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COMING ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 15 DOAS General Meeting. *N. Y. State Breeding Bird Atlas: 20 Years of Change* presented by Kimberly Corwin. See below.
- Feb. 15-18 Great Backyard Bird Count! See page 4.
- Feb. 19 Board Meeting. Home arranged by Eleanor Moriarty.
- Feb. 23 Short-eared Owl Trip. Bob Donnelly leader. Page 6.
- Mar. 18 Board Meeting. Home of Cheryl Boise.
- Mar. 28 DOAS General Meeting. *All About Bluebirds, and More* — John Rogers **Note date!**
- Mar. 29 Montezuma National Refuge Trip. Eleanor Moriarty leader.
- Apr. 5 Waterfowl Trip to Otsego Lake. Matt Albright, Bob Donnelly, John Davis leaders.
- Apr. 18 DOAS General Meeting. *Important Bird Areas: Priority Birds and Conservation* — Jilian Liner of Audubon NY.
- May 16 DOAS General Meeting. *Promoting Healthy Backyard Habitats*. Pam Musk
- Board Meetings: Apr. Barbara, May BobD., Aug.—, Sept. Steve, Oct. John, Dec. —.
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New York State Breeding Bird Atlas: Twenty Years of Change

Kimberly Corwin will present the above topic at the next general meeting, Friday, February 15, 2008, 7:30p.m. in the Elm Park Methodist Church, Chestnut Street, Oneonta.

Kimberly has been the Co-Editor of the New York State Breeding Bird Atlas since 2005. In 2000 she became the Project Coordinator for the Breeding Bird Atlas, the year the Atlas study began. Kim's interest in ornithology began when she was an undergrad at Hartwick College and had the opportunity to spend a January semester studying birds in Costa Rica. She began working for DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife in 1991. In 1999 Kim completed the M.S. program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Albany.

Refreshments are served. For further information, please contact Eleanor Moriarty, 607-278-5896.

President's Column

The State of DOAS

It's that time of year when governors and presidents inform constituents about the state of affairs. In that spirit, here is an update on the State of DOAS.

Our finances are sound, well managed and reviewed by the Finance Committee each year. Our active 12-member board is a fine group of diverse and energetic volunteers who work well together. The Education Committee has been successfully promoting environmental education in schools and organizing our annual day camp. Excellent speakers continue to be found by the Program Committee. We recently formed a Publicity Committee to promote our activities. Our bird counts and field trips are popular. However, a limited number of field trip leaders directly affects the number of trips. We need more trip leaders. We have increased the amount of locally produced content in this newsletter. We are proud of our web site which maintains current information on programs, projects, position papers and conservation issues. Members provide quality illustrations and photos for both the newsletter and web site.

Local membership numbers are good but must be maintained. Local members are a significant source of our energy and income. Volunteers from the membership provide a presence at events and lead efforts to improve local public lands, especially the Milford State Forest. A long-term concern is the aging of our membership and board.

The board devotes a considerable amount of energy to conservation issues. Our position paper on wind power was recently revised. We have developed relationships with numerous DEC staff and do influence some of that agency's decisions. Our members' communications with decision makers affect public policy at various levels.

The hawk watch continues to be a resounding success. Because Franklin Mountain is a major fall concentration point for eastern Golden Eagles, we are working in collaboration with researchers in PA to study eagle migrations.

The DOAS Sanctuary continues to be the site of numerous activities: the hawk watch; day camp; our annual Open House; an annual work day; and, bird walks. It is also the destination for many members of the public who walk the trails and observe nature. Our 8 acre parcel of land near the sanctuary is maintained as a meadow. We are not encouraging visits to our 12 acre wetland in the town of Burlington. It is difficult to access and fragile. We hope to propagate the Black Maple trees on that property. They are the only known specimens in Otsego County.

Overall, things are quite positive. If you have any comments about how the officers and directors are managing DOAS, let me know. If you have any questions about our activities, or wish to volunteer, I would be happy to hear from you. We can always use more ideas and energy.

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Program and Charter Dinner Date Changes

The March program will be on the fourth Friday due to Easter weekend conflicts. Please mark **March 28** on your calendar for our program on Bluebirds.

Traditionally the Charter Dinner has been in November. After receiving a number of requests to change to October we have decided to do so. Concerns about weather and the proximity to Thanksgiving were factors in this decision. The amount of additional daylight in October was also considered beneficial. Our Charter Dinner this year will be on **October 17**. We will have a regular program on November 21.

Board Meeting Highlights

Here are some highlights from the DOAS Board meeting of January 15. Member questions or comments are welcome! After Board approval, the full minutes are available from John Davis.

- In addition to our Directors, DOAS member Richard DeRosa attended the Board meeting. Members are invited to attend all Board meetings which are held at various Directors' homes; if interested, contact a Board member.
- The Treasurer's Report indicated a favorable income/expense balance for December and January. 2008 brings a significant increase in our liability insurance premium.
- It was decided to break tradition and change the annual Charter Dinner date to the 3rd Friday in October instead of November. Further plans to be announced.
- Conservation Chair Andy Mason will send out a press release stating our objections to the inadequate avian studies done by the company proposing a wind farm in the Stamford/Roxbury area. The Board is also concerned about possible environmental impacts of the proposed NY Regional Interconnect power corridor.
- DOAS will provide the Audubon Adventures program to at least three area schools and will award competitive Environmental Education Grants to classroom teachers in Delaware, Otsego, eastern Chenango, and western Schoharie Counties.
- A highly successful season at the Franklin Mountain Hawk Watch included over 6000 raptors counted and records for three species, although Golden Eagle numbers were inexplicably down.
- The donation target of \$6,000.00 for our part in the National Aviary eagle tracking project has been achieved. Many thanks to all donors! Tom and Andy are working to obtain tracking data obtained so far, and a detailed report will appear in an upcoming Kingfisher.
- President Tom Salo is appointing a Nominating Committee for Board members up for election in May; the Committee will have two Board and two non-Board members.
- DOAS has been asked to support federal designation for the Kittatinny Ridge in eastern and central Pennsylvania (which includes Hawk Mountain).
- DOAS will become involved in plans to prevent flooding of Canadarago Lake which could significantly impact a major wetland habitat. ... John Davis, Secretary

Conservation and Legislation

by Andy Mason

Albany outlook--The legislative season is cranking up again in Albany, and the outlook for the environment is only slightly better than it has been in recent years. Gov. Elliott Spitzer has not made the environment the priority many NYers hoped when he was elected. Also, unrelated political blunders reduced his leadership abilities and impact with the legislature.

In his recent state of the state address, Spitzer did emphasize some environmental initiatives, particularly regarding energy. He reiterated his commitment to "15 by 15": reducing the energy use 15 percent by 2015 as part of a plan to address the threats of climate change. He also supported amending state law to increase net metering in NY. This would allow homeowners and others who generate their own electricity from wind or solar, to sell excess power back to the utility. The governor also spoke in favor of smart metering, which provides consumers up to the minute information on their electricity costs and allow them to shift power usage to cheaper times of day.

This is expected to be a difficult fiscal year in Albany, with the state facing a multi-billion dollar shortfall. The governor called for cuts to state agency budgets in his speech. The Dep't. of Environmental Conservation is already understaffed from years of cuts during the Pataki administration, and needs to at least keep the current positions to function effectively.

The governor did call for a significant increase in funding for the state Parks Office, to alleviate a backlog of maintenance and repair needs. This is an overdue need and it is good to see Spitzer's recognition of the importance of NY's outstanding park system.

The legislature remains split politically, which has lead to deadlock on environmental and other issues in the past. However, important matters remain on the table, including an expanded bottle bill, protection for the state's smaller wetlands now that the federal government no longer does so, legislation allowing municipalities to enact a small fee on large real estate transfers to provide funding for land preservation efforts, and a ban on outdoor trash burning.

The State Senate holds the key to movement on these issues, and the Republicans are struggling to hold on to their slim majority there in this election year. Often pending elections lead to even less progress than usual in Albany, but the close split in the Senate may cause the politicians to be somewhat more receptive to public support for the environment.

What you can do--Contact Gov. Spitzer and commend him for his environmental and energy initiatives in the state of the state message. Emphasize the need to adequately fund DEC and the other state environmental agencies. Also ask the governor to use his clout to press the long-delayed legislation on the bottle bill, wetlands, the land preservation fund and stopping burn barrels.

A similar message should go to local state legislators, particularly Republican Senators Bonacic and Seward, who hold the balance in moving environmental protection forward in Albany. Let them know that protection of our natural resources is well-supported by the

public in our state, and is important to you personally.

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Your last issue of The Belted Kingfisher will be stamped as such. This is the only renewal notice, so please check your label. We value your membership!

'07 Christmas Bird Count

In DOAS' 39 year existence we have participated every year in the national CBC. In those 39 years (1969-2007) we have averaged around 36-40 species per year '69 through '98 (1st decade avg. 38, 2d one 36, 3rd 40, and the last 9 years 47 species). This year we saw 56 species, last year 52 species and in '99 it was 51 species. These are the only years that we were in the fifties. There were 14 years in which we saw species numbering in the forties and the other years were in the thirties.

This year two things occurred: 1. a mild fall encouraged late lingerers (bluebirds, robins, waxwings, redwings, cowbird, catbird and hermit thrush) to hang on and 2. a poor northern food crop brought an influx of northern erratics (tree sparrow, snow bunting, pine grosbeak, com. redpoll, pine siskin and evening grosbeak)..

Andy Mason's group reported a large mixed "flock" of bluebirds, robins, waxwings and starlings. Charlie Scheim's group watched an unusual bunch of 21 ravens. This is only the 4th year any ravens have been reported on our CBC. This also was the 4th time for a Bald Eagle report.. The 4 species of owls seen were located by Bob Donnelly's group between 3 and 7 AM. Seen only for the second time were 2 Northern Saw-whet Owls and Gray Catbird and for the first time ever was a Hermit Thrush.

For a detailed list of the birds and a 39 year summary please see page 7. ... Bob Miller

Hawkwatch Wrapup

The Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch--held each fall at the DOAS Sanctuary--wrapped up its 19th season on Jan. 3, 2008. The final day was very cold but clear with a light to moderate NW wind. Three raptors were tallied, bringing the seasonal total to 6160, only the second time 6000 hawks have been counted at the site. The last bird of the season was an adult Bald Eagle that crossed the ridge at 1:40 p.m.

In addition to the excellent season total, new site records were set for Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, and Coopers Hawk. Other species significantly above the 7-year average since full time counting began, include Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Merlin, and Peregrine Falcon. Species below average were Osprey, Northern Goshawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle and American Kestrel. The 164 Golden Eagles counted marked the lowest total in 7 years.

Big days included 348 Broad-wings and 381 total hawks on Sept. 16; 73 Sharp-shins on Oct. 13; 23 Red-shoulders on Oct. 29; 272 Red-tails on Oct. 28; and flights of 22 Golden Eagles on Dec. 1, and 20 on Dec. 12. On the negative side was no double-digit day for kestrels, a sign of the continued downward trend for this species.

All the Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch statistics are available at www.hawkcount.org.

The Franklin Mt. team of dedicated volunteer counters put in 833 hours of coverage over 120 days, starting Aug. 18. Thanks go to the crew of Larry Dake, Fred Fries, Andy Mason, Ron Milliken, Fred Reckner and Tom Salo. As usual, special recognition is in order for Steve Hall who covered over one-third of the total hours. Ralph Niederlander and Andrea Lodovice logged many hours as excellent spotters.

Other individuals who made significant contributions to the hawkwatch this year as counters, spotters and in other ways include Sandy Bright, John Davis, Larry Federman, Richard Hendrick, Tom Hipp, Marilyn Leahy, Jeb McConnell and Charlie Scheim.

"Great Backyard Bird Count" Combines Bird Watching With Conservation

This February 15-18, the eleventh annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), sponsored by National Audubon and the Cornell Ornithology Lab, will again give us a chance to discover our neighborhood birds. As participating "citizen scientists" we will be adding to the national avian data base. Beginners to experts of all ages are invited to join in. Participants can take part from home or anywhere else, keeping a separate list for each day and/or location. Observers simply count the highest number of each species they see at any one time on one or more of the 4 count days and enter their tally on the GBBC web site www.birdsource.org/gbbc. You can also view your and other results and see lists and maps online, continually updated throughout the count. For more information check the web site or contact John Davis at 607-547-9688 or davi7js4@hughes.net

Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch 2007 Results

120 DAYS	2007	19 YR. AVG	CHG	7 YR AVG	7 YR CHG
HRS	833	555	50%	887	-6%
BV	0	0	-100%	0	-100%
TV	483	189	155%	357	35%
OS	140	103	36%	154	-9%
BE	141	58	142%	129	9%
NH	109	64	70%	82	33%
SS	835	438	91%	585	43%
CH	162	74	119%	126	28%
NG	25	22	12%	28	-12%
RS	93	60	54%	70	33%
BW	1639	786	109%	1067	54%
RT	2146	1844	16%	2289	-6%
RL	10	11	-9%	13	-26%
GE	164	123	33%	199	-17%
AK	89	88	1%	114	-22%
ML	38	17	118%	31	23%
PG	25	11	124%	17	46%
UR	61	125	-51%	60	2%
OR	0	0	-100%	0	-100%
TOT	6160	4020	53%	5322	16%
DAYS	120	87	37%	125	-4%
HPH	7	9	-15%	6	23%

TV=Turkey Vulture; OS=Osprey; BE=Bald Eagle; NH=Northern Harrier; SS=Sharp-shinned Hawk; CH=Cooper's Hawk; NG=Northern Goshawk; RS=Red-shouldered Hawk; BW=Broad-winged Hawk; RT=Red-tailed Hawk; RL=Rough-legged Hawk; GE=Golden Eagle; AK=American Kestrel; ML=Merlin; PG=Peregrine Falcon; UR=Unidentified Raptor; HPH=Hawks per hour.

The Delaware-Otsego Audubon Soc.. announces Environmental Grants for 2008

Environmental Education Grants are awarded to classroom teachers in the DOAS area (Delaware, Otsego, eastern Chenango, and western Schoharie Counties) to enable them to add new environmental education activities to the curriculum. The maximum award amount is \$250. Teachers may receive one grant per school year. Grants are competitive and will be evaluated by a committee of the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society.

Applications should include a description of the environmental activity proposed, time line of activities, anticipated benefits and a detailed budget. Deadline for applications for the spring semester of 2008 is February 15, 2008. For more information or an application form, please see www.doas.us ... Barbara Marsala

December-January Bird Sightings

This is the time of the year when football mania really starts to heat up and our passion for our favorite team, mine being the Giants, takes control of our leisure time. However it doesn't seem to stop our passion for "birding" as can be seen by the sightings below.

On 12/1 Elliott Adams saw a brown-headed cowbird in Sharon Springs. On 12/3 Tom Salo reported a barred owl in W. Burlington. The next day he saw a golden eagle there. John Birkett saw a red-bellied woodpecker in Bainbridge on 12/8. On 12/10 Dorian Huneke reported 30 common redpolls in Treadwell and Tom Salo saw 24 of them in W. Burlington on 12/11. Cindy Campbell reported a flock of snow buntings in Cherry Valley on 12/15.

On 12/16 in Cherry Valley John Davis saw a short-eared owl. On 12/18 Bruce Milavec reported 17 pine grosbeaks in Westford and the next day he saw a flock of 24 snow buntings there. On 12/20 Tom Salo had a hoary redpoll in W. Burlington and Bruce Milavec saw a great blue heron on Goodyear Lake. Terri Wetzel saw 2 Northern shrikes in Morris on 12/21. On 12/28 Marilyn Bailey saw 3 Ea. bluebirds at Goodyear Lake. On 12/29 Louise Hall reported 3 American robins in Mt. Vision.

The first of the new year Andy Mason reported a Northern goshawk in Jefferson. Lisa Fields saw a Northern shrike that had impaled a common redpoll in Worcester on 1/3. On 1/4 John Davis reported 3 common ravens in Cooperstown. Andy Mason had a great horned owl calling in the woods of Jefferson on 1/6. On 1/7 Jack McShane saw a Northern shrike with a chickadee trapped in its claws in Andes and John Davis reported 25 cedar waxwings in Cooperstown. On 1/10 John saw 4 Am. robins there. Please send sightings to Dianne Benko; 607 829-5218; 6815 Co. Hwy 16, Delhi, NY 13753; caged@wpc.com, by 2/17/08 for the next issue of *The Belted Kingfisher*.

Magnetic Bird Brains

Molecules called cryptochromes embedded in bird's retinas both respond to light and also detect magnetic fields. And the bird's brain incorporates clever mechanisms for processing the geomagnetic information from the molecules. So essentially the compass directions appear in the eyes of migratory birds and are transferred to the brain.

Migratory birds also use their beaks as navigational tools, as the beaks contain bits of magnetite, a mineral that may allow them to sense Earth's magnetic field. This gives them crucial information about their latitude since the field is stronger near the poles.

... Jean T. Miller

Discover, January 2008

Waterfowl Count Results

The DOAS portion of the NY State Ornithological Assoc.'s waterfowl count was surveyed Jan. 11 & 13, 2008. Areas covered included: W. Branch Delaware R., Delhi to Deposit, including Cannonsville Res.; Otsego Lake and tributaries and surrounding ponds; Susquehanna R., Oneonta to Unadilla, including Goodyear L.; Ouleout Cr. including East Sidney Lake; Unadilla R. and tributaries, W. Edmeston to Sidney; lower Martin Brook; Buckhorn Lake and vicinity; Canadarago Lake and local ponds and streams and surrounding fields.

Numbers and variety were lower than normal, despite open water and mild weather. Participants put in 62.5 party hours and 370 miles.

Waterfowl totals:

Other sightings of interest included 17+ Red-tailed Hawks, 8 Bald Eagles, 2 Am. Kestrels, Ring-billed Gulls, 2 Herring Gulls, 2 Gr. Blue Herons, Ruffed Grouse, Belted Kingfisher, 3 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, 3 No. Shrikes, Cedar Waxwings, Ea. Bluebirds, Am. Robins.

Thanks to participants Matt Albright, Kay Crane, Larry Dake, Donna Jean Darling, John Davis, Bob Donnelly, Kathy Griswold, Andy Mason, Bob & Jean Miller, Eleanor Moriarty, Katie Ray, Tom & Jo Ann Salo.

... Andy Mason

Another Successful Eagle Trip

Over 50 participants took a tour of the Delaware Co. reservoirs and rivers Jan. 12, on the annual DOAS eagle trip.

The eagles were most cooperative, with 24 birds spotted, including 16 soaring together over a ridge near the Cannonsville Dam. This group was viewed for nearly a half hour with many interactions among the birds, including talon grappling and mock battles. The show continued as we departed. Also, one adult eagle was observed on the nest near Delancey.

Notable was a lack of other raptors on the trip. Only one Red-tailed Hawk was seen. Waterfowl numbers also were down with Canada Goose, Common Merganser, Black Duck and Mallard seen along the way.

Forty plus of the eagle watchers enjoyed lunch at the Old Schoolhouse Restaurant in Downsville at the end of the trip.

--Andy Mason

Strive For Zero Waste

- The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can will operate a TV for 3 hours.
- Typically only 30% of office paper is from recycled sources. And an average office worker uses 10,000 sheets of copy paper in a year. Buy recycled paper!
- Plastic takes 400 years to decompose in a landfill. Use your own cloth or canvas bags when shopping, and make it a habit to always have them with you.

... Jean T. Miller

Golden Eagle Research Update

Thanks again to all who contributed to the project to track movements of Golden Eagles in the eastern US and Canada, including through NY State. Our local fund raising was very successful, and we are now seeking ways to use this money to maximize the benefits to the project.

Unfortunately, the competition for wildlife grant money was very tough last year. None of the 3 NY grant applications were funded. The lack of grant money precluded a trapping and telemetering program at Franklin Mt. Even so, there is very good news. The Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune telemetered five Golden Eagles on the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec last summer. This provincial is sharing data with The National Aviary, primary sponsor of the tracking project. Of the eight eagles fitted with telemetry devices since 2006, 7 are still being tracked. One device failed last June.

The routes of these birds through New York are very interesting. Many came through our region, but we haven't yet confirmed how close to Franklin Mountain these birds flew this past fall. Once we have enough detailed data, we will provide an update on the birds' movements. It is interesting to note that the 3 birds trapped and telemetered in PA moved north and south through northern New York last year. The Gaspé birds-coming from further east-all entered New York last fall at locations south of Lake Champlain. A couple of these birds spent time in southern New York before moving north to our region. You can view the maps of these eagles' movements at www.aviary.org.

We hope that funding from grants and other sources in New York may be found in the future. Our discussions with National Aviary staff continue to focus how we can help each other move various aspects of this research forward. Ideally the funds raised locally will be used for a transmitter to be placed on an eagle if more birds are captured. Our long term goal is to better identify areas Golden Eagles use regularly so those areas can receive a high level of protection from potential threats. As part of this effort, we will use project data to identify other possible migration concentration points in our area over the next couple of years. Because most of the birds were telemetered last summer, there is limited data on spring movements. There should be considerably more information available after this next migration.

There are **20 common birds** that have **lost at least 50%** of their population in just 40 years. And 16 of the 20 birds are found in NYS. Evening Grosbeaks have declined by 78%. Northern Bobwhites by a staggering 82%! And Eastern Meadowlark by 72%. These declines are our warning that here is a real threat to our environment. Cornell Lab of Ornithology says that "habitat loss and fragmentation, over exploitation, chemical toxins and pollution, as well as introduced diseases, predators and competitors, are some of the threats that need to be addressed to reverse bird declines and maintain healthy populations".

How about letting part of your lawn grow into a meadow? Encourage native plants to return. Invite birds back to your property.

Jean T. Miller from Audubon's State of the Birds Reports, CBC, USGS Breeding Bird Survey, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Donors to the Golden Eagle Project—thank you!

Anonymous	Jeremy Allen	Ronald Bailey
Cutler & Jeanette Baldwin		Cynthia Bauer
Carol-Ann Bloise	Robert Boehm	William Butts
Gerianne Carillo and Marion Mossman		
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Short-eared Owl Trip

On Saturday, February 23, DOAS will lead a late afternoon and early evening field trip to northern Otsego and southern Montgomery Counties. We will be looking to find Short-eared Owls and other winter open country birds. Very little walking will be involved, but dress appropriately. We will leave from the Cooperative Extension parking lot in Cooperstown at 3:30 PM. Please call Bob Donnelly at either 607-286-7530 or 607-264-8156 in the evening or weekend for further info. Due to moving, I can't promise which phone number will be in use, but try both. email me at rsdonn@yahoo.com

DOAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SUMMARY

39 years 1969-2007

-J. Robert Miller

[102 species in 39 years]

	2007	# years	high # of birds (yr.)				
Snow Goose	1		125 (06)	Black-capped Chickadee	799	39	799 (07)
Common Loon	2		1 (73,79)	Boreal Chickadee		1	3 (75)
Double-crested Corm.			1 (06)	Tufted Titmouse	67	31	86 (05)
Tundra Swan	1		1 (99)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	17	39	40 (93)
Great Blue Heron	18		4 (91)	White-breasted Nuthatch	91	39	91 (07)
Canada Goose	904	20	1201 (00)	Brown Creeper	1	32	9 (99)
Green-winged Teal	1		1 (82)	Carolina Wren	2	13	4 (06)
American Black Duck	23		44 (95)	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	24	20 (82)
Mallard	238	29	238 (07)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2	4 (99)
Canvasback		2	13 (01)	Eastern Bluebird	35	4	35 (07)
Ring-necked Duck		1	12 (99)	Swainson's Thrush		1	1 (71)
Bufflehead		2	3 (88)	Hermit Thrush	1	1	1 (07)
Common Merganser	10	18	81 (06)	Wood Thrush		1	1 (71)
Hooded Merganser		3	7 (06)	Varied Thrush		2	1 (71,83)
Osprey		2	1 (93,00)	American Robin	16	15	16 (07)
Golden Eagle		3	2 (04)	Gray Catbird	1	2	1 (72,07)
Bald Eagle	2	4	2 (07)	Northern Mockingbird		8	2 (81)
Northern Harrier	1	8	1(73,80,83,94,98,00,07)	Cedar Waxwing	42	22	42 (07)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	15	2 (81,90,98,05)	Northern Shrike	1	19	5 (95)
Cooper's Hawk	2	14	2(89,90,92,94,95,98,99,07)	European Starling	1398	38	2741 (00)
Northern Goshawk		11	2 (87)	Yellow-rumped Warbler		1	1 (75)
Red-shouldered Hawk		4	1 (74,99,03,04)	Northern Cardinal	43	38	76 (76)
Red-tailed Hawk	30	39	30 (98,07)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak		1	6 (79)
Rough-legged Hawk	1	31	10 (74)	Eastern Towhee		3	2 (80)
American Kestrel		29	10 (73)	American Tree Sparrow	180	39	269 (71)
Merlin		1	1 (00)	Chipping Sparrow		1	8 (83)
Ring-necked Pheasant		17	3 (71,84,86,00)	Field Sparrow		1	2 (77)
Ruffed Grouse	17	30	24 (82)	Savannah Sparrow		1	1 (71)
Wild Turkey	235	27	1225 (95)	Fox Sparrow		1	1 (97)
Northern Bobwhite		2	5 (75)	Song Sparrow		27	41 (75)
Killdeer		2	1 (79,85)	Swamp Sparrow		1	6 (75)
Ring-billed Gull	5	17	206 (01)	White-throated Sparrow	2	23	39 (72)
Herring Gull		3	9 (92)	White-crowned Sparrow		6	3 (69)
Rock Pigeon	386	32	1517 (98)	Dark-eyed Junco	280	39	1051 (71)
Mourning Dove	343	37	409 (98)	Snow Bunting	103	16	500 (76)
Common Barn-Owl		1	1 (71)	Red-winged Blackbird	25	12	25 (07)
Eastern Screech-Owl	4	8	6 (03)	Rusty Blackbird		1	2 (74)
Great Horned Owl	5	27	5 (04,07)	Common Grackle		9	65 (71)
Barred Owl	1	7	2 (07)	Brown-headed Cowbird	3	21	200 (84)
N. Saw-whet Owl	2	2	2 (04)(07)	Bullock's Oriole		1	1 (70)
Belted Kingfisher	1	24	5 (99)	Pine Grosbeak	14	14	80 (72)
Red-headed Woodpecker		3	1 (80,82,99)	Purple Finch	22	31	102 (82)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	5	3 (05)	House Finch	101	32	452 (86)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		5	3 (93,97}	Red Crossbill		4	20 (86)
Downy Woodpecker	74	39	80 (89)	White-winged Crossbill		2	3 (85)
Hairy Woodpecker	38	39	59 (71)	Common Redpoll	241	23	101 (99)
Northern Flicker		9	2 (69,00,03,05,06)	Pine Siskin	2	22	83 (05)
Pileated Woodpecker	6	23	6 (05,07)	American Goldfinch	267	39	375 (00)
Horned Lark	20	5	25 (72)	Evening Grosbeak	90	31	696 (86)
Blue Jay	346	39	500 (72)	House Sparrow	90	39	947 (74)
American Crow	675	39	833 (01)				
Common Raven	31	4	31 (07)				

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