

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS – AUGUST, 2022

Here we go again another month gone. There were 31 surveys over 172 hours and 111 species were seen for the month. For the year the total stands at 222 with 306 ever. The best days were the 27th with 3,271 birds and the 31st with 63 species.

Brown Pelicans mainly flew to the north with 404 on the 26th. There was a flock of 21 Anhingas on the 26th. There were single Reddish Egrets on the 7th, 8th and 13th with two on the 11th. There was a Green Heron on the 14th with a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 13th. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen all month with five on the 28th. White Ibis peaked at 38 on the 2nd. Glossy Ibis were seen on 14 dates with eight on the 28th. For the Roseate Spoonbill there were 12 on the 5th, four on the 18th, three on the 27th and three on the 29th. Wood Storks were seen from the 1st to the 8th with 16 on the 3rd. Then two seen on the 20th and 26th with one on the 29th. For the vultures there were 58 Blacks on the 27th and 117 Turkey on the 29th.

Blue-winged Teals were seen from the 21st with 55 on the 24th and 150 on the 31st. There were two Northern Shoveler on the 25th. Bald Eagles were seen from the 21st one to two a day located. There was a Mississippi Kite on the 26th. Single light morph Short-tailed Hawks were seen on the 2nd, 3rd and 31st with a dark morph on the 30th. There was a Merlin on the 21st.

There were single American Golden-Plovers on the 11th and the 26th. There was a Wilson's Plover on the 19th. Semipalmated Plovers were seen on nine dates up to three a day. There were two Piping Plovers on the 7th this is a high count. There was a Killdeer on the 2nd with two on the 11th. Black-necked Stilts were seen on seven dates to the 14th with higher counts of 45 on the 1st and 89 on the 13th. Later there were 110 on the 24th (a new high count) and two on the 31st. There were four American Avocets on the 2nd. There were eight Greater Yellowlegs on the 13th with five on the 15th. There were 35 Lesser Yellowlegs on the 5th (a new high count) and 20 on the 31st. Willets peaked at 63 on the 7th Eastern Willets were still present at the end of the month. Spotted Sandpipers were seen on six dates all singles apart from two on the 22nd. There was a Marbled Godwit on the 8th with two on the 13th. There was a Red Knot on the 12th. Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen on 24 dates with 36 on the 13th, 63 on the 23rd and 62 on the 31st. Least Sandpipers were noted on 14 dates with 13 on the 1st, 34 on the 22nd and 13 again on the 23rd. There was a White-rumped Sandpiper on the 28th. There was a Pectoral Sandpiper on the 5th with three on the 10th, four on the 22nd and two on the 31st. There were single Stilt Sandpipers on the 14th and the 28th. Short-billed Dowitchers were seen on 11 dates from the 11th with 13 on the 26th and 11 on the 28th. Finally for this group there was a Wilson's Phalarope on the 30th.

There was a Parasitic Jaeger on the 28th with a Great Black-backed Gull on the 17th. There were single Caspian Terns on the 10th and the 31st. Royal Terns peaked at 74 on the 10th and Sandwich Terns peaked at 114 on the same date. There was a Roseate Tern on the 10th. Common Terns were seen on 15 dates with 12 on the 10th. There was an Arctic Tern on the 10th with a Forster's Tern on the 8th. Least Terns were seen to the 25th with 61 on the 10th. Now to the BLACK TERNS.....the passage started on the 8th with ten, then 61 seen on the 9th, 98 on the 14th, 120 on the 21st and 905 on the 22nd. Counts then lower with 544 on the 24th and 321 on the 25th. Then the event happened there were 2,142 on the 26th with 2,600 on the 27th a new high count. Numbers then lower with 405 on the 28th, 529 on the 30th and just 78 on the 31st. There was a Black Skimmer on the 5th with two on the 16th, two on the 24th and one on the 31st.

There was a White-winged Dove on the 6th with a Yellow-billed Cuckoo on the 4th. There was a calling Eastern Screech-Owl on the 3rd. The two female Chuck-will's-widows stayed to at least the 26th. Chimney Swifts peaked at 20 on the 12th. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds on the 4th and 21st. Single Belted Kingfishers were seen on nine dates from the 2nd. There were three Pileated Woodpeckers on the 28th. Eastern Kingbirds were seen from the 14th with five on the 17th, six on the 29th, nine on the 30th and nine again on the 31st. There was a Gray Kingbird on the 6th. There was a single Loggerhead Shrike present all month with three on the 12th (a joint high count). There were single Red-eyed Vireos on the 24th and the 31st. There were two Purple Martins on the 13th with singles on the 19th and 29th. There were three again on the 31st. There were single Tree Swallows on the 17th and the 27th. There were 11 Northern Rough-winged Swallows on the 13th (a new high count) with four on the 17th and singles on four dates from the 22nd. There were two Bank Swallows on the 3rd with singles on the 11th, 12th, 17th and 27th. Again, this year there was a MAJOR passage of Cliff Swallows. There was one on the 1st with five on the 3rd, 211 on the 4th, 151 on the 12th and 1,168 on the 13th (a new high count), then 435 seen on the 17th with eight on the 20th, six on the 23rd and two on the 31st. Barn Swallows peaked at 246 on the 17th.

There were two Carolina Chickadees on the 1st and the 14th with one on the 31st. There were single Tufted Titmouse on the 1st and the 31st. There were single Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on the 14th and the 31st. Single Brown Thrashers were seen on the 3rd, 9th and 20th. There was a Northern Parula on the 14th with a Yellow Warbler on the 3rd. There was a Prairie Warbler on the 1st with three on the 31st (a joint high count). There was a Black-and-white Warbler on the 31st. There were also four Dickcissels on the 18th. House Finches peaked at 21 on the 16th. House Sparrows peaked at 53 on the 11th a new high count.

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