

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK – BIRD COUNTS NOVEMBER, 2022

A busy month with 140 species over 30 days and 169 hours. There were 142 species in November 21 and 144 in November 20. Over the year 255 species seen with 310 ever; there were no additions this month. The best days were the 21st with 60 species and the 30th with 4,896 birds.

There was a Red-throated Loon on the 21st. Common Loons were seen on 18 dates with 31 on the 16th. There was a Pied-billed Grebe on the 27th. There were four Horned Grebes on the 22nd with three on the 28th. There was an Eared Grebe on the 26th. There was a Cory's Shearwater on the 8th. Single Manx Shearwaters were seen on the 8th and 27th. Northern Gannets peaked at 102 on the 21st and 108 on the 22nd. There were two American White Pelicans on the 18th with 22 on the 20th and seven on the 24th. Brown Pelicans peaked at 296 on the 22nd. Double-crested Cormorants migrated to the south all month with 402 on the 1st and 335 on the 22nd.

There was a Reddish Egret on the 27th with single Black-crowned Night-Herons on the 5th and 21st. White Ibis peaked at 34 on the 19th. Glossy Ibis were seen on six dates with five on the 27th and six on the 30th. There were two Roseate Spoonbills on the 4th with 16 on the 13th, two on the 15th, ten on the 21st and one on the 24th. Wood Storks peaked at 14 on the 17th. For the vultures there were 75 Black on the 18th with for the Turkey Vulture 413 on the 16th and 470 on the 28th.

There was a Snow Goose on the 9th it was an immature white morph it was travelling with a flock of Double-crested Cormorants. Gadwall were seen on six dates with 20 on the 5th and 30 on the 8th the latter is a new high count. American Wigeon were seen on five dates with 20 on the 1st and ten on the 8th. An American Black Duck flew to the south with two drake Mallard on the 12th. There was a Mottled Duck on the 10th. There were three Blue-winged Teal on the 3rd with five on the 4th, five on the 7th and two on the 13th. There were five Northern Shoveler on the 19th with 35 on the 21st a new high count. Northern Pintail were seen on six dates with 25 on the 5th and 39 on the 21st. Green-winged Teal were also seen on six dates with 20 on the 3rd. There were 25 Canvasbacks on the 15th with 15 on the 18th, 20 on the 22nd, two on the 23rd and eight on the 29th. Redheads were seen on 11 dates from the 11th with 105 on the 11th and 75 on the 22nd. Ring-necked Ducks were seen on 13 dates with 155 on the 7th and 345 on the 8th a new high count. Greater Scaup were seen on ten dates with 210 on the 30th. Lesser Scaup were seen on 21 dates with 2,750 on the 11th. There was a Common Eider on the 22nd. Surf Scoter were seen on seven dates with 36 on the 4th (a new high count) and six on the 27th. There were single White-winged Scoter on the 4th and 26th with two on the 30th. Black Scoter were seen on 23 dates with 40 on the 4th and 105 on the 22nd. Buffleheads were seen on

nine dates from the 12th with ten on the 17th and ten again on the 19th. There were two Common Goldeneye on the 5th. There were four Hooded Mergansers on the 15th with five on the 19th, two on the 21st and one on the 23rd. Red-breasted Mergansers were seen on 13 dates with 44 on the 27th. Finally for this group there was a Ruddy Duck on the 13th.

Bald Eagles seen all month with four on the 3rd, five on the 17th and four again on the 18th. Northern Harriers were seen on six dates from the 3rd to the 15th with nine on the 14th this is a new high count. There were single Sharp-shinned Hawks on the 3rd, 11th and 17th. There were immature light morph Swainson's Hawks on the 7th and 12th. Exceptionally adult Golden Eagles flew to the south on the 17th, 28th and 30th (the last two sightings probably relate to one individual). There was a male American Kestrel all month with two males on the 7th, 8th and 28th. Merlins were seen on seven dates to the 16th with two on the 3rd. Single Peregrine Falcons were seen on the 2nd and 11th.

There was an American Coot on the 27th. There was an American Oystercatcher on the 14th. Red Knot were seen on nine dates with 41 on the 3rd and 38 on the 27th. There were 12 Dunlin on the 3rd. There were 53 Long-billed Dowitchers on the 12th this is another new high count.

There was a Pomarine Jaeger on the 6th with two on the 7th, six on the 8th, one on the 20th and one on the 26th. Single Parasitic Jaegers were seen on nine dates from the 4th. Laughing Gulls have started to arrive in numbers there were 2,580 on the 13th and 3,600 on the 30th. There was a first-winter Franklin's Gull on the 8th. There was a Bonaparte's Gull on the 15th. Herring Gulls peaked at 191 on the 30th. There were two first-winter Iceland Gulls on the 9th (a new high count) with another on 29th. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen on ten dates with six on the 16th and six again on the 27th. There was a Black-legged Kittiwake on the 20th. There were seven Common Terns on the 3rd none later. Forster's Terns peaked at 16 on the 3rd and 19 on the 28th. Black Skimmers were seen on eight dates with 15 on the 8th.

There were single White-winged Doves on the 1st and the 2nd. There was a Great Horned Owl on the 20th. There was a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on the 12th. Up to two Eastern Phoebes seen all month. There was a Loggerhead Shrike present all month with two on the 6th and 13th. Tree Swallows peaked at 385 on the 25th and 285 on the 28th. There were single Cave Swallows on the 8th and 26th. There were two Barn Swallows on the 1st with four on the 2nd, one on the 3rd and two on the 12th. There was a Carolina Chickadee on the 14th. There were single House Wrens on the 7th, 25th, 26th and 28th. There were single Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on the 12th and 26th. There were single Ruby-crowned Kinglets on the 23rd and the 26th.

There was an Eastern Bluebird on the 2nd with a Hermit Thrush on the 13th. American Robins seen from the 15th with 120 on the 18th and 150 on the 24th. There was a Gray Catbird

from the 2nd to the 4th with another on the 11th. European Starlings peaked at 1,170 on the 15th. There were two American Pipits on the 13th. There were 25 Cedar Waxwings on the 16th. There was an Orange-crowned Warbler on the 24th. There was a Northern Parula on the 12th. Single Yellow-throated Warblers were seen on the 2nd, 21st and 29th with two on the 17th. There was a Prairie Warbler on the 1st. A Common Yellowthroat was present from the 2nd to the 6th. There were single Eastern Towhees on the 5th and 30th. There was a Chipping Sparrow on the 24th. Single Savannah Sparrows were seen on the 20th and 22nd. There were two Eastern Meadowlarks on the 3rd a new high count, this is only the second record for the park. There was a male Brewer's Blackbird on the 15th. There was a female Bronzed Cowbird on the 7th. Brown-headed Cowbirds peaked at 670 on the 15th and 580 on the 29th. House Finches peaked at 15 on the 15th. Perhaps December can bring an addition to the list.

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