

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK, NOVEMBER, 2025 BIRD COUNTS

To my surprise this has turned out to be the second-best month ever (over the ten years). This month there were 159 species with 172 in October 2024. There were 30 surveys over 122 hours. So far this year 272 species located. The best days were the 14th with 69 species and the 28th with 3,529 birds.

There was a Red-throated Loon on the 28th. Common Loons were seen on 12 days; there were 36 birds in all with ten on the 9th. There were single Horned Grebes on the 15th and 20th. There was an immature Brown Booby on the 10th. Northern Gannets seen on 12 days with 278 on the 25th. There were six American White Pelicans on the 24th with 11 on the 25th and 28th. There were peak counts of 161 Brown Pelicans on the 5th with 204 on the 25th. Double-crested Cormorants peaked at 170 on the 15th and 196 on the 25th. There was an adult male Magnificent Frigatebird on the 7th it settled on one of the markers in the Halifax River.

There were single Reddish Egrets on the 2nd and the 7th. White Ibis peaked at 92 on the 1st. For Glossy Ibis there were 11 on the 6th, eight on the 7th and one on the 29th. There were single Roseate Spoonbills on the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 29th with six on the 21st. Wood Storks were seen on ten days with five on the 14th and seven on the 29th. For the vultures there were 28 Black on the 3rd and 292 Turkey on the 15th.

There was an adult white morph Snow Goose on the 29th with a Canada Goose on the 9th. There was a Brant on the 1st. There was a party of five Muscovy Duck on the 8th a new high count. There were two Wood Duck on the 10th. Gadwall were seen on seven days with 42 on the 7th. There were three American Wigeon on the 11th with 12 on the 29th. There were three Mottled Duck on the 6th. There were 12 Blue-winged Teal on the 2nd with 25 on the 10th. There were two Northern Shoveler on the 10th. For Northern Pintail there were 14 on the 2nd, one on the 14th and three on the 28th. Green-winged Teal were seen on eight days with 50 on the 14th. There were six Canvasbacks on the 26th. For Redhead there were eight on the 5th, 15 on the 6th, six on the 9th and 17 on the 24th. Greater Scaup were seen on seven days from the 14th with 65 on the 30th. Lesser Scaup were seen on 26 days with 270 on the 6th. There was a female Harlequin Duck on the 13th. Surf Scoter were seen on nine days with 25 on the 12th. For the White-winged Scoter there was one on the 12th with six on the 28th and four on the 29th. Black Scoter were seen on 16 days with 70 on the 24th. There were single Buffleheads on the 10th and 26th. There were single Hooded Mergansers on the 19th and the 25th with five on the 30th. Red-breasted Mergansers were seen on nine days with 19 on the 14th.

Bald Eagles seen all month with six on the 18th. For Northern Harrier a total of ten birds seen over eight days. There were single Sharp-shinned Hawks on the 3rd, 9th and 16th. There was

an immature light morph Swainson's Hawk on the 10th. Single Red-tailed Hawks were seen on the 1st, 2nd and the 26th. Single American Kestrels were seen all month with two on the 7th and 14th. There were single Merlins on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 16th. There was a single Peregrine Falcon on the 7th.

There was a Clapper Rail on the 25th. Single American Coots were seen on the 7th and 18th. There were single Sandhill Cranes on the 1st and the 6th. Black-bellied Plovers peaked at 34 on the 22nd. There were single Semipalmated Plovers on the 13th, 22nd and 25th. There were single Killdeer on the 11th and 20th. There was a Black-necked Stilt on the 17th. There were three American Avocets on the 26th. Willets peaked at 275 on the 24th during the month most were seen flying to the north. Up to two Spotted Sandpipers seen all month. There was a Marbled Godwit on the 4th. Ruddy Turnstone peaked at 63 on the 25th. Red Knot peaked at 70 on the 14th and 140 on the 29th. Sanderling peaked at 120 on the 30th. There were 23 Western Sandpipers on the 8th with 140 on the 10th and four on the 12th. Three Purple Sandpipers flew to the south on the 17th with to the north three on the 24th and four on the 27th the latter is a new high count. Dunlin were seen on seven days with 26 on the 23rd and the 24th. There were 30 Long-billed Dowitchers on the 7th. There was a Wilson's Snipe on the 1st with four on the 23rd the latter a new high count.

There was a Pomarine Jaeger on the 11th with two on the 26th. Parasitic Jaegers were seen on six days, five singles with two on the 28th. Laughing Gulls peaked at 2,600 on the 28th. There were two Bonaparte's Gulls on the 28th with two more on the 29th. Ring-billed Gulls peaked at 105 on the 29th whilst the Herring Gull peaked at 52 also on the 29th. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen on seven days, excepting the 30th a total of ten birds seen. On the 30th a total of 28 flew to the south. There were single Great Black-backed Gulls on the 4th, 29th and 30th. There was a first-winter Black-legged Kittiwake on the 11th. There were single Caspian Terns on the 9th and 25th with four on the 26th. Royal Terns peaked at 39 on the 8th. There were three Common Terns on the 13th with five on the 18th. Forster's Terns peaked at 28 on the 29th. Perhaps the most surprising bird of the month was an adult Sooty Tern that flew to the north along the shore on the 19th. Finally, for this group there was a Black Skimmer on the 21st with nine on the 25th.

There was a White-winged Dove on the 18th with four on the 19th. There was an Eastern Screech-Owl on the 6th with a Great Horned Owl on the 1st. Single Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were seen on the 1st, 8th, 14th and 20th. Up to three Belted Kingfishers seen all month with counts of four on the 5th, 8th and 22nd. Single Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were seen on six days with two on the 14th and three on the 20th. Up to two Downy Woodpeckers seen on 11 dates. For a second record there was a Hairy Woodpecker on the 19th., Less rare was a Northern Flicker on the 6th. Up to four Pileated Woodpeckers seen/heard daily with counts of five on the 14th and the 19th. Up to four Eastern Phoebe seen daily with five on the 18th. For another second

record there was an Ash-throated Flycatcher on the 14th. There was a Great Crested Flycatcher on the 20th. Up to two Loggerhead Shrikes seen all month. There were single Blue-headed Vireos on the 18th and 30th. There were two Florida Scrub-Jays on the 12th a new high count. American Crows peaked at 59 on the 6th another new high count. Tree Swallows peaked at 130 on the 25th. There was a Cave Swallow on the 6th. For Barn Swallow there were three on the 5th with one on the 6th and 40 on the 9th.

There was a Carolina Chickadee on the 2nd with two on the 9th. Tufted Titmouse were seen on six days with a count of three on the 26th. Single House Wrens seen all month with two on the 26th and 30th. There was a Sedge Wren on the 10th with a Marsh Wren on the 13th. Single Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were seen on five dates. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen on 12 days with four on the 16th. Eastern Bluebirds were seen on ten days with counts of three on the 4th, 16th and 28th. This is normally a very irregular visitor. There was a Gray-cheeked Thrush on the 2nd. American Robins seen on four dates from the first with 25 on the 2nd and 60 on the 26th. Gray Catbirds were located on six days to the 20th. There were two American Pipits on the 6th with singles on the 8th and the 11th. There was a Cedar Waxwing on the 16th.

There were single Orange-crowned Warblers on the 6th and the 16th. There was a Northern Parula on the 16th and 17th. There was a Yellow Warbler on the 5th. There were single Cape May Warblers on the 3rd and 25th. Yellow-rumped Warblers peaked at 39 on the 10th. There were single Yellow-throated Warblers on the 1st and the 12th. There was a Prairie Warbler on the 19th. There were single Black-and-white Warblers on the 1st and 17th. There was an American Redstart on the 2nd. There were single Common Yellowthroats on the 1st and the 10th.

There was a Savannah Sparrow on the 19th. Always a rarity there was a male Brewer's Blackbird on the 22nd. Brown-headed Cowbirds peaked at 145 on the 30th. There were single Baltimore Orioles on the 4th and the 20th. House Finches peaked at nine on the 2nd. Finally, there were six American Goldfinch on the 13th.

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