

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS – JULY, 2022

Another month at least the fall passage is starting. A total of 99 species seen in July this is a high count (the previous high count was that of 97 in 2018 and 2021). There were 31 surveys over 181 hours of field work. So far this year 215 species seen with 306 ever. Nearly forgot there was an addition this month. The best days were the 19th with 46 species and the 25th with 497 birds.

We started with some shearwaters there were single Cory's Shearwaters on the 1st, 6th and 9th. There was a Great Shearwater on the 1st with two on the 2nd, two on the 6th and one on the 9th. There was also an Audubon's Shearwater on the 6th.

There were single Reddish Egrets on the 6th, 11th and 17th. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 3rd. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen all month with four on the 3rd. Glossy Ibis were seen on eight dates with 15 on the 12th and 27 on the 18th. There were three Roseate Spoonbills on the 1st with four on the 4th, five on the 7th and one on the 20th. Wood Storks seen all month with six on the 9th, seven on the 19th and seven on the 29th.

Very few vultures at the moment had 59 Blacks on the 18th and 27 Turkey on the 19th. The only ducks were three Blue-winged Teal on the 7th and a Surf Scoter on the 4th. Swallow-tailed Kites were seen to the 25th up to eight a day with 11 on the 19th.

Black-bellied Plovers were seen on seven dates from the 3rd with three on the 29th. There were also three Semipalmated Plovers on the 29th. There were two American Oystercatchers on the 3rd. Black-necked Stilts were seen on seven dates with eight on the 14th and 25 on the 25th. There were two Greater Yellowlegs on the 19th with a Lesser yellowlegs on the 22nd. There was a Solitary Sandpiper on the 25th. There was a Spotted Sandpiper on the 15th with three on the 23rd and one on the 24th. Next comes the addition to the list an Upland Sandpiper flew to the south on the 22nd. There was a Marbled Godwit on the 11th. There were three Ruddy Turnstones on the 20th with two on the 30th. Sanderlings were seen from the 21st with 43 on the 29th. Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen from the 23rd with 57 on the 29th. Least Sandpipers were seen from the 18th with 14 on the 20th. There was a Pectoral Sandpiper on the 10th with three on the 28th. There were four Stilt Sandpipers on the 11th with one on the 17th and four on the 19th. Short-billed Dowitchers were seen on nine dates with 11 on the 23rd.

There was a Ring-billed Gull on the 11th. There was a Roseate Tern on the 27th. There were single Common Terns on the 9th and 12th, they were then seen daily from the 16th when six seen. Least Terns seen on most dates with 11 on the 9th. There were three Black Terns on the 9th they were then seen on most days from the 19th with four on the 26th.

There was an Eastern Screech-Owl on the 10th. Two female Chuck-will's-widows were present all month one by the river the other by the park. Chimney Swifts peaked at 11 on the 3rd. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds on the 7th, 10th and 25th. There were also single Belted Kingfishers on the 1st, 4th, 29th and 31st. There was a Pileated Woodpecker on the 12th. There was a Great Crested Flycatcher on the 13th with two Gray Kingbirds on the 19th. A Loggerhead Shrike was present all month. There were single Purple Martins on the 7th and 11th. There were single Tree Swallows on the 4th and 18th. There were also two sightings of Northern Rough-winged Swallows with singles on the 10th and the 17th. There was a Bank Swallow on the 28th. Barn Swallows were seen from the 4th with 37 on the 28th. There were two Carolina Chickadees on the 16th this is only the second record for the park. There was a Tufted Titmouse on the 16th with another on the 26th. There was a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher on the 13th. Brown Thrashers were seen on six dates with two on the 18th. There were single Yellow-throated Warblers on the 16th and 26th. There was a Prairie Warbler on the 17th with three on the 21st this is a new high count. There was a Common Yellowthroat on the 27th. There were two Summer Tanagers on the 8th. Brown-headed Cowbirds seen regularly with seven on the 26th. Finally, House Finches peaked at 14 on the 30th.

August should be better.

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