orange-crowned Warbler on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There were two Northern Parula on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a Yellow-throated Warbler on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Palm Warblers peaked at eight on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There was also an American Redstart on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> there was also a Swamp Sparrow. A party of four Shiny Cowbirds (two males and two females) was seen on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> this is also a new high count. Brown-headed Cowbirds were seen all month with 80 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two House Finches in the area all month. Finally, there were four American Goldfinch on the 26<sup>th</sup> with three on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Next month should be quieter.

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