

## **TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK – BIRDS COUNTS OCTOBER, 2022**

An average month but NO warbler passage. In all for the month saw 136 species over 31 days and 179 hours. For this year there have been 241 species with a total of 310 species since January, 2016. The best days were 2,185 birds on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 54 species on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were single Common Loons on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with two on the 28<sup>th</sup> and one again on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a Great Shearwater on the 10<sup>th</sup>. On that day there was also a Brown Booby. The first Northern Gannets were three on the 29<sup>th</sup> and one on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Double-crested Cormorants were normally migrating to the south in low numbers but there were 977 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. All the other major counts were during the spring passages. There were single Magnificent Frigatebirds on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>.

There were 30 Great Egrets on the 18<sup>th</sup> with 24 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Snowy Egrets peaked at 48 on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a Reddish Egret on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a Green Heron on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Single Black-crowned Night-Herons were seen on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. There were also single Yellow-crowned Night-Herons on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. Migrating to the south there were 508 White Ibis on the 19<sup>th</sup> (a high count) with 190 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Glossy Ibis were noted on 12 dates with 16 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Roseate Spoonbills were seen on seven dates with 40 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 58 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 22 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Up to two Wood Storks were seen on ten dates with three on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The vultures peaked at 74 Black on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 190 Turkey on the same date. There was a Mallard on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Blue-winged Teal were seen on nine dates with 440 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There were four Northern Shoveler on the 18<sup>th</sup> with 32 on the 31<sup>st</sup> (this is a new high count). There were four Northern Pintail on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Green-winged Teal were seen on ten dates with 20 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 20 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were 20 Lesser Scaup on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 20 again on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were two Surf Scoters on the 31<sup>st</sup> they were with a flock of 35 Black Scoters. There were three Red-breasted Mergansers on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The higher Osprey counts were eight on the 1<sup>st</sup>, nine on the 4<sup>th</sup> and seven on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Up to three Bald Eagles seen daily with four on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Northern Harriers were seen on 12 dates with counts of three on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. Sharp-shinned Hawks were seen on nine dates with six on the 17<sup>th</sup> this is a new high count. There were single Broad-winged Hawks on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> with two on the 18<sup>th</sup> a joint high count. There were two American Kestrels on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> the returning male was first seen on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Merlins were seen on 15 dates with five on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Peregrine Falcons were seen on 16 dates with three on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were single Killdeers on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a Greater Yellowlegs on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There were three Red Knot on the 12<sup>th</sup> with eight on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were 20 Western

Sandpipers on the 18<sup>th</sup> on the 18<sup>th</sup> there were also 20 Dunlin. There were nine Long-billed Dowitchers on the 17<sup>th</sup> with two on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

There were single Parasitic Jaegers on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. Laughing Gulls have started to return there were 640 on the 21<sup>st</sup> with 840 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Ring-billed Gulls were seen from the 6<sup>th</sup>. There were two Lesser Black-backed Gulls on the 4<sup>th</sup> with singles on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There were single Great Black-backed Gulls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a Gull-billed Tern on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There were single Caspian Terns on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Common Terns were seen to the 19<sup>th</sup> with one on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The high count was that of 1,620 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Black Terns were seen to the 4<sup>th</sup> with three on the 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a Black Skimmer on the 4<sup>th</sup> with 11 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, one on the 14<sup>th</sup> and three on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

There was a White-winged Dove on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Common Ground-Doves peaked at eight on the 9<sup>th</sup> a new high count. There was a Yellow-billed Cuckoo on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Single Great Horned Owls were heard on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The female Chuck-will's-widow was heard on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There was an Eastern Whip-poor-will on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There were single Chimney Swifts on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with two on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (a joint high count). There were single Belted Kingfishers on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Red-bellied Woodpeckers peaked at nine on the 17<sup>th</sup> a new high count. There was a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a Northern Flicker on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Single Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on six dates. There was an Eastern Wood-Pewee on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Eastern Phoebes were seen from the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were three Eastern Kingbirds on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Loggerhead Shrike was present all month. There was a White-eyed Vireo on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Single Red-eyed Vireos were seen on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with four on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 14 Blue Jays on the 14<sup>th</sup> a new high count. There was a Florida Scrub-Jay on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tree Swallows were seen on ten dates with 165 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Barn Swallows were seen on ten dates with 36 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There were single Tufted Titmouse on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There were single House Wrens on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Single Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were seen on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with two on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Single Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

This was thrush month. There was a Veery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with seven on the 9<sup>th</sup> (new high count) and six on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were two Gray-cheeked Thrushes on the 9<sup>th</sup> with 51 on the 15<sup>th</sup> (a new high count), two on the 16<sup>th</sup> and two on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a Bicknell's Thrush on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were two Swainson's Thrushes on the 5<sup>th</sup> with 32 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, one on the 10<sup>th</sup>, three on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 49 on the 15<sup>th</sup> (a new high count) and two on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were two Hermit

Thrushes on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were two Wood Thrushes on the 9<sup>th</sup> (a new high count) with singles on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

There were four Gray Catbirds on the 15<sup>th</sup> (a joint high count) with singles on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. There were two Brown Thrashers on the 10<sup>th</sup>. European Starlings peaked at 320 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were single Magnolia Warblers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>. Yellow-rumped Warblers were seen from the 17<sup>th</sup>. Yellow-throated Warblers were seen on six dates with two on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a Prairie Warbler on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were single American Redstarts on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a Blue Grosbeak on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Single Indigo Buntings were seen on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a Dickcissel on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a Bobolink on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. House Finches peaked at 25 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Finally, there was an American Goldfinch on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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