

## TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK – BIRD COUNTS AUGUST, 2026

Well, the autumn has started, there was one new species this month. There were 31 surveys over 127 hours. For the month 123 species located, this is the second highest August count. For the year 253 species were noted with 346 ever. The best days were the 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1,402 birds and the 11<sup>th</sup> with 59 species.

For the Pied-billed Grebe there were singles on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Brown Pelicans peaked at 185 on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Anhinga peaked at 81 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were single Reddish Egrets on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a Green Heron on the 9<sup>th</sup> with four on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a Black-crowned Night-Heron on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen on 16 days from the 10<sup>th</sup> with counts of three on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. White Ibis peaked at 121 on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Glossy Ibis were seen on eight days with 34 on the 1<sup>st</sup>. There were four Roseate Spoonbill on the 24<sup>th</sup>. For Wood Stork there was one on the 1<sup>st</sup>, one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and eight on the 28<sup>th</sup>. For the vultures there were 35 Black on the 6<sup>th</sup> with 90 Turkey on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Muscovy Duck on the 11<sup>th</sup>. For Blue-winged Teal there were two on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, one on the 25<sup>th</sup> and seven on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Swallow-tailed Kite on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was an immature Snail Kite on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, it flew to the south. Mississippi Kites seen on 17 days to the 31<sup>st</sup> with three on the 26<sup>th</sup> and two on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There were single adult Bald Eagles on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Single Cooper's Hawks were seen on five days. There was an immature Broad-winged Hawk on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a Sandhill Crane on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Black-bellied Plovers peaked at 18 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. An adult American-Plover flew to the north on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a Wilson's Plover on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Semipalmated Plovers seen on 16 days with 11 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were single Piping Plover on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There were also single Killdeer on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. For the Black-necked Stilt there were 12 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 13 on the 26<sup>th</sup> and six on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There was an American Avocet on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Greater Yellowlegs on the 7<sup>th</sup> with four Lesser Yellowlegs on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were single Solitary Sandpiper on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. For the Willet there were 520 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with 310 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 225 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 150 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 42 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was at least one Eastern race left on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Spotted Sandpipers seen on 27 days with five on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There were single Marbled Godwits flying to the south on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ruddy Turnstone peaked at 40 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a Red Knot on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Sanderling peaked at 180 on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Semipalmated Sandpipers were seen on 26 days with 44 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a Western Sandpiper on the 7<sup>th</sup> with four on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Least Sandpipers were seen on 17 days with 25 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a White-rumped Sandpiper on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were four Pectoral Sandpiper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with six on

the 4<sup>th</sup>, one on the 14<sup>th</sup>, two on the 20<sup>th</sup> and one on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were two Stilt Sandpiper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with five on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, four on the 25<sup>th</sup> and three on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Short-billed Dowitcher were seen on 11 days with 30 on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a Long-billed Dowitcher on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Finally, for this group there was a Wilson's Phalarope on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Laughing Gulls peaked at 700 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were two Gull-billed Tern on the 9<sup>th</sup> with one on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a Caspian Tern on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Royal Terns peaked at 41 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were two Roseate Tern on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with one on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Common Tern were seen on 13 days with 36 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a Forster's Tern on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Least Terns seen to the 30<sup>th</sup> with 15 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Black Terns were seen on 25 days with 190 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There were four Black Skimmer on the 7<sup>th</sup> with two on the 16<sup>th</sup> and six on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

There were single White-winged Dove on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There was an Eastern Screech-Owl on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were single Great Horned and Barred owl on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a female Chuck-will's-widow on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chimney Swift numbers fell during the month from 21 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to five on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were single Ruby-throated Hummingbird on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Belted Kingfishers were seen on 25 days with six on the 21<sup>st</sup>. One to two Downy Woodpecker were seen on ten days. In contrast Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on 27 days with four on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were single Great Crested Flycatcher on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were single Eastern Kingbirds on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with two on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There were also single Gray Kingbirds on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Up to two Loggerhead Shrike were seen to the 11<sup>th</sup> with one on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Red-eyed Vireo on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Fish Crows were migrating to the south with 200 on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Purple Martins seen to the 26<sup>th</sup> with six on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a Tree Swallow on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There were single Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> with two on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Bank Swallow seen on six days with six on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the Cliff Swallow there were 100 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 53 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 65 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Barn Swallow peaked at 520 on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Up to two Carolina Chickadee were seen on nine days. Up to two Tufted Titmouse seen on eight days with three on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were two Blue-gray Gnatcatcher on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Eastern Bluebirds were seen on 21 days with nine on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There was a Brown Thrasher on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Now we come to the new species as there was a Golden-winged Warbler on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There were single Northern Parula on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were also single Yellow Warblers on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a Prairie Warbler on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Another rarity was a Cerulean Warbler on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There were single American Redstart on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Louisiana Waterthrush on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a Common Yellowthroat on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a Blue Grosbeak on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with single Indigo Buntings on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (different birds). Common Grackles were seen to the 9<sup>th</sup> with one later on the 31<sup>st</sup>. For Brown-headed Cowbird

there were singles on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>. House Finches were seen all month with counts of nine on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

September should be better.

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