

TOM RENICK COUNTY PARK BIRD COUNTS – JANUARY, 2025

Another year starts (the 10th). There were 31 surveys over 162 hours. In all 128 species located. There was one addition to the list. The best days were 56 species on the 3rd and 13,614 birds on the 23rd.

There were single Red-throated Loons on the 10th, 20th and 26th. Common Loons were seen on four days with two on the 27th. There was a Horned Grebe on the 1st. Now we come to the addition to the list there was a Western Grebe on the river on the 26th. There was a Great Shearwater on the 21st. Northern Gannets peaked at 121 on the 14th. American White Pelicans were seen on seven days with six on the 6th. Brown Pelicans peaked at 59 on the 24th.

There were single Reddish Egrets on the 1st and 6th. White Ibis peaked at 110 on the 21st. There were three Glossy Ibis on the 25th. There was a Roseate Spoonbill on the 12th with two on the 13th. Wood Storks peaked at nine on the 5th, 7th and 9th. For the vultures there were 25 Black on the 3rd and 246 Turkey on the 2nd.

There was a Wood Duck on the 31st. There were single Mallard on the 5th, 16th and 17th with two on the 18th. There were two Mottled Duck on the 10th. For Canvasback there were 12 on the 9th with five on the 10th. For Redheads there was one on the 1st, three on the 2nd, three on the 6th and two on the 15th. There were three Ring-necked Ducks on the 2nd with singles on the 10th and 20th. Greater Scaup peaked at 95 on the 14th. For Lesser Scaup (on the river) there were 1,880 on the 2nd, 3,300 on the 14th, 6,200 on the 18th, 5,050 on the 27th and 2,680 on the 30th. Surf Scoters were seen on seven days with 16 on the 23rd. There was a White-winged Scoter on the 2nd with four on the 9th. Black Scoter peaked at 675 on the 23rd. There was a Long-tailed Duck on the 9th. There were two Buffleheads on the 2nd with one on the 8th and two on the 29th. There were single Common Goldeneye on the 14th and 25th. There were six Hooded Mergansers on the 18th. Red-breasted Mergansers were seen on seven days with three on the 26th. Single Ruddy Ducks were seen on the 1st, 5th and 26th with three on the 15th.

Bald Eagles peaked at five on the 6th and 24th. There were single Northern Harriers on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th with three on the 6th and one again on the 21st. There was a Sharp-shinned Hawk on the 1st. There was a Cooper's Hawk on the 16th. Single Red-tailed Hawks were seen on six days with two on the 9th. There was an adult Golden Eagle on the 3rd, 8th, 12 and 24th. An American Kestrel was present all month with two on the 4th. There were single Merlins on the 12th and 18th. There was a Peregrine Falcon on the 26th.

There were two American Coot on the 2nd. There were single Sandhill Cranes on the 6th and 29th. There was an Semipalmated Plover on the 18th with five on the 24th. There were single Killdeer on the 20th and 24th. Single Spotted Sandpipers were seen on five dates through the month. There were 270 Red Knot on the 8th with 305 on the 12th, 620 on the 21st (a new high count) and 315 on the 31st. There was a Western Sandpiper on the 13th. There was a Dunlin on

the 6th with three on the 28th. There was a Short-billed Dowitcher on the 16th with a Long-billed Dowitcher on the 28th. There was also a Wilson's Snipe on the 27th.

There was a Pomarine Jaeger on the 3rd. Parasitic Jaegers were seen on 13 days with eight on the 11th. Laughing Gulls peaked at 1,510 on the 8th. There was a first-winter Franklin's Gull on the 20th. Bonaparte's Gulls were seen on 14 days with 16 on the 22nd. Herring Gulls peaked at 750 on the 8th. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen on seven days with 16 on the 21st. There was a first-winter Glaucous Gull on the 11th. Great Black-backed Gulls were only seen on four days with three on the 21st. There was a Caspian Tern on the 12th. Royal Terns peaked at 410 on the 25th. Sandwich Terns peaked at 185 on the 25th. Forster's Terns peaked at 119 on the 26th. Black Skimmers were seen on 27 days with 43 on the 19th and 75 on the 24th. There was a Thick-billed Murre on the 21st with a Razorbill on the 13th.

There was a Common Ground-Dove on the 31st this is the first record since November 9. There was a Great Horned Owl on the 1st with single Barred Owls on the 1st and 29th. There was an Eastern Whip-poor-will on the 18th. There was a Ruby-throated Hummingbird on the 5th. There was a Belted Kingfisher on the 27th. There were single Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers on the 5th, the 12th, the 19th and the 28th. Single Downy Woodpeckers were located on three dates. Pileated Woodpeckers were seen on ten days with three on the 28th, 29th and 31st. There were two Eastern Phoebe on the 10th. With temperatures in the 40's most mornings (18 in all) sightings were sparse from the owls onward. There was a Loggerhead Shrike on the 10th. Tree Swallows seen from the 26th with 131 on the 30th. There was a Carolina Chickadee on the 30th. There were single Tufted Titmouse on the 5th and 20th with two on the 30th. There was a House Wren on the 1st. There were single Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on the 3rd, 5th, 14th and 29th. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen on 16th, 18th, 19th and 25th with four on the 5th this is a joint high count.

There was an Eastern Bluebird on the 5th. The higher American Robin counts were 1,620 on the 18th, 12,230 on the 23rd and 1,350 on the 25th. There were single Gray Catbirds on the 5th, 8th, 23rd and 30th. European Starlings peaked at 1,080 on the 21st. There were two American Pipits on the 4th. There were 12 Cedar Waxwings on the 1st with 25 on the 18th and 100 on the 23rd. There were single Yellow-throated Warblers on the 7th, 11th and 26th. There was a Common Yellowthroat on the 29th. Common Grackles peaked at 160 on the 4th and Boat-tailed Grackles peaked at 25 on the 19th. Brown-headed Cowbirds peaked at 260 on the 13th. There was a Baltimore Oriole on the 5th. House Finches were seen on 18 days with five on the 2nd and 18th. For American Goldfinch there was one on the 3rd and ten on the 8th.

Hopefully February will be warmer.

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