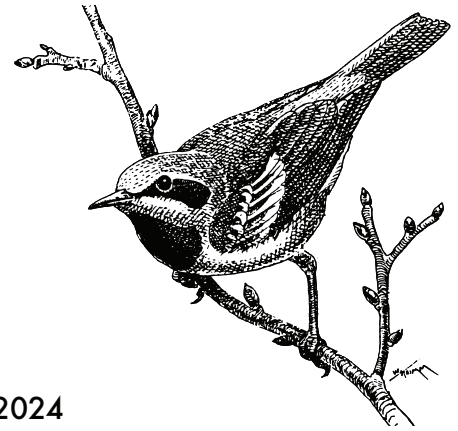


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- Nancy Kern, a member since 1957

JOYFUL HAWKWATCH

by Mike Birmingham, Entomologist

Watching raptors migrate is enjoyable, especially when sharing observations with other birders. The September Hawkwatch at the Albany County Thatcher State Park Overlook featured the densely green Hudson Valley and purplish hazy mountains to the north and east of the valley. It was spectacular, seen from an elevation of 1200 feet.



Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*) by Mike Birmingham



Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) by Mike Birmingham

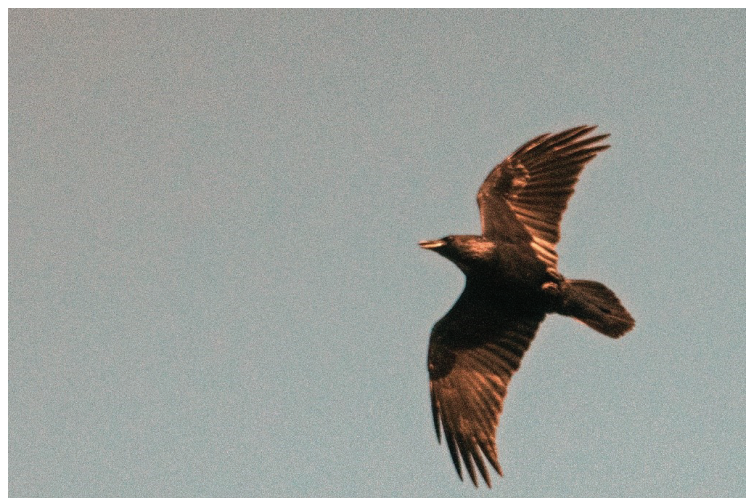
Migrating birds usually first appear as dots moving southward towards the Overlook. Birds soar on thermals, more prevalent mid-morning, gaining altitude to clear the Helderberg Escarpment without or with a few wing flaps.

Binoculars are the primary tool for seeing birds, spotting scopes for more distant birds, and a camera for documentation. Identifications are based on many features including wing and tail shapes, sizes, and color patterns.

The difficulty I find taking photos of moving birds at great distances is finding the bird in the eyepiece. To overcome the problem, I used an Olympic sight that has a broad field of vision and crosshair. Birds readily seen in the crosshair are automatically set at the focal point of the camera and are in focus. Other useful techniques include fast shutter speed to avoid blur and burst shots, increasing the chance of a good photo.



Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) by Mike Birmingham



Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) by Mike Birmingham

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The migrating species seen in September are the Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Harrier, Turkey Vulture, and Black Vulture. The Broad-winged Hawk was the most common long-distance migrant moving to its winter range in South America.

The birders provide scientists with data to track raptors by location, date, and species. Data on migrants was submitted to eBird and Hawk Count.

Shown are photos of a Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platyterus*), Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*), and Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), the latter a non-migratory species. It was a great joy to see raptors free to fly high and far to escape the cold.

DEC DELIVERS NEWSLETTER HELP PROTECT NEW YORK'S BAT POPULATIONS

Protect New York's bat populations by avoiding caves and mines, which may be home to hibernating bats, from November through April.

PROJECTFEEDERWATCH eNEWS

November 1, is the first day to count birds for FeederWatch's 38th season. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. If you haven't signed up yet, join today! Remember, you don't need feeders to participate, and you can count for as little time as you want. Lots of updates and info at feederwatch.org

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE FIELD TRIP REPORT OCT. 5, 2024

by Marian Sole

An absolutely beautiful fall day in the high 60s. There were 9 Friends of Clermont and 6 regular birders. The two walks we do each year at Clermont draw some of the same participants and the chance to see seasonal differences in the bird species found. A total of 37 species. Highlights were a possible American Goshawk although we decided to call it diurnal raptor sp. Drew Hopkins found an American Wigeon out in the river. The usual hunt for warblers had

everyone hurting their necks as in the photo where the group was tracking down a Black-and-white warbler and a Blue-headed vireo. Fun walk



Saturday, October 5th at Clermont

SANCTUARY CLEANUP DAY REPORT

by Nancy Kern

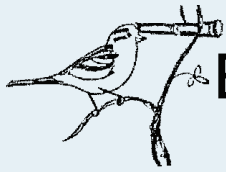
Always a traditional fun day of work to keep our Old Chatham Powell Wildlife Sanctuary looking good. A huge thank you to our dedicated crew of volunteers!

This is a beautiful place, and we encourage everyone to come and enjoy the season.



Images by Mike Birmingham

Clockwise from top left: Jim Matthews trimming trees, Marcia Anderson with cider and doughnuts, Jim M. and Van Calhoun boat removal, John and Janet Piwowski



BIRD SIGHTINGS



Compiled for the Alan Devoe Bird Club by William Cook, Ph.D.,
Columbia-Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson NY 12534

ALAN DEVOE BIRD CLUB BIRD SIGHTINGS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

Send sightings to Bill Cook, Box 394, Claverack, NY 12513

Katie Brown photographed a **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** on a woodland stream in West Taghkanic on the 13th. This species is very common or even abundant on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, but it is very uncommon here in Columbia County. eBird documents five (5) Columbia County records in the last 10 years. Our most recent club record is of a bird found by Mike Birmingham at Mud Creek on June 3, 2021. Katie's bird is a post breeding wanderer or migrant. The breeding colonies that once existed along the Hudson River away from New York City have all disappeared.

Another rarely encountered bird locally, **LONG-EARED OWL**, was detected by John Piwowarski behind his house in Hillsdale. He heard the bird for several nights at the end of the month. The migratory status of this owl is unclear, but it does seem to possess strong site fidelity where it is known to breed or roost. The species has a very broad range around the world in the north temperate zone including both North America and Eurasia, but it is poorly known. Some southern populations are sedentary. We



Ducks by Nancy Kern - Guess the i.d., answer to follow

have about seven (7) Columbia County records. The last one was reported by Mike Nicosia on the Southern Columbia County Christmas Bird Count December 23, 2018.

Another **LAUGHING GULL** was found on the river this month. It was observed on the 22nd at Nutten Hooke by David Harrison and Mark Fitzsimmons and on the 30th at Stuyvesant it was photographed by Lisa Kolibabek. This is now our 4th Columbia County record.

Not to be outdone by all of these spectacular sightings, Will Yandik was thrilled to tell the county bird alert folks about a **EUROPEAN STARLING!** (This is about the 6,432,039th Columbia County record). He said it looked like the eye in a writhing airborne beast in the middle of a large flock... Oh, did I mention that it was a pure white albino? Chris Franks said that his magnificent flock of over 100 **BROAD-WINGED HAWKS** at Petersburg Pass was... heading southwest. In other flocking news, Mimi Brauch was inundated by a mass of swirling **TREE SWALLOWS** around her house on the 16th. Her comment about it was "Quick in and out" whatever that means? However, the next day she had what she called a "True knockout birding experience". A **PEREGRINE FALCON** caused her to flinch when it flew right at the window of her car as she was driving over a bridge on her way home from New Jersey. On another day she was relaxing on her back porch listening to the tapping of what she thought was a Downy Woodpecker. She finally looked up from her task to discover an irritated **TUFTED TITMOUSE** looking straight at her and banging furiously at her empty plastic feeder. She assures graciously: "Yes, I filled it."

137 species were reported this September (2 less than last September). 76 are common, 59 are notable and three (*) were new for the year bringing our annual total up to 199 (5 less than last September).

COMMON SPECIES LIST (79): Canada Goose. Wood Duck. Mallard. Common Merganser. Wild Turkey. Rock

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Pigeon. Mourning Dove. Killdeer. Spotted Sandpiper. Ring-billed Gull. Herring Gull. Double-crested Cormorant. Great Blue Heron. Black Vulture. Turkey Vulture. Osprey. Northern Harrier. Sharp-shinned Hawk. Cooper's Hawk. Bald Eagle. Red-shouldered Hawk. Broad-winged Hawk. Red-tailed Hawk. Eastern Screech-Owl. Great Horned Owl. Barred Owl. Belted Kingfisher. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Red-bellied Woodpecker. Downy Woodpecker. Harry Woodpecker. Pileated Woodpecker. Northern Flicker. American Kestrel. Peregrine Falcon. Eastern Wood-Pewee. Eastern Phoebe. Warbling Vireo. Blue Jay. American Crow. Fish Crow. Common Raven. Black-capped Chickadee. Tufted Titmouse. Tree Swallow. Red-breasted Nuthatch. White-breasted Nuthatch. Brown Creeper. Carolina Wren. European Starling. Gray Catbird. Northern Mockingbird. Eastern Bluebird. Hermit Thrush. American Robin. Cedar Waxwing. House Sparrow. House Finch. Purple Finch. American Goldfinch. Chipping Sparrow. Field Sparrow. Dark-eyed Junco. White-throated Sparrow. Savannah Sparrow. Song Sparrow. Swamp Sparrow. Eastern Towhee. Red-winged Blackbird. Brown-headed Cowbird. Common Grackle. Ovenbird. Black-and-white Warbler. Common Yellowthroat. Yellow-rumped Warbler. Black-throated Green Warbler. Scarlet Tanager. Northern Cardinal. Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

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Observers: A=Larry Steele, B=Mimi Brauch, C=Bill Cook, D=Susan Senecah, E=Marian Sole, F=Chris Franks, G=Rich Guthrie, H=Drew Hopkins, I=Eric Losh, J=Joan and Chris Scheu, K=Kathryn Schneider, L=Mitzi Lobdell, M=Mike Birmingham, N=Mike Nicosia, O=Mayuko Fujino, P=John Piwowarski, Q=Frank Smith, R=Leigh McBride, S=Helen and Carl Specht, T=Katie Brown, U=Marion and Bill Ulmer, V=Matthew Rymkiewicz, W=Fred Schroeder, X=Sal Cozzolino, Y=Will Yandik and Z=Nancy Kern. e=eBird, cba=Columbia Bird Alert

Notable Species (59):

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER
American Wigeon	27	CO	e
Green-winged Teal	2 9	GT CO	A e
Common Nighthawk	10 21	GT GM	J I
Chimney Swift	5-18	KH CO	A M
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	last 16	AS	L
Solitary Sandpiper	2 8	GT NL	A e
Lesser Yellowlegs	15	LV	C
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	30	SV	e
Great Egret	1-29	HR HL	B P E A
Green Heron	2-18	GM CO NL	E P A
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON*	13	TG	T
LONG-EARED OWL *	26-29	HL	P
Merlin	8	AC	V
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	7 16	NL	M I A
<u>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</u>	21	SV	J O E
Alder Flycatcher	10 22	AC CM	E A M
Least Flycatcher	1-20	KH AS	A L
Great Crested Flycatcher	3	GM	e
Eastern Kingbird	2	GP	e
Yellow-throated Vireo	last 16	AS	L
Blue-headed Vireo	7-30	NL AS	I M L
<u>Philadelphia Vireo</u> *	22	SP	e
Red-eyed Vireo	last 29	AS	L
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	6	NL	e
Bank Swallow	8	CM	e
Barn Swallow	last 8	CM	e

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Notable Species (59):

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER
Golden-crowned Kinglet	23-30	AS	L
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	22-30	KH AS AC	A E L
House Wren	last 28	AC	V
Winter Wren	23	AC	E
Marsh Wren	18	ND	V
Brown Thrasher	12 3	AS GT	L J
Veery	15	ND	e
Swainson's Thrush	29 30	KH CV	A E
Wood Thrush	1	AC	E
American Pipit	28	KH	A
<u>Lincoln's Sparrow</u>	24 30	LV CV	YEAMC
Bobolink	last 29	HL	P
Baltimore Oriole	last 12	AS	L
Northern Waterthrush	2	GT	A
Tennessee Warbler	22 23	KH AC	A E
Nashville Warbler	3	AC	V
American Redstart	last 12	KH	A
Cape May Warbler	11-25	KH AS	A L
Northern Parula	17	CL	I
Magnolia Warbler.	1-29	AS KH CV	E A L
Bay-breasted Warbler	20 28	KH AC	A V
Blackburnian Warbler	17	CL	I
Yellow Warbler	13	SV	e
Chestnut-sided Warbler	7	NL	I J M
Blackpoll Warbler	5 15	GP GM	e
Black-throated Blue Warbler	15 28	GM CO	e
Palm Warbler	3-29	AC AS LV CV	ELYAMC
Pine Warbler	8	CN	e
Prairie Warbler	25	GT	J
Canada Warbler	7	NL	I J M
Wilson's Warbler	5	HL	e
Indigo Bunting	last 24	LV	YEAMC

September 2024 Summaries:

	1981	1998	2003	2013	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Species	116	101	97	123	131	148	144	129	139	135
Year to Date	179	195	187	202	202	215	212	209	204	199

Key to Locations:

AC Ancram	CL Clermont	GT Ghent	SP Stockport	HR Hudson River
AS Austerlitz	CV Claverack	HL Hillsdale	SV Stuyvesant	MC Mill Creek
CM Chatham	GL Gallatin	KH Kinderhook	TG Taghkanic	RN S. Rensselaer
CN Canaan	GM Germantown	LV Livingston	DT N. Dutchess	SC Powell Sanctuary
CO Copake	GP Greenport	NL New Lebanon	HD Hudson	

ALAN DEVOE BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, November 9, 2024

FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN HAWK WATCH

(mid-morning)

Coordinators: Chris Franks 518-781-0204

Meet at 10:00 am. I-88 westbound, take Exit 15. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp, and right again at the light by McDonalds. Turn left at the fourth traffic light (0.7 mile) onto Southside Drive. Turn right onto Swart Hollow Road (0.8 mile). Follow Swart Hollow Road for 1.5 miles and take a sharp right turn to Grange Hall Road. The driveway to the parking lot is on the left (0.2 mile). There is a kiosk by a barn and the trail to the watch is on the left. Dress warmly, bring a bag lunch, and carpool if possible. Franklin Mountain is renowned for migrating Golden Eagles and is staffed by volunteer counters.

Sunday, November 16, 2024

TOMHANNOCK RESERVOIR (morning)

Coordinator: Naomi Lloyd (HMBC) 518-596-5964

Meet at 8:30 am in Pittstown. The reservoir parking lot is at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and NY Route 7 at the west end of the causeway. Bring a scope if you have one. We look for waterfowl and possible shorebirds. We will carpool from the main parking area where possible as we make several stops around the reservoir. This walk is joined with the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

COPAKE LAKE DUCK WALK (morning)

Coordinator: Marian Sole 203-710-9096

Meet at 9:00 am at the intersection of County Route 7 and Lake View Road (Copake Lake). We will search for fall migrant waterfowl. An eared Grebe has been sighted on previous trips. We have several Club members who frequent Copake Lake in the fall and should have updated information for the walk.

Check our ADBC Facebook page, or our website at alandevoebirdclub.org for updates!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Wendy Lidell, Hillsdale, NY

Sally Lord, Durham, NY

Mike Yuan, Milan, NY

Join Us!

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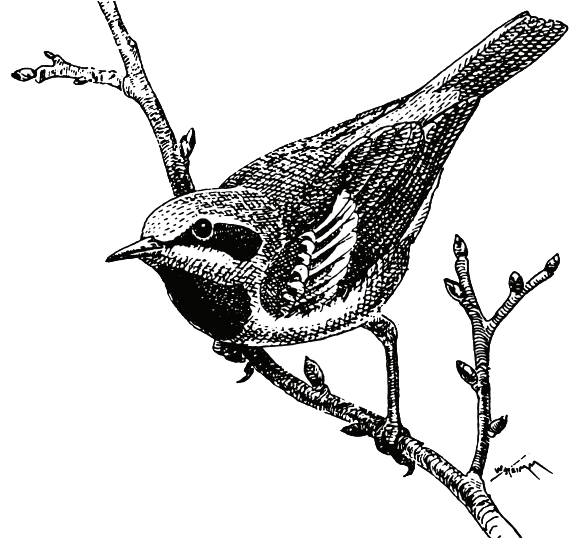
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