

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK - BIRD COUNTS OCTOBER, 2025

One of the better months for species a total of 153 recorded. For the year 258 counted with 343 ever. Only one addition this year! For the month there were 31 surveys over 133 hours. The best days were the 1st with 55 species and the 16th with 2,699 birds.

There was a Common Loon on the 9th with two on the 30th. There was a Pied-billed Grebe on the 21st. There were three Cory's Shearwaters on the 9th with single Great Shearwaters on the 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th. There was a Northern Gannet on the 25th with 20 on the 26th. Brown Pelicans peaked at 104 on the 20th.

There were two American Bitterns on the 1st (joint high count) with one on the 23rd. There was a Great White Heron on the 5th and the 6th. There were single Reddish Egrets on the 16th and 20th. There were single Green Herons on the 1st and 13th, For Black-crowned Night-Herons there were singles on the 1st, 6th and 25th. There were two Yellow-crowned Night-Herons on the 1st with one on the 19th. White Ibis peaked at 128 on the 18th. For Glossy Ibis there were ten on the 12th. For Roseate Spoonbill there was one on the 5th, seven on the 17th, six on the 24th, 14 on the 29th and two on the 30th. There were single Wood Storks on the 3rd and 30th. For the vultures there were 185 Black on the 9th and 231 Turkey on the 27th.

There were two Wood Ducks on the 22nd. Blue-winged Teal were seen on six days with 78 on the 9th and 32 on the 22nd. Green-winged Teal were also seen on six days with 20 on the 15th. There was a Ring-necked Duck on the 25th. There were 15 Lesser Scaup on the 9th with ten on the 15th and 30 on the 25th.

Up to three Bald Eagles seen daily. Northern Harriers were seen on eight days with two on the 12th, two on the 25th and two on the 31st, in all 11 seen. Sharp-shinned Hawks were seen on nine days with three on the 20th otherwise only singles seen. There were single Cooper's Hawks on the 19th and the 21st. There were also single Broad-winged Hawks on the 3rd and the 24th. There was an adult light morph Swainson's Hawk on the 24th with an immature light morph on the 31st. Single Red-tailed Hawks were seen on 11 dates. An American Kestrel was present all month with two on the 7th, 21st, 26th and 29th with three on the 27th and four on the 24th. A total of 48 Merlins were seen on 26 days with eight on the 6th. A total of 125 Peregrine Falcons were seen on 20 days with 35 on the 3rd.

There was a Common Gallinule on the 13th the second record. Black-bellied Plovers peaked at 19 on the 12th. There was an American Golden-Plover on the 23rd. There was a Killdeer on the 5th. Willets peaked at 215 on the 26th. Spotted Sandpipers were seen from the 12th with singles on six days, there were also two on the 20th and 23rd. There were 16 Red Knot

on the 22nd with six on the 24th. There were six Dunlin on the 20th. There was a Wilson's Snipe on the 15th. On the 9th a total of 15 Red-necked Phalaropes were seen.

There were single Pomarine Jaegers on the 3rd and the 11th. There were two Parasitic Jaegers on the 11th and 17th with singles on the 25th and 29th. There was an immature Long-tailed Jaeger on the 26th. Laughing Gulls peaked at 2,400 on the 16th. There were two Ring-billed Gulls on the 4th with others from the 21st. Herring Gulls seen from the 6th with 35 on the 16th and 68 on the 29th. For the Lesser Black-backed Gull there was one the 2nd then seen regularly from the 9th. There were three on the 11th with 14 in all. There was a Great Black-backed Gull on the 28th. Finally, there was an immature Sabine's Gull on the 11th. There was a Gull-billed Tern on the 12th. There were three Caspian Terns on the 3rd with one on the 6th, two on the 7th and three on the 26th. Royal Terns peaked at 255 on the 9th. Common Terns were seen on six days with seven on the 8th, the last was one on the 31st. Single Forster's Terns were seen on the 3rd and 21st. There were two Black Terns on the 3rd with one on the 9th. There were also single Black Skimmers on the 3rd and the 27th.

There was a White-winged Dove on the 6th with two on the 16th and two again on the 23rd. There was an Eastern Screech-Owl on the 14th. There were single Great Horned Owls on the 14th, the 16th and the 20th. Chimney Swifts were seen to the 19th with one later on the 26th the peak count was that of 37 on the 11th. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds on the 1st, 5th and 23rd. There was a Black-chinned Hummingbird on the 20th. Belted Kingfishers were seen on 20 days with three on the 17th and four on the 15th. There was an adult Red-headed Woodpecker on the 14th. There was a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on the 20th. Downy Woodpeckers were noted on eight days with three on the 14th. There was a Northern Flicker on the 18th. Pileated Woodpeckers were noted on 22 days with five on the 14th and five again on the 23rd.

Single Eastern Phoebe were seen from the 21st to the 25th with two on the 30th and 31st. There was a Western Kingbird on the 20th, it flew in from the south. There were single Eastern Kingbirds on the 8th and the 13th. There was a Gray Kingbird on the 5th. A Loggerhead Shrike was present all month. There was a White-eyed Vireo on the 13th. There was a Yellow-throated Vireo on the 1st. There was a Philadelphia Vireo on the 12th the second record. There were single Red-eyed Vireos on the 1st, the 5th, the 18th and the 19th. There was a Purple Martin on the 3rd with a flock of eight on the 22nd. For Tree Swallow there was one on the 5th, three on the 14th, 12 on the 23rd and 13 on the 31st. There were two Cave Swallows on the 16th. Barn Swallows were seen on eight days to the 27th with five on the 16th.

There was a Carolina Chickadee on the 8th. Up to two Tufted Titmouse seen/heard on six days. There was a House Wren on the 9th. A Marsh Wren a rarity was seen on the 15th. Single Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were seen on the 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 28th. Eastern Bluebirds are

normally a very uncommon visitor, not this autumn. Up to three a day seen on 15 days with eight on the 25th, nine on the 19th and 15 on the 1st the latter is a new high count. There was a Veery on the 13th with a Swainson's Thrush on the 19th. Unexpectedly there were 12 American Robins on the 22nd. Gray Catbirds were seen on eight dates with two on the 12th, 17th and 27th. There was a Brown Thrasher on the 18th.

There was a Tennessee Warbler on the 8th. There were Northern Parula on six days with three on the 8th, the last was one on the 27th. There were single Chestnut-sided and Magnolia Warblers on the 5th. There were three Cape May Warblers on the 5th with two on the 7th and two on the 8th. There were single Black-throated Blue Warblers on the 1st and the 5th with two on the 7th, then one seen on the 27th. Yellow-rumped Warblers seen from the 5th with three on the 14th. Single Yellow-throated Warblers were seen on the 1st, 5th, 12th, 21st and 22nd. There were single Prairie Warblers on the 12th and the 19th. Palm Warblers seen all month with nine on the 1st. There was a Bay-breasted Warbler on the 24th. There was a Blackpoll Warbler on the 14th. There was a Black-and-white Warbler on the 22nd. American Redstarts were seen on eight dates to the 22nd with nine on the 1st. There was also an Ovenbird on the 1st. For Common Yellowthroat there were two on the 1st with singles on the 7th and the 12th.

There was a Summer Tanager on the 5th with a Scarlet Tanager on the 1st. For the sparrows there were single Chipping on the 1st, Vesper on the 17th, Savannah on the 1st and a Swamp on the 22nd. There was a Blue Grosbeak on the 15th. There was an Indigo Bunting on the 3rd with two on the 13th. There were three Bobolink on the 4th with five on the 5th. There were single Baltimore Orioles on the 3rd, the 16th, the 19th and the 23rd. Finally, House Finches peaked at nine on the 18th.

I wonder what November will bring, perhaps an addition to the list?

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