



Lancaster County Bird Club

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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... observing and preserving our community's native bird life

Call Notes

APRIL – JUNE 2024

President's Perch

There is *a lot* going on in the club currently and spring migration is about to be in full swing. Membership is at one of its highest levels in recent years, and our meetings and events continue to draw impressive interest and crowds. Our membership is as engaged as I have ever seen. There is a lot to be proud of at the current time and your support to this organization has never meant more.

Most importantly, you all should be marking your calendars for Tuesday, May 21, 2024, for a special event on the campus of Franklin & Marshall College at 6:30 p.m. Check out the jam-packed calendar of events inside this newsletter for some more preliminary details on this very special FREE event, but keep in mind this event is still shaping up with details still being finalized. This promises to be one of the most impactful events the club has ever sponsored. Other organizations are reaching out to be involved and we will certainly use this event to do our part to make sure we are educating our region on the important issue of bird-glass collisions and how bird-friendly buildings can save birds. We should also expect another article from LNP exploring the issue prior to this event.

Several fellow LCBC members joined me in recently providing public comment to Lancaster City's Planning Commission and City Council on the issue of bird-glass collision and bird-friendly buildings. There is a definite interest in the city in working to create an ordinance to require bird-safe glass in new construction and we will continue to stay engaged on the issue. Many of these elected officials will be joining us at this special event at F&M. I hope you will be there as well to show this issue matters. As I said at our last meeting, not every birder is a conservationist, but I hope each of you will make the choice to be one of those. We can do a great deal TOGETHER to save birds. Let's see what we can make happen in Southcentral PA on this front.

On another note, our move to the North Museum for our September through March meetings was a resounding success and meeting attendance numbers are at some of the highest levels I've seen since I joined the club. It's amazing to see us filling the house for these meetings that have had some great programs and speakers. Our February member social with the museum's leadership and members celebrated our continued partnership with the museum since its founding in 1953. It was a memorable evening that I won't soon forget with over 105 individuals in attendance. We intend to make the social at the museum a yearly event at the start of each year. There are also many exciting opportunities for further collaboration with the museum in the pipeline.

Speaking of meetings, remember we've gone to year-round meetings starting this year based on member interest and this newsletter comes in advance of our Spring and Summer migration to two different meeting venues. April, May, and June meetings will be held at Middle Creek's Visitor Center and the July and August meetings will be held at the Lancaster Conservancy's Climbers Run Nature Center. We will then head back to the North Museum in September. Remember meetings are always held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Our second year of running a concession stand at Middle Creek during what was another weird Snow Goose migration expanded to three weekends this year and more than 30 volunteers from the club helped make it possible. Donations of more than 700 Hippey's Hot Dogs from Denver Meat Company and Apple Cider from Kauffman Orchards in Bird in Hand were new this year and much appreciated. They helped bring in over \$2500 to the club's treasury through this awesome effort that has the added benefit of creating a lot of awareness about our organization as well. Special thanks to Kim Morelock for co-organizing this effort with me again this year and to everyone who helped out.

This newsletter also contains the annual summary of what was a very eventful year for birding in Lancaster County. I encourage you each to take time to read this excellent summary that Mike Epler has compiled for another year.

Please feel free to reach out if I can be of any service to you. Your continued support of the club is vital to enabling all the things you're hearing about. Please make sure to let others know about the organization as well, the more the merrier! Teamwork makes the dream work! Get out and enjoy the beauty of Spring migration!

Ted Nichols II
President – LCBC



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT APRIL MEETING, NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEING HEADED UP BY JEFF MUSSER

Annual elections for club officers and board of directors will be held at our April 11 monthly meeting being held at 7 p.m. at Middle Creek. Club Second Vice President Jeff Musser is heading up the nominating committee again this year. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Jeff at 717-471-2032 or jmusser1956@gmail.com. The slate of nominees will be presented at the meeting and nominations can also be made from the floor.

REMINDER APRIL MEETING IS AT MIDDLE CREEK – BIRDING WILL CONTINUE BEFORE MEETINGS

A reminder that the April meeting for the club shifts to the visitor center at Middle Creek. Don't show up at the wrong venue! *The club's April 11, May 9, and June 13 meetings will each be held at Middle Creek.* Each meeting lecture held at Middle Creek this year will be focused on a raptor-related topic. Great talks and engaging speakers in store! As we did last year, we encourage members to come out early and bird in advance of the meetings. For those who wish to bird with a group prior to the meeting, meetup info will be posted on the various Lancaster County Text/Discord Chat Channels and our Social Media sites in advance of the meeting. Meetups for group birding prior to the Middle Creek meetings usually happen at 5 p.m. at the visitor center parking lot, weather permitting. This information will also be included in the usual emails that come out a few days prior to the meeting to remind members of the upcoming meeting.

THANKS TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS AT MIDDLE CREEK WMA



More than 30 club members volunteered at the club's concession stand that went for three weekends at Middle Creek during Snow Goose migration this year.

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. – "Chasing Broad-winged Hawks from Canada to Colombia: Ecology of a Long-Distance Migrant"

Club Meeting - Middle Creek WMA Visitor Center, 100 Museum Road, Stevens, PA 17578

Join Dr. Laurie Goodrich from Hawk Mountain Sanctuary as we explore new discoveries made about Broad-winged Hawks, a secretive forest raptor. In 2014 migration monitoring data showed some populations of Broad-winged Hawks are declining in eastern North America. Hawk Mountain launched a new study to understand the full-life cycle ecology and migration of Broad-winged Hawks. Scientists have tracked Broad-wings from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Canada to better understand migration patterns, threats and survival, and studied their nesting ecology in three states.

Dr. Laurie Goodrich serves as the Sarkis Acopian Director of Conservation Science at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Dr. Goodrich has worked in virtually every aspect of conservation at Hawk Mountain, from overseeing its long-term migration counts, to directing its education program and developing the first education plan, to conducting scientific research and publishing more than 50 peer-reviewed papers. She is considered exceptional in her ability to bring people together to foster successful long-term conservation. Locally, she launched the collaborative Pennsylvania Farmland Raptor and The Broad-winged Hawk research projects, and globally, she co-founded the now world-famous, million-raptor conservation site at the River of Raptors in Veracruz, Mexico. Working with colleagues at the Hawk Migration Association of North America, HawkWatch International, and Bird Studies Canada, she helped develop the award-winning Raptor Population Index Project, and contributed heavily to The State of North America's Birds of Prey, the first comprehensive analysis of raptor populations across the continent. Combined, she has coordinated the work of dozens of volunteers, trainees, and graduate students, and interacted with countless citizen scientists.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Safe Harbor Park Field Trip

Location: Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts near 5365 River Rd., Conestoga, PA 17516

Contact: Kim Morelock, 717-471-0787 or motherunitof5@aol.com

Kim Morelock will lead a field trip to Safe Harbor Park in search of the Yellow-throated Warbler and other early spring migrants. Meet at the Safe Harbor Park tennis court by 7 a.m. Much of the time will be spent walking through the park along the Conestoga River and Warehouse Road. The trip will end by scoping the Susquehanna River below the dam from the platform viewing area. Contact Kim at 717-471-0787, or email motherunitof5@aol.com by 6 p.m. the night before if you plan to attend.

Monday, April 15, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Shenk’s Ferry Wildflower Preserve Field Trip

Location: Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts near 5365 River Rd., Conestoga, PA 17516

Contact: Warren and Nina Wolf, 717-284-2663 or wolfers@aol.com

Warren and Nina Wolf will lead a field trip to Shenk’s Ferry Wildflower Preserve to observe birds and the wide selection of wildflowers, including Trillium, Virginia Bluebells, and Dutchman’s Britches. Participants will meet at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts at 7 a.m. After a short period of birding at Safe Harbor Park we will head to Shenk’s Ferry. Trip limited to 15 participants. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars. This trail will be mostly level and well-groomed. The walk is anticipated to last 3 to 4 hours. Contact Warren and Nina at 717-284-2663 or wolfers@aol.com if you have any questions and by 6 p.m. the day before if you plan to participate.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – 8 a.m. – Safe Harbor Park & Chestnut Grove Field Trip

Location: Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts near 5365 River Rd., Conestoga, PA 17516

Contact: Carl Groff, 717-471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

Carl Groff will lead a field trip at Safe Harbor Park and Chestnut Grove Natural Area. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park tennis courts. In Safe Harbor and Chestnut Grove, the focus will be on different habitats and "hot spots" within those areas. Some target birds include Yellow-throated Warbler, Palm Warbler, White-eyed Vireo, and Fox Sparrow. Walking will be mostly level and dry. Bring water and snacks. There is a porta-john at each location. Please contact Carl at 717-471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net by 6 p.m. the previous day if you plan to attend.

Saturday, April 27, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Octoraro Reservoir

Location: Boat Launch Parking Lot near 212 Spruce Grove Rd., Kirkwood, PA 17536

Contact: Larry Bernhardt, 717-314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

Larry Bernhardt will lead a field trip to the Octoraro Reservoir area. Meet at the boat launch area parking lot off Spruce Grove Road by 7 a.m. We will scope the reservoir from the shoreline area, so bring along a scope if you have one. We will take a short drive to Blue Gill Road to view the wetland area and over to Liberty Road to look for warblers and other migrant species. We will then drive two miles over to Mt. Eden Road to view the large wetland area which produces several rarities each year. There will be a 1.5-mile hike from there for anyone who wants to continue. Contact Larry at 717-314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net by 6 p.m. the previous day if you plan to attend.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Chickies Rock Warbler Walk

Location: Breezy View Overlook near 770 Breezyview Dr., Columbia, PA 17512
Contact: Roger Stoner, 717-393-9030

Roger Stoner will lead a field trip to Chickies Rock County Park. Meet at 7 a.m. at Breezy View Overlook along Rt. 441 just north of Columbia. After birding Breezy View, which includes a view of a Bald Eagle's nest on the York County side of the Susquehanna River, the group will proceed to the Chickies Rock Overlook parking lot and bird in the park on both sides of Rt. 441. The field trip will end in the day-use area of the park. In addition to warblers, target species include orioles, tanagers, and flycatchers. Be prepared for ticks and bring water and snacks/lunch. Contact Roger (717-393-9030) if you have questions or by 6 p.m. on the previous day if you plan to attend.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Middle Creek WMA Warbler Walk

Location: Middle Creek WMA Visitor Center, 100 Museum Rd, Stevens, PA 17578
Contact: Doug Anderson, 717-203-2482 or douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com

Doug Anderson will lead a field trip looking for spring migrants and resident species in the various habitats at Middle Creek. Good weather and good bird activity may lead to walking 2-3 miles on trails with some hills and tall grass. Hiking boots recommended, bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and snacks/lunch and be prepared for ticks. The trip could last into the afternoon. Meet at the visitor center parking lot at 7 a.m. The visitor center does not open until 8 a.m. but there is a porta-john nearby. Contact Doug at 717-203-2482 or douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com with questions or call by 6 p.m. the night before if you plan to attend.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 8 a.m. – Pumping Station Road Warbler Walk

Location: Horseshoe Trail Parking Lot near 80 Pumping Station Rd., Lititz, PA 17543
Contact: Carl Groff, 717-471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

Carl Groff will lead the Pumping Station Rd. warbler walk. Meet at 8 a.m. at the parking lot at Rt. 322 and Pumping Station Road. The morning will be spent looking for migrants and resident birds along this popular stretch of Hammer Creek. A wide variety of birds are possible with special attention paid to the warblers that use this area as their home or a brief stopover during migration. Some other target birds will include thrushes, flycatchers, tanagers, orioles, and grosbeaks. This trip will last until around noontime so dress for the weather. Please contact Carl at 717-471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net by 6 p.m. the previous day if you plan to attend.

Sunday May 5, 2024 – 7:30 a.m. – Northwest River Trail Field Trip

Location: Bainbridge Boat Launch, 107 Race St., Bainbridge, PA 17502

Contact: Warren and Nina Wolf, 717-284-2663 or wolfers@aol.com

Warren and Nina Wolf will lead a field trip on the Northwest River Trail. Participants should plan to meet at the Bainbridge Boat Launch (start point) at 7:30 a.m. Some cars will be shuttled to Falmouth end point to make this a one-way trip. In addition to birds, there is also the possibility of wildflowers in bloom. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars. The walk is anticipated to last between 3 and 4 hours and will be on a level well-groomed trail. Contact Warren and Nina at 717-284-2663 or wolfers@aol.com if you have any questions and by 6 p.m. the day before if you plan to participate.

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. – "Current Conservation Concerns of American Goshawk in Pennsylvania"

Club Meeting - Middle Creek WMA Visitor Center, 100 Museum Road, Stevens, PA 17578

American Goshawk was recently recognized and formally listed in Pennsylvania as endangered. We will briefly cover the history of the goshawk population in Pennsylvania and suggest reasons for its decline. We will describe current monitoring efforts, successes, challenges, and failures. Including the Game Commission's efforts to test suspected causes contributing to the decline - the critical first step in planning a recovery.

Patti Barber has studied birds on four continents, she did her master's research on mate guarding and paternity in Red-faced Warblers. She is currently the endangered bird specialist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission where she is responsible for the 20 threatened and endangered native birds of the state.

Saturday, May 11, 2024 – 6:30 a.m. – Conewago Rec Trail Field Trip

Location: Old Trolley Line Park, 475 Beverly Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Contact: Larry Bernhardt, 717-314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

Larry Bernhardt will lead this easy walking field trip west along the trail with a stop at the Hershey Trust Wetlands overlook, and then continue west with views of open fields, woodland, and creeks. The walk will be out and back, probably a distance of 2-3 miles, depending on the wishes of the group. You may turn around at any time to go back to the parking lot. Note: You can no longer park along Rt. 743. From Lancaster take Rt. 283 west to the Elizabethtown Rt. 743 exit. Turn right onto Rt. 743 towards Hershey. Go about 1/4 mile and turn right on Beverly Road. A parking area for the Conewago Trail is on the left side of the road at Old Trolley Line Park. There is a porta-john in the parking lot. Meet Larry at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot and bring water and snacks. Contact Larry at 717-314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net by 6 p.m. the previous day if you plan to attend.

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Millport Conservancy Field Trip

Location: Millport Conservancy, 737 E Millport Rd., Lititz, PA 17543

Contact: Doug Anderson, 717-203-2482 or douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com

Doug Anderson will lead a field trip through Millport Conservancy. Meet at 7 a.m. in the main parking area located just off 737 E. Millport Rd., Lititz. This will be an easy morning walk through the Conservancy trail along Lititz Run to identify a variety of target species including warblers and wading birds. Bring binoculars, water and snacks. Contact Doug at 717-203-2482 or douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com with questions or call by 6 p.m. the night before if you plan to attend.

Saturday, May 18, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Susquehannock State Park

Location: Susquehannock State Park Overlook off of 1880 Park Dr., Drumore, PA 17518

Contact: Larry Bernhardt, 717-314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

Larry Bernhardt and Tom Amico will lead a field trip to Susquehannock State Park. Meet at 7 a.m. at the Susquehanna River overlook at the far end of the park which is just past the main parking lot and senior parking area. If you have a scope, bring that out to the overlook which provides distant views of the river. We will see birds moving up and down the river, and some stopping near the overlook. We will then walk about 3/4 mile back through the park looking for late spring migrants and other birds which nest in the park. Contact Larry at 717-314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net by 6 p.m. the night before if you plan to attend.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Birding in Juniata County Members Only Trip

Location: Karl B. Guss Picnic Area, Licking Creek Rd., Lewistown, PA 17044

Contact: Carl Groff, 717-471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

Carl Groff will lead a field trip to Juniata County for spring warblers and other migrants. Target species include both Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers. This trip covers several areas of the county. The group is limited to eight club members and registration is required. We will be meeting at 7 a.m. at Karl B. Guss Picnic Area along East Licking Creek Rd. Participants are welcome to drive to the location Sunday morning or get a motel in the area Saturday night. Bring water, snacks, and lunch and be prepared at times to walk on rough and hilly terrain. Contact Carl at fledge19@verizon.net or 717-471-9969 if you have questions or want to make a reservation to attend.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. – Special Conservation Event
“Saving Birds: The Science Behind Bird-Glass Collisions and the Need for Bird-Friendly Buildings”

Location: F&M College, Barshinger Life Sciences and Philosophy Building, Bonchek Lecture Hall

Location is adjacent to the college’s Williamson Parking Lot (Lot H) located at 850 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603. This will be the primary parking lot for the event. The lot and the building the event will be held in is directly across Harrisburg Pike from Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant and alongside the college’s track. F&M will not be in session when this event is held.

Complete details on this first-of-its-kind event will be emailed out and available on LCBC digital resources. LCBC will be sponsoring this public forum with F&M College titled “Saving Birds: The Science Behind Bird-Glass Collisions and the Need for Bird-Friendly Buildings.” Many exciting details to be released. Dr. Daniel Klem from Muhlenberg College, author of *Solid Air: Invisible Killer – Saving Billions of Birds from Windows*, will be the keynote speaker followed by Paul Groleau, vice president of Feather Friendly from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. A moderated panel featuring an audience question-and-answer session will conclude the event that will feature Dr. Klem, Mr. Groleau, Jacob Bowser from Walker Glass Company, Tracie Young of Raven Ridge Wildlife Center, and possibly some other surprises. Table displays will be setup in the lobby prior to the event. This educational event meant to raise public awareness on this important conservation issue is open to birders, architects/builders, elected officials, and the general public.

Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. – “Hawk Watching 101: An Introduction to the Hobby and Science of Counting Migrating Raptors”

Club Meeting - Middle Creek WMA Visitor Center, 100 Museum Road, Stevens, PA 17578

Every spring and fall hawk watchers gather at migration bottlenecks to witness and quantify the spectacle of migrating hawks, eagles, falcons, and vultures. Join David Brown for a discussion of this niche form of birding. We will look back one hundred years to hawk watching's origins in Pennsylvania up through the present day. David will discuss how to get involved, what equipment is needed, and the basics of raptor identification. Beyond mere data collection exists a deeper human element that explains why David and others choose to make this activity their life passion.

David Brown is a professional hawk watch counter from Lycoming County. He has 14 seasons of experience as the official counter at hawk watches in Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. He is a co-founder of LycoBirds, a website and YouTube channel that provides educational content for birders. David is especially known for his video series on raptor identification and his daily video summaries from the Braddock Bay Hawk Watch.

Sunday, June 23, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Ferncliff Preserve & Bald Eagle Road Field Trip

Location: Ferncliff Nature Preserve, Wildlife Preserve Rd., Drumore, PA 17518

Contact: Ted Nichols, 717-856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com

Club President Ted Nichols will lead a field trip exploring Lancaster Conservancy's Ferncliff Preserve and nearby Eagle Road checking out some of Lancaster County's prime breeding bird habitat. Meet at 7 a.m. at the main parking lot for Ferncliff Preserve located on Wildlife Preserve Road, Drumore. Please contact Ted at 717-856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com by 6 p.m. the day before if you plan to attend or have questions.

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 7 p.m. – An Update from the Lancaster Conservancy & Summer Picnic

Club Meeting - Climbers Run Nature Center, 226 Frogtown Rd., Pequea, PA 17565

Leadership from Lancaster Conservancy will provide the LCBC membership with an update on current conservancy happenings. Full details on the program and attending conservancy leadership will be provided on our website and via email as we draw closer to the event.

This event will also serve as our **Summer Picnic with Chicken BBQ Dinners** being served at the start of the meeting. Pre-orders will be required to reserve a dinner from the caterer. A link will be distributed to preorder dinners starting in early June!

Saturday, July 13, 2024 – 7 a.m. – Conoy Wetlands Preserve Field Trip

Location: Conoy Wetlands Preserve, Prescot Rd off River Rd, Bainbridge, PA 17502

Contact: Sarah Gotwols, 717-940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

Sarah Gotwols will lead a summer walk through a forested area along the Susquehanna River. We will meet at 7 a.m. in the parking area located at the end of Prescot Road near Bainbridge. This will be an easy guided walk, with both grassy and paved trail surfaces. Please bring binoculars, water, and be prepared for insects including ticks. Contact Sarah (717-940-3804 call/text or sarahann71880@gmail.com) by 6 p.m. on Friday if you plan to attend. If necessary, weather-related cancellations will be made the day prior and registered participants will be notified.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS BY LARRY BERNHARDT

This quarter the LCBC has received 37 new memberships and 6 returning memberships! As a result, the membership has grown to 386 members which is up from 363 members at the end of 2023.

We would like to welcome the following new and returning members. Please help them to feel welcome!

NEW MEMBERS:

Randy & Carol (Keegan) Alford – Willow Street	Susan Hartz - Lancaster
Doug & Jenn Balmer – Lititz	Robert Hudson - Lancaster
John Baker – Lancaster	Jeff Lawrence & Carol Overcash - Lancaster
Caden Beyer – Akron	Sherry Lookofsky - York
Susan Borowski – Lancaster	Michael & Kathryn McKenna - Lititz
Justin Brenneman – Lititz	Emily Miller & Cain Walter - Wrightsville
Brigid Broadwell – Mount Joy	Mikhil Patil - Lancaster
Christina Carroll – Millersville	Judith Rettich - Lancaster
Diana Collins – Landisville	Deborah Rivera - Lancaster
Ann Copeland – Lancaster	Betsy Saatman - Lancaster
Bill & Jan Deegan – Ephrata	Robert & Elizabeth Sandkuhler - Lancaster
Andrew & Maggie DiCostanzo – Lititz	Crystal Schreffler - Lancaster
Ryan & Elizabeth Doherty – Lancaster	Wendy Serfass - Lititz
Anne Esbenshade – Lancaster	Jerry Stine - Newmanstown
Ken Eshleman – Lititz	Ann Swartzbaugh - Lancaster
Cherrie Forren – Quarryville	Billy Tran, Sarah Taylor, Steve McClean - Lancaster
Cameala Freed – Lititz	Dawn Wiest - Lancaster
Ana Gavrilis Stran – Lancaster	Pamela Williams - Lititz
Ernest & Jo-Ann Green – Lancaster	

RETURNING MEMBERS:

Thomas & Christina Burnett – Akron	Joshua Schulz - Lancaster
Kenneth & Rebecca Kline – Columbia	Stanley Stahl - Lancaster
Mike Ranck – Ephrata	John & Mary Stefan - Lancaster

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Sustaining Members:

Dr. Charles E Alexander	Peter & Barbara Hunsberger
Yvonne M Beck	James & Carolyn Karl
Sue A Bowman	Thomas Kurtz & Nancy Clupper
Craig Boyhont	John D Lahr

Emily Broich
Paul E Brubaker
Bruce A Carl
Sandy Christian
Robert E Coley
Mary Coomer
Ann Copeland
Charles Davis
Mike Epler
James & Carol Feister
Robyn Finer
Pam & Kim Fisher
Carl R Groff
Franklin Haas
Susan Hartz
Bettina A Heffner
Fritz Heilman
Richard A Hill
Michael & Pamela Holmes
Gladys Horst

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Erin Deneke
Mike Epler
Gregory & Alberta Elliott
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Lisa Garrett
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Fritz Heilman
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Peter & Barbara Hunsberger
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Robert Paul & Sylvia Shellenberger
Frank and Carol Peachey
Patty Pfennig
Ted & Elizabeth Pyle
Samir & Yusuf Saadeh
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Dennis & Lorri Schmick
Rick & Donna Schoenberger
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David & Laurel Wiegand
Dawn Wiest

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Beth Morrison

In Memory of Carl Beck:
Thomas & Nancy Hopson
Jim & Judy Widders

In Memory of Germaine “Doll” Broich:
Emily Broich

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In Memory of Jim Smith:
Pam & Kim Fisher
Thomas & Nancy Hopson

In Memory of Jan Witmer:
Leon E & Jane S Schreffler

MEMBERS’ ADVENTURES & ACTIVITIES

None were reported for this issue. Please send trip reports and pictures to Carol Feister (cjfeister@comcast.net). Our next newsletter comes out in early July. Please submit items to Carol by June 27, 2024. I know that birders travel, please consider sending in a report!

LANCASTER COUNTY BIRD OBSERVATIONS – Winter 2023

This winter season the species count was 141, above the 5-year average of 135 (134, 130, 141, 133, 138 previous). The 2nd Western Flycatcher, continuing 4th Say’s Phoebe, and 5th Western Tanager were notable. The all-time county list is 365. Like last winter, mean temperatures were exceptionally warm at 5°F above normal, but snowfall was close to average. As a result, ice and snow cover were short-lived. Some fall migrants were able to linger into Jan, inflating the species count. Weather information is sourced from the NWS Harrisburg station, and the “normal period” is 1991-2020.

Snow Geese peaked at 70,000 at MCWMA the last weekend of Feb, a low number due to the warmth. Solo **Ross's Goose** and **Greater White-fronted Goose** were sprinkled around the county across the period. Northbound **Canvasback**, **Redhead**, and **Greater Scaup** and **Lesser Scaup** numbers saw relatively low peaks along the Susquehanna R., again a product of temperature. A pair of **Long-tailed Ducks** were at MCWMA 12/31 for the CBC (m.ob.), and a drake on SRLC 2/6 (DS). No scoters were found. Two **Virginia Rails** over-wintered at WEP, as they have consistently since 2016. A juv **Sandhill Crane** was in a farm field east of Quarryville 12/8 (SS). **Rough-legged Hawks** were seen at EDRP 1/15 (LB), and a Millersville field 1/20-21 (TF). One **Long-eared Owl** was recorded on the Lititz CBC 12/31 (JH).

A **Western Flycatcher** was discovered at EDRP 12/13, sighted through 12/25 (BL, m.ob.). It is the 2nd county record, but due to the recent Pacific-slope and Cordilleran Flycatcher lump, could be as high as the 5th. That is a pretty incredible statistic, considering there are only two elsewhere in the state. The **Say's Phoebe** continued from fall at SWTPWB through the period, and a **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** joined it there 12/23-1/5 (JH, TM, m.ob.). A **Marsh Wren** lingered at WEP 11/30-12/24 (SM), and a **House Wren** was in New Holland 12/9 (ZM). **Lapland Longspur** and **Snow Bunting** were both found. Several rare-in-winter sparrows were found at MCWMA: a **Grasshopper Sparrow** 12/3-1/7, a **Clay-colored Sparrow** from 12/9-1/15, and a **Lincoln's Sparrow** 1/7 (JH all, m.ob.).

Two **Baltimore Orioles** and a **Nashville Warbler** were all together at a Strasburg park 12/29-1/3 (BW). A **Northern Parula** was photographed at EDRP 12/14 (NW, WW, m.ob.), right near the Western Flycatcher. Back at SWTPWB, seasonally rare **Yellow Warbler** and "Yellow" **Palm Warbler** were seen 12/15-17 (EW, MS) and 1/8 (NW, WW) respectively. A **Pine Warbler** stopped at the feeder of a Lancaster home 1/19 (BH), and **Yellow-rumped Warblers** were common. Six warbler species is quite excellent for a winter season. A male **Western Tanager** was photographed by Lampeter homeowners the morning of 2/25 and posted to Facebook for identification. Being a Western Tanager, this took no time at all, and they were happy to allow visitors. It stayed until 2/27, becoming the 5th county record (David Sylvania, m.ob.). Lastly, a **Dickcissel** was heard in flight over New Holland 12/9 (ZM).

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Locations: East Donegal Riverfront Park (EDRP), Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area (MCWMA), Susquehanna River Lake Clarke (SRLC), Susquehanna WTP Washington Boro (SWTPWB), Woods Edge Park (WEP)

BIRDS ON THE MOVE

For those members who may not use online resources to share their significant bird sightings or like to see their sightings in print, LCBC would like to continue to allow members to share their recent significant sightings through our newsletter.

Each member is asked to put their sightings into a narrative format (descriptive sentences) that tell the who, what, where, when, why, and how of their sightings.

Each member is asked to limit their submission to four to 10 sentences for printing in each edition of the newsletter.

Sightings can be submitted by email or paper to:

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Keep in mind, the newsletter is published only four times a year. **The deadline for submission of observations for this column for the Summer Newsletter is June 27, 2024.**

Submissions made for this column should be made by the deadline date and be for observations that occurred after the previous deadline date (March 31) and before the current deadline. The "Birds on the Move" column editor or "Call Notes" newsletter editor reserves the right to edit submissions based on newsletter space constraints.

Photos of interesting sightings are also welcome!

REVIEW OF COMPLETED EVENTS

December 17, 2023 – The 47th edition of the Southern Lancaster County Christmas Bird Count was conducted on Sunday, December 17, 2023. The day began with dense fog throughout the count circle and notably low bird activity overall. A heavy rainstorm arrived in early afternoon and effectively washed out the opportunities to survey areas during the late afternoon and evening. A team of forty-one observers in the field and twenty-three watching in their yards documented a solid blend of lingerers, half-hardies, and tough-to-find birds for the cumulative list.

Notable birds recorded on this day were Snow Goose, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Double-crested Cormorant, Wilson's Snipe, Black-capped Chickadee, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, Chipping Sparrow, and Pine Warbler. The "rarest" bird of the day based upon the number of prior count records (only 8 out of 47 years) for the count is a Baltimore Oriole visiting a suet feeder near Kirkwood. Overall waterfowl numbers and diversity were low, and songbird counts were mostly down across the board.

Multiple participants shared that their group's total species and total numbers were the lowest they had ever tallied in decades of doing this count, a testament to the effect of the weather's impact. Therefore, the species total of 105 is respectable and well-earned. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who contributed their time and talent to make the Southern Lancaster County Christmas Bird Count a success as always. We look forward to counting again on December 15, 2024! Compiled by Derek Stoner.

December 23, 2023 – The Lancaster Christmas Bird Count had 63 volunteers in the field and 15 feeder watchers reporting from home. Barbara Hunsberger reported 86 species, which is six higher than last year. The rarest species reported on the 2022 CBC was a Say's Phoebe, which was back again for several weeks in winter of 2023-2024 at the water treatment plant in Manor Township and was present during the count. Although waterfowl numbers were lower than other years, there were 14 species of ducks and geese. Waterfowl highlights included 2 Cackling Geese and 3 Red-breasted Mergansers. The count had 3 species of owls again this year; Great-horned and Eastern Screech Owl along with 1 Northern Saw-whet but no Barred Owls. In addition, 3 species of falcons were represented by 1 Peregrine, 1 Merlin, and 11 American Kestrels. Other species of note included 1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 1 Purple Finch, 1 Pine Warbler, and 8 Yellow-rumped Warblers. Many thanks to all the volunteers for a successful CBC. Hope to see you next year.

December 23, 2023 – The CBC4Kids held on this day turned into a CBC4Adults day as no children came on the trip because of the weather, according to John Lahr. There were 9 adults on the trip, and they observed 19 species of birds.

December 31, 2023 – In support of the 124th Audubon Christmas Bird Count, the Lititz CBC was held on Dec. 31, 2023. The count is centered on Brickerville.

The count saw cloudy weather throughout the day with temperatures ranging from 43 degrees to 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Wind activity for the day was out of the northwest and ranged from 5-18 mph. All water was open and there was no snow cover.

A total of 16,814 birds were tallied on the count this year, representing 105 different species. Compared to the prior year, 467 more birds were spotted and 12 additional species this year. The count had 46 total participants plus 7 feeder counts submitted. There were 3 more participants this year than the prior year. A total of 119.31 party hours (112.40 the year prior) covering a combined distance of 364.44 (69.29 miles by foot and 295.15 miles by car) made up the count's effort. For comparison, the prior year covered a combined distance of 408.98 miles.

Of note, there were 2 different Clay-colored Sparrows found in completely separate areas (and counties) at Middle Creek this year. Other less expected birds were 3 Chipping Sparrows and a single Brown Thrasher and Gray Catbird. Waterfowl was pretty productive and birds of note not regularly seen on the count were a pair of Long-tailed Duck, 2 Canvasback and a lone Redhead

and Red-breasted Merganser. Five Bonaparte's Gulls and a pair of American Coot were also of note. There were also no unexpected warbler species besides Yellow-rumped Warbler which we only had 11 for the count.

A complete PDF account from Audubon's database of the count to include all species logged is available at: <https://bit.ly/lititzcbc2023>. An eBird summary that may not reflect final tallies — but provides specific details of where birds were seen — is available at: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/189034>.

A pizza lunch was offered to all participants at Middle Creek midday. Thanks to everyone who participated in 2023 and continues to support the Lititz CBC and to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and their staff at Middle Creek for continuing to provide us with amazing access to the habitat there!

January 11, 2024 – Amber Wiewel, coordinator for Pennsylvania's Bird Atlas 3rd Edition, presented to club members the purpose of the Atlas and how birders can contribute effectively. The Atlas is a key resource in the reporting of abundance and distribution of bird species across the Commonwealth and provides critical information for prioritizing conservation management decisions. Amber provided detailed information on the Atlas protocols for surveying bird species, including how the State is divided into blocks, a concise overview on breeding status coding, guidelines for surveying, and how to submit observer checklists. Amber encouraged each member to participate and reiterated that it is an opportunity to further engage with the birding community and will educate birders of any skill level. To learn more about the 3rd Pennsylvania Bird Atlas project, visit the website at www.ebird.org/atlaspa.

January 20, 2024 – Four hearty birders braved the frigid cold and wind for the East Donegal Riverfront Park field trip. Recent snowfall made for a wintry birding experience. The group's total species count, 16, was directly proportional with the weather temperature! Highlights included Bald Eagle, good looks at Ruby and Golden-crowned Kinglets, and 2 American Pipits observed foraging by the water's edge. We promise that not all of the club's field trips are this cold!



Emily Broich led a hardy group of birders for a field trip at East Donegal Riverfront Park in frigid conditions on Jan. 20, 2024 — the day following a snowstorm.

January 27, 2024 – Sarah Gotwols and Meredith Lombard hosted a group of 28 participants at the Safe Harbor Dam observation platform to view birds along the Susquehanna River. New birders learned how to use binoculars and identify multiple species including Bald Eagle, Common Raven, several gull species, and songbirds. Part of the group also traveled to the Observation Site Road location and were able to view American Kestrel, Eastern Bluebird, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and other songbirds in the field and forest edge. Special thanks to John Lahr, Mike Epler, and Larry Bernhardt for lending the use of their scopes for the participants.



Participants keep an eye to the skies on the observation deck at Safe Harbor Dam during the club's Beginner Birder Series event held there on Jan. 27, 2024.

February 8, 2024 - The club's February meeting featured a new type of event for the membership — a member social. Formal remarks on the partnership between LCBC and the North Museum — which traces back to when the museum was founded in 1953 — were given by Club President Ted Nichols and North Museum CEO Andrea Rush. Ideas for ways of future collaboration were also discussed. Ted also presented the museum with one of our Kestrel Prints (#71 of 100) to mark our 71-year partnership with the museum. Museum Collections Manager Molly Wolanski and Franklin & Marshall College Professor Dan Ardia also gave an overview of the Museum's ornithological collection and spoke on how it continues to be used for research today. The event also allowed members to browse the museum's exhibits to include their world-class ornithological collection. Museum members, staff, leadership and board members also joined us for the event. Approximately 105 attendees came out for the event. A wide variety of refreshments were offered by the club and the museum offered a selection of beverages to attendees. Ad Crable also attended on behalf of LNP and covered the meeting as part of an article he published on the museum's ornithological collection. It was certainly a night to remember!



Feb 8 meeting- social time.



From left, Ted Nichols II, Andrea Rush, and Scott Downs, North Museum Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships

February 24, 2024 – Craig Boyhont led a group of 13 participants to Middle Creek WMA and observed a total of 30 species after covering Stop No. 1, Willow Point Trail (Stop No. 2) and the boat launch (Stop No. 6.) Of the species recorded, 12 of those fell into the waterfowl category. One of the attendees had her birding hobby ignited during a study-abroad class in the United Kingdom. So, while her European list was probably pretty extensive, the group picked up an Eastern Meadowlark on the trip which was a lifer for her! Towards the end of the trip, the snow geese started putting on a show as large flocks were funneling back onto the lake. The Pennsylvania Game Commission estimated for this weekend over 70,000 snow geese, the highest count for this year’s migration season.



Board Member Craig Boyhont captured this photo of a Snow Goose on his Feb. 24 Field Trip to Middle Creek.

February 24, 2024 – The club’s first River Watch Birding Event took place at Columbia Crossing River Trails Center in Columbia led by Club President Ted Nichols. Club members showed up in force with an armada of scopes to allow nearly 50 people who stopped by to scope out the bird life on the river with us! 25 species were observed during the three-hour event.

Highlights included more than 70 very active Bufflehead that seemed to always be providing views, a lone Common Goldeneye, more than 800 Ring-billed Gulls and a half dozen Herring Gulls. A complete account of the birds observed is available at:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163001788>

Thanks also to Club Secretary Sarah Gotwols for facilitating a table display for the club in the center and coordinating refreshments and beverages for attendees. Many thanks also to Columbia Crossing for partnering with the club on this new event and their help promoting it. Our members also spotted a man in the river at the event that required rescue and a large emergency response. Thanks to the speedy and attentive actions of our members a life was also saved that day!

March 2, 2024 – Sarah and Meredith Lombard led a group of hardy participants on a soggy evening trip to Middle Creek WMA. Twenty beginner birders were able to learn basic binocular skills and identify songbirds from the observation area within the visitor center, and then spent time observing waterfowl as well. Notable species included a lovely group of White-crowned Sparrows and Short-eared Owls at Stop No. 3.



Participants took part in a soggy afternoon of birding at Middle Creek on March 2, 2024 during a Beginner Birder Series event led by Sarah Gotwols and Meredith Lombard.

March 9, 2024 – Habitat Improvement Workday with Lancaster Conservancy at Climbers Run - cancelled due to inclement weather.

March 9, 2024 – Woodcock & Waterfowl at Middle Creek WMA Field Trip - cancelled due to inclement weather.

March 14, 2024 – Dr. Todd Underwood from Kutztown University presented research conducted in the past decade relative to the Veery. His research objectives were to track Veery migration from North America to South America, locate overwintering grounds in South American countries, and determine the habitat that Veeries prefer. The birds tracked showed a migration route from the Appalachian and Piedmont regions of North America down through Central America to ultimately winter in two primary locations in the Amazon River Basin of Colombia and the Cerrado Savannah Region of Brazil. Information gathered from Dr. Underwood’s research project has helped to conclusively identify the overwintering sites of this threatened species. Veery population is directly impacted by deforestation and lack of contiguous habitats in both breeding and wintering locations.

March 16, 2024 – Birding the Susquehanna with Derek Stoner. On Saturday, March 16, 2024, a group of thirty-four participants experienced a beautiful afternoon of birding along the Susquehanna River, starting in Wrightsville on the York County side and wrapping up at the Blue Rock Boat Launch on the Lancaster County side.

Highlights among the 42 species observed include Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Wood Duck, Peregrine Falcon, and newly-arrived Eastern Phoebes and Tree Swallows. A pair of Bald Eagles sitting side-by-side on a branch over the river was a highlight for many!



Derek Stoner’s Birding the Susquehanna Field Trip on March 16 attracted 34 participants who gathered for this group photo in Wrightsville.



LANCASTER COUNTY YEAR LIST BY MIKE EPLER

During 2023, Lancaster County birders reported locating 269 different bird species. This is close to the five, ten, and twenty-year averages of 272, 268 and 271, respectively.

Two new species were added to the official list of Lancaster County birds. The addition of Anhinga and Limpkin brings the total to 362. *

There were 30 species of waterfowl reported including all the expected species. Both Surf Scoter and White-winged Scoter were also seen. Surf Scoter is typically seen in roughly half the years while White-winged Scoter is sighted in three out of every four years on average. Eurasian Wigeon was missed for the fourth year in a row after being observed annually for the prior 11 years.

Among game birds Wild Turkey and Ring-necked Pheasant were found. Ruffed Grouse was not reported. It has only been found in the county during three of the past 15 years. Prior to that it was an annual occurrence.

Pied-billed and Horned Grebe were reported as was the less frequently seen Red-necked Grebe.

A single Eurasian Collared-Dove was seen. They have been reported in approximately half the years since they were first found in 2004.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird was the only hummingbird species reported.

Both Virginia Rail and Sora continue to be seen yearly.

A first state record Limpkin was found in the county.

Sandhill Crane was spotted for the nineteenth year in a row. Prior to 2004 they were seen an average of once every three years.

The shorebird species count for the year was 28, down one from last year but still above the 10-year average of 26. Among the less common species reported were American Avocet, Upland Sandpiper, Hudsonian Godwit, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Ruddy Turnstone, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper.

There were 13 species of gulls and terns seen. The less common among these were Little Gull, Franklin's Gull, and Iceland Gull. All the usual tern species were reported including Black Tern and Common Tern.

Common Loon and the less common Red-throated Loon were both sighted.

A first county record Anhinga was photographed at the Conejohela Flats.

Both American White Pelican and Brown Pelican were spotted. American White Pelican has been seen in roughly half of the years recently while this was only the second record of Brown Pelican in the county.

There were 12 species of wading birds seen. Among the less common species were Least Bittern, Western Cattle Egret, White Ibis, and Glossy Ibis.

All the expected raptor species were observed. Swallow-tailed Kite was seen for the first time in 12 years. American Goshawk was missed for the twelfth year in a row after being seen for 34 of the previous 35 years.

All seven of the normally occurring species of owls were seen. There were no reports of Snowy Owl.

All the typical flycatchers were reported. A Western Flycatcher was found in the county for the first time since 2001. The Say's Phoebe discovered during the 2022 Christmas Bird Count continued into the new year.

Common Raven has been seen for the past 22 years in a row. They had been reported in just nine of the previous 25 years.

All expected wren species were reported including Marsh Wren.

Two separate Bicknell's Thrush were found. This is the first time in 16 years that they have been seen in the county.

In addition to the expected Finch species Red Crossbill was also reported. This was the fifth time in 23 years.

All expected sparrows were seen this year. A Clay-colored Sparrow was also found.

The warbler species count was 35 with all expected species seen. The less common Connecticut Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, and Orange-crowned Warbler were all reported.

In 2023 there were two main contenders for the bird of the year, an Anhinga that was seen at the Conejohela Flats, and a Limpkin found at Middle Creek WMA. Both of these birds represented first county records. The Limpkin was a first state record as well. Both of these birds were initially found by photographers and subsequently posted online. While the Anhinga was not seen again the Limpkin fortunately stuck around. The Limpkin was sometimes very easy to see as it fed on invasive Chinese mystery snails not far from the main road. Other times it was quite illusive, its speckled brown plumage providing excellent camouflage. Birders from surrounding counties and states came to look for this interesting visitor. While not always the easiest bird to find, several hundred people managed to observe it. The bird of the year for 2023 is the Limpkin.

*Per the official list from the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology

2023 Checklist of Species Observed in Lancaster County

Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Calliope Hummingbird	X Great Black-backed Gull
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Rufous Hummingbird	Glaucous Gull
X Snow Goose	Allen's Hummingbird	X Lesser Black-backed Gull
X Ross's Goose	King Rail	California Gull
X Greater White-fronted Goose	X Virginia Rail	X Iceland Gull
Tundra Bean-Goose	X Sora	Black Skimmer
Pink-footed Goose	Common Gallinule	Sooty Tern
Brant	X American Coot	Least Tern
Barnacle Goose	Black Rail	Gull-billed Tern
X Cackling Goose	X Limpkin	X Caspian Tern
X Canada Goose	X Sandhill Crane	X Black Tern
X Mute Swan	Black-necked Stilt	X Forster's Tern
Trumpeter Swan	X American Avocet	Arctic Tern
X Tundra Swan	X Black-bellied Plover	X Common Tern
X Wood Duck	X American Golden-Plover	Royal Tern
X Blue-winged Teal	X Killdeer	X Red-throated Loon
Cinnamon Teal	X Semipalmated Plover	Pacific Loon
X Northern Shoveler	Piping Plover	X Common Loon
X Gadwall	X Upland Sandpiper	Leach's Storm-Petrel
Eurasian Wigeon	Whimbrel	Wood Stork
X American Wigeon	X Hudsonian Godwit	Northern Gannet
X Mallard	Marbled Godwit	X Anhinga
X American Black Duck	X Short-billed Dowitcher	Great Cormorant
X Northern Pintail	X Long-billed Dowitcher	X Double-crested Cormorant
X Green-winged Teal	X American Woodcock	X American White Pelican
X Canvasback	X Wilson's Snipe	X Brown Pelican
X Redhead	X Wilson's Phalarope	X American Bittern
X Ring-necked Duck	Red Phalarope	X Least Bittern
Tufted Duck	X Red-necked Phalarope	X Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
X Greater Scaup	X Spotted Sandpiper	X Black-crowned Night-Heron
X Lesser Scaup	X Solitary Sandpiper	X Little Blue Heron
X Surf Scoter	X Lesser Yellowlegs	Tricolored Heron
X White-winged Scoter	Willet	X Snowy Egret
Black Scoter	X Greater Yellowlegs	X Green Heron
X Long-tailed Duck	X Ruddy Turnstone	X Western Cattle Egret
X Bufflehead	Red Knot	X Great Egret
X Common Goldeneye	Ruff	X Great Blue Heron
X Hooded Merganser	Curlew Sandpiper	X White Ibis
X Common Merganser	X Stilt Sandpiper	X Glossy Ibis
X Red-breasted Merganser	X Buff-breasted Sandpiper	White-faced Ibis
X Ruddy Duck	X Sanderling	Roseate Spoonbill
X Northern Bobwhite	X Dunlin	X Black Vulture
X Wild Turkey	X Baird's Sandpiper	X Turkey Vulture
Ruffed Grouse	X White-rumped Sandpiper	X Osprey
X Ring-necked Pheasant	X Least Sandpiper	X Swallow-tailed Kite
X Pied-billed Grebe	X Pectoral Sandpiper	X Golden Eagle
X Horned Grebe	X Western Sandpiper	Mississippi Kite
X Red-necked Grebe	X Semipalmated Sandpiper	X Northern Harrier
Eared Grebe	Long-tailed Jaeger	X Sharp-shinned Hawk
X Rock Pigeon	Parasitic Jaeger	X Cooper's Hawk
X Eurasian Collared-Dove	Pomarine Jaeger	American Goshawk
White-winged Dove	X Little Gull	X Bald Eagle
X Mourning Dove	Black-legged Kittiwake	X Red-shouldered Hawk
X Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Sabine's Gull	X Broad-winged Hawk
X Black-billed Cuckoo	X Bonaparte's Gull	Swainson's Hawk
X Common Nighthawk	Black-headed Gull	X Red-tailed Hawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will	X Laughing Gull	X Rough-legged Hawk
X Chimney Swift	X Franklin's Gull	X Barn Owl
X Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X Ring-billed Gull	X Eastern Screech-Owl
Bahama Woodstar	X Herring Gull	Snowy Owl

X Great Horned Owl	X Winter Wren	X Red-winged Blackbird
X Barred Owl	X Sedge Wren	X Brown-headed Cowbird
X Long-eared Owl	X Marsh Wren	X Rusty Blackbird
X Short-eared Owl	X Carolina Wren	Brewer's Blackbird
X Northern Saw-whet Owl	X European Starling	X Common Grackle
X Belted Kingfisher	X Gray Catbird	X Ovenbird
X Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X Brown Thrasher	X Worm-eating Warbler
X Red-headed Woodpecker	X Northern Mockingbird	X Louisiana Waterthrush
X Red-bellied Woodpecker	X Eastern Bluebird	X Northern Waterthrush
X Downy Woodpecker	X Mountain Bluebird	X Golden-winged Warbler
X Hairy Woodpecker	X Varied Thrush	X Blue-winged Warbler
X Pileated Woodpecker	X Veery	X Black-and-white Warbler
X Northern Flicker	X Gray-cheeked Thrush	X Prothonotary Warbler
X American Kestrel	X Bicknell's Thrush	X Tennessee Warbler
X Merlin	X Swainson's Thrush	X Orange-crowned Warbler
X Gyrfalcon	X Hermit Thrush	X Nashville Warbler
X Peregrine Falcon	X Wood Thrush	X Connecticut Warbler
X Olive-sided Flycatcher	X American Robin	X Mourning Warbler
X Eastern Wood-Pewee	X Cedar Waxwing	X Kentucky Warbler
X Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	X House Sparrow	X Common Yellowthroat
X Acadian Flycatcher	X American Pipit	X Hooded Warbler
X Alder Flycatcher	X Evening Grosbeak	X American Redstart
X Willow Flycatcher	X Pine Grosbeak	X Cape May Warbler
X Least Flycatcher	X House Finch	X Cerulean Warbler
X Western Flycatcher	X Purple Finch	X Northern Parula
X Eastern Phoebe	X Common Redpoll	X Magnolia Warbler
X Say's Phoebe	X Hoary Redpoll	X Bay-breasted Warbler
X Ash-throated Flycatcher	X Red Crossbill	X Blackburnian Warbler
X Great Crested Flycatcher	X White-winged Crossbill	X Yellow Warbler
X Tropical Kingbird	X Pine Siskin	X Chestnut-sided Warbler
X Western Kingbird	X American Goldfinch	X Blackpoll Warbler
X Eastern Kingbird	X Lapland Longspur	X Black-throated Blue Warbler
X White-eyed Vireo	X Snow Bunting	X Palm Warbler
X Yellow-throated Vireo	X Grasshopper Sparrow	X Pine Warbler
X Blue-headed Vireo	X Chipping Sparrow	X Yellow-rumped Warbler
X Philadelphia Vireo	X Clay-colored Sparrow	X Yellow-throated Warbler
X Warbling Vireo	X Field Sparrow	X Prairie Warbler
X Red-eyed Vireo	X Lark Sparrow	X Black-throated Gray Warbler
X Loggerhead Shrike	X American Tree Sparrow	X Black-throated Green Warbler
X Northern Shrike	X Fox Sparrow	X Canada Warbler
X Blue Jay	X Dark-eyed Junco	X Wilson's Warbler
X American Crow	X White-crowned Sparrow	X Summer Tanager
X Fish Crow	X Harris's Sparrow	X Scarlet Tanager
X Common Raven	X White-throated Sparrow	X Western Tanager
X Carolina Chickadee	X Vesper Sparrow	X Northern Cardinal
X Black-capped Chickadee	X Le Conte's Sparrow	X Rose-breasted Grosbeak
X Tufted Titmouse	X Seaside Sparrow	X Black-headed Grosbeak
X Horned Lark	X Nelson's Sparrow	X Blue Grosbeak
X Bank Swallow	X Savannah Sparrow	X Indigo Bunting
X Tree Swallow	X Henslow's Sparrow	X Painted Bunting
X Purple Martin	X Song Sparrow	X Dickcissel
X Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X Lincoln's Sparrow	
X Barn Swallow	X Swamp Sparrow	
X Cliff Swallow	X Eastern Towhee	
X Cave Swallow	X Yellow-breasted Chat	
X Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X Yellow-headed Blackbird	
X Golden-crowned Kinglet	X Bobolink	
X White-breasted Nuthatch	X Eastern Meadowlark	
X Red-breasted Nuthatch	X Orchard Oriole	
X Brown Creeper	X Bullock's Oriole	
X Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X Baltimore Oriole	
X House Wren	X Scott's Oriole	

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