

## **TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS – MAY, 2022**

So, we come to the end of the spring migration. During May 122 species were recorded as against 127 for last year. So far this year 204 species noted. There were 31 surveys over 181 hours. The best days were 61 species on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 1,283 birds on the 13<sup>th</sup>. June is by far the quietest month of the year...

There was a Common Loon on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There was an Audubon's Shearwater on the 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a Wilson's Storm-Petrel on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a Leach's Storm-Petrel on the 13<sup>th</sup>. An adult Masked Booby flew to the north with an immature Northern Gannet on the 27<sup>th</sup> this is the 6<sup>th</sup> record and the first adult. There were immature Brown Boobies on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Northern Gannets were seen all month still two on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Brown Pelicans peaked at 230 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the month many were flying to the south – fall migration? Anhinga peaked at 25 on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There was also a Magnificent Frigatebird on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Reddish Egret on the 5<sup>th</sup> with single Green Herons on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Up to three Yellow-crowned Night-Herons seen all month. 60 White Ibis flew to the north on the 30<sup>th</sup> perhaps this is the start of the post-breeding dispersal (there were six on the 31<sup>st</sup>). There were six Glossy Ibis on the 1<sup>st</sup> with three on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a Roseate Spoonbill on the 9<sup>th</sup> with three on the 13<sup>th</sup>, one on the 15<sup>th</sup> and five on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There were three Wood Storks on the 6<sup>th</sup> with singles on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup>. Only low numbers of vultures again there were 98 Black on the 7<sup>th</sup> with 16 Turkey on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were two Egyptian Geese on the 29<sup>th</sup> (third park record). There were two Blue-winged Teal on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a Surf Scoter on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Up to four Swallow-tailed Kites seen daily. There were two Mississippi Kites on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The last Bald Eagle was seen on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There was an American Kestrel on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a Merlin on the 5<sup>th</sup> with two on the 6<sup>th</sup>, three on the 7<sup>th</sup> and one on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a Peregrine Falcon on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There were two Sandhill Cranes on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Black-bellied Plovers were seen to the 27<sup>th</sup>. There was an American Golden-Plover on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Semipalmated Plovers were seen from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> with 74 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was an American Oystercatcher flying north over the Halifax River on the 28<sup>th</sup> a Willet was with it. There were eight Greater Yellowlegs on the 9<sup>th</sup> with ten on the 14<sup>th</sup> and one on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were eight Lesser Yellowlegs on the 7<sup>th</sup> with one on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 15 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 18 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Willets were seen to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Spotted Sandpipers were seen to the 27<sup>th</sup> 16 in all there were six on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Whimbrel were seen from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> 44 in all with 11 on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Single Ruddy Turnstone and Sanderling were still present on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a Red Knot on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> with 535 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There

were single Least Sandpipers on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a White-rumped Sandpiper on the 9<sup>th</sup> with seven on the 19<sup>th</sup> and two on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There were single Pectoral Sandpipers on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. There were two Short-billed Dowitchers on the 11<sup>th</sup> with one on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were 26 Long-billed Dowitchers on the 11<sup>th</sup> with seven on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There were eight Red-necked Phalaropes on the 9<sup>th</sup> with one on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There was a Ring-billed Gull on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. There were single Gull-billed Terns on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with two on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two Roseate Terns on the 11<sup>th</sup> with two on the 18<sup>th</sup> and one on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were three Common Terns on the 9<sup>th</sup> with two Arctic Terns on the same date. Least Terns peaked at 28 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a Black Tern on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Black Skimmers were seen on 13 dates with 19 on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13 on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

There were single White-winged Doves on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a Nanday Parakeet on the 17<sup>th</sup> the first in a long time. There was a Great Horned Owl on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a Common Nighthawk on the 7<sup>th</sup>. A Chuck-will's-widow was present all month with two on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Single Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on eight dates. There were single Great Crested Flycatchers on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. There was an Eastern Kingbird on the 6<sup>th</sup> with three on the 8<sup>th</sup>, four on the 10<sup>th</sup> and five on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There were single Gray Kingbirds on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. There were up to two American Crows all month.

Purple Martins were seen on six dates with two on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tree Swallows were seen to the 15<sup>th</sup> with three on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There were single Northern Rough-winged Swallows on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There were three Bank Swallows on the 4<sup>th</sup> with three on the 5<sup>th</sup> and one on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a Cliff Swallow on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Barn Swallows seen all month with 306 on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 350 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There were four Blue-gray Gnatcatchers (a family party) on the 1<sup>st</sup> with one on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There was a Veery on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Gray-cheeked Thrush was heard on the 7<sup>th</sup> with two on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were two Swainson's Thrushes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with three on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Single Brown Trashers were seen on seven dates.

There was a Northern Parula on the 1<sup>st</sup> with two on the 8<sup>th</sup> and two again on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There were single Cape May Warblers on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Blackpoll Warblers were seen on nine dates from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> with two on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a Black-and-white Warbler on the 8<sup>th</sup>. American Redstarts were seen on ten dates from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> with two on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Single Common Yellowthroats were seen on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a Summer Tanager on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There was also a Rose-breasted Grosbeak on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a Bobolink on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with 120 on the 7<sup>th</sup> and five on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There were up to five House Finches seen all month.

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