



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

February 2022

2022 CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

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Saturday, February 5, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. **The Sixth Annual Mega Bowl of Birding in New Haven County**

Sunday, February 6, 6 p.m. **Zoom meeting to announce results of Mega Bowl**

Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m. **Gina Nichol – Flockology: Unravelling the Mysteries of Bird Flocks**

Saturday, February 26, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Sachuest Point NWR and Rhode Island Coast**

Snow date - Sunday, February 27

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Saturday, March 12, 8–11 a.m. **Edgewood Park, New Haven**

Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **The Richard English Memorial Field Trip: Lighthouse Point to the Richard English Refuge**

Wednesday, April 6, 8–11 a.m. **First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center, Milford**

Birding by Ear: Webinar Series and Walk:

Limited enrollment, pre-registration required

Wednesday, April 6, 7–7:45 p.m. **Webinars start**

Saturday, April 23 **Walk – Group 1: 8–9:30 a.m.; Group 2: 10–11:30 a.m.**

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m. **Dr. Lorna Gibson – Fantastic Feathers: Form and Function**

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 7:30–10:30 a.m. **Osbornedale State Park, Derby**

Saturday, April 30, 8–11 a.m. **East Rock Park with Ranger Dan**

NOTE: Please check the NHBC website and newsletter periodically for updated information on all programs. **Scheduled events may need to be changed or canceled** and events may be added during the year. www.newhavenbirdclub.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I'm writing this, it's snowing and the wind is blowing. I've been out a couple of times to refill the feeder and suet cages and scatter some seed around for the ground feeders.

It's been fun looking out the windows and making quick trips to the backyard, but it also makes me think about getting out of the house. January and February are the final months for

CT Bird Atlas field surveys. Many of our club members have been completing Atlas blocks all over the state that haven't had many hours invested or species identified yet.

Every contribution has been meaningful, large or small – and some of them have been heroic. My own contributions have been less than heroic, but everything helps. I'm thinking how thankful I am for the residents in the blocks I've visited who've kept their feeders full and visible from the front or side of their house. And the ones who invite you to come around back for a look.

I'm thankful too for the homeowners who see your binoculars and stop you on the road to talk about their birds, even if it's just that they're seeing lots of blue jays this winter and very few chickadees. So many people care about their birds and share them happily. It reminds me of a fisherman I used to work with. He would say the best thing in life was fishing; the second was talking about fishing. I'd say the same about birding; second best is talking about birding.

Though our monthly meetings remain virtual for now, they give us still more opportunities to talk about birds. I'm looking forward to the upcoming talks on flocking bird behavior and then in March, the spectacular birds of Yucatan.

And as February and March come, and daylight gets longer, our bird walk schedule also gets longer. The Mega Bowl of Birding in New Haven County is coming, along with Chris Loscalzo's wonderful all-day trip to Sachuest Point and the Rhode Island Shore, and our winter visit to White Memorial Foundation in Litchfield. The popular First Wednesday walks are scheduled at Hammonasset and the Stratford Shore. And every hour we can put into Atlas surveys through the end of February will be vital as the field component of the Atlas effort ends – the final month to add those missing species to our blocks.

So, lots to do and lots to talk about. Happy winter birding.

--DeWitt Allen

NEW HAVEN BIRD CLUB – 2021-2022

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Notes from the Board

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on February 24.

Deadline for submissions to the next *Chickadee* is March 25. Send to Newsletter Editor, Donna Batsford, at donnabatsford@gmail.com.

NHBC Objectives: To make available to members and the general public opportunities for recreation, education, and appreciation in the area of birding and to encourage the conservation of natural resources in New Haven and surrounding areas.

If you are not receiving email notifications, contact us at membership@Newhavenbirdclub.org to receive an invitation to join this group. Add nhbirdclub@gmail.com to your contact list to ensure emails arrive in your inbox.

Every effort is made to list member information accurately in the yearbook. Please inform us of errors and update us with any changes during the year. Update via the Club website or send an email to membership@Newhavenbirdclub.org.

As stated in the Club's by-laws, the April meeting is traditionally the Annual Meeting. Please check the NHBC website and newsletter for any updated information about our Annual Meeting.

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Bossoli Hamden	Kevin Ryan New Haven	Chuck Imbergamo Madison
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Indoor Programs

We cannot predict how the future course of the coronavirus pandemic will affect our schedule of events. Our first priority is protecting the health and well-being of our members and the general public, and it may become necessary to adjust or cancel some events. The recommendations and policies of local, state, and national health authorities will continue to guide all decisions about our schedule. Please check the NHBC website and newsletter for updated information before planning to attend any event.

So far this year, our September through February meetings have been on Zoom. Virtual meetings begin at 7 p.m. Information and instructions for joining virtual meetings are emailed to members who have signed up for the Club email list; to sign up, contact membership@newhavenbirdclub.org. We hope to resume in-person meetings in 2022; however, all plans are tentative at this time.

Inclement weather or other emergencies may cancel a meeting. Cancellation notices will be sent via the club email. Also check TV channels WTNH (New Haven) and WFSB (Hartford).

“Birds in Words” Book Group – NHBC’s gathering of people who like reading books on their favorite hobby. Since the group began in 2009, we’ve read many books on just about every aspect of birds, birding, birders, nature, and naturalists, and had some lively meetings. Share the fun! Birds in Words will resume meeting when Whitney Center re-opens to outside groups; hopefully this will be in 2022. For current details contact Kris Johnson: kriswaxwing99@gmail.com or 203-288-3087.

Thursday, February 10 – Gina Nichol **Flockology: Unravelling the Mysteries of Bird Flocks**

As birders and wildlife enthusiasts, we can't help but marvel at large gatherings of birds. Many bird species spend time in flocks that can range in size from just a few birds to tens of thousands, even millions. Flocks of birds, whether they be in the air or on the ground, can offer a magnificent spectacle. This presentation asks the question, why do birds form flocks? It explores the phenomenon of bird gatherings with vivid photographs, anecdotes and video clips and delves into the intriguing dynamics of assemblies of birds. The choreography of mass movements such as starling murmurations and the benefits of flocking behavior are examined as they relate to breeding, protection, and even avian baby sitting services. Gina Nichol, the founder and principal tour leader of Sunrise Birding, will also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of flocking and collective names used to identify groups of birds.

Thursday, March 10 – Julian Hough **Birding Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Cozumel**

Julian Hough of Nature Images will share his experiences birding Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Cozumel.

Thursday, April 14 – Dr. Lorna Gibson **Fantastic Feathers: Form and Function**

When we think of birds, we think of feathers. Feathers give birds their color, from the bright red of a male Cardinal to the iridescent reds and greens of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds. Feathers keep birds warm and dry: down provides excellent insulation against heat loss and water really does roll off a duck's back. Feathers form the aerodynamic shape of the wing, enabling flight. A Barn Owl's flight feathers suppress sound, allowing it to fly nearly silently, while its ruff feathers reflect and focus sound into its ears, enabling the owl to hunt in total darkness by sound alone. This talk describes how the microscopic structure of feathers gives rise to their remarkable properties. Dr. Lorna Gibson is a Professor of Material Science at MIT.

New Haven Christmas Bird Count Summary

On Saturday, December 18, 2021, 90 hardy birders participated in the 122nd annual New Haven Christmas Bird Count. The day was cloudy and relatively warm with the temperature in the upper 30s for most of the day. There was occasional mist and light rain, but we were fortunate that the weather was better than had been forecast. The highlights of the count, in terms of rarities were: a GREEN HERON found count week (but not on count day) in Branford, two DICKCISSELS (one expected in Edgewood Park in New Haven and a surprise find in East Haven), two ORANGE-CROWNED and three NASHVILLE WARBLERS, a BALTIMORE ORIOLE, a drake BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, two NORTHERN SHOVELERS, three NORTHERN PINTAILS and a SNOW GOOSE. There was also a Northern Gannet and a Greater Yellowlegs seen during the count week.

Overall, a total of 118 species were seen on count day, which is 7 species lower than our 20-year average. Many species are doing well in our area, with stable population estimates. However, there are a number of species that are in decline. One

species that caught my attention this year is the American Tree Sparrow. I reviewed the data for this species for the past 27 years and the results are alarming. For the 10 years from 1995 to 2004, we found an average of 313 Tree Sparrows in our count circle. For the next decade, from 2005 to 2014, the average fell to 167, and in the past seven years the average is only 59 Tree Sparrows observed in our count circle per year (and we saw only 27 this year). So there has been a major decrease in this species' population in our area. There are numerous possible explanations for this observed decline, including habitat loss and the impact of climate change. I shudder to think of what the number will fall to in the years ahead. We will continue to go out each year and record our observations so that the populations of these species can be monitored. Hopefully, such information will lead to action to preserve these bell-weather species of our environmental health.

Full report with list of all species and participants can be found on the New Haven Bird Club website.

--Chris Loscalzo
NH CBC Compiler

Outdoor Programs

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Birders of all levels are welcome on all field trips, and every effort is made to help beginners. If you are new to birding or have any special needs, be sure to let the leader know. The ending times of walks are approximate.

More details, if required, and/or updates on these trips will be given at the indoor meetings and in the newsletter. You should also check the Club's website, www.newhavenbirdclub.org, for updated trip information, and watch for emails sent by the Club. *Contact trip leaders directly if you have questions about their trips.*

The New Haven Bird Club does not charge any fees for its outdoor programs, but participants are responsible for the cost of their food, transportation, and entrance fees (where charged), unless the Club makes prior arrangements. Carpooling usually is encouraged to avoid parking problems at some destinations and to promote conservation of natural resources, but check current coronavirus recommendations.

NHBC Conservation and Education Activities

The New Haven Bird Club routinely works to preserve and restore bird populations and their habitats and to provide opportunities for learning about birds, their habitats, where to see them, and how to help ensure their future. Additional environmentally-focused, family-friendly walks may be planned and posted on the NHBC website.

The NHBC has been developing relationships with local public schools and camps to encourage children to embrace birding. We view this activity as directly connected to our Club objectives and usually present a very basic birding skills class followed by a nearby bird walk. The Education Chairperson also organizes the Club's representation at various public events throughout the year, such as the Lighthouse Point Migration Festival and local Earth Day celebrations. Volunteers to help at events are always welcome! Please contact Lori Datlow, Education Chair, at loridatlow@frontier.com.

First Wednesday Walk: Hammonasset State Park, Madison Wednesday, February 2, 8–11 a.m.

Enjoy a mid-week field trip to Hammonasset Beach State Park, one of the state's best birding locations in any season of the year. We will look for sea ducks, grassland species, and rarities. Meet at Hammonasset Beach State Park parking area on Boston Post Road, Madison, just left (east) of the Park's main entrance road. Leader: Greg Hanisek, ctgregh@yahoo.com.

The Sixth Annual Mega Bowl of Birding in New Haven County

Saturday, February 5, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Zoom Meeting with results – Sunday, February 6, 6 p.m.

Come join in on a fun and friendly event! Go birding for all or part of the day either on your own or with one or more birding companions. Earn points for each species observed. The points range from 1 to 7, depending on how common or rare the species is in New Haven County in early February.

This year, we are offering two ways to go birding for this event: either by birding anywhere in the county (as we have done the first five years) or by birding within a circle with a 5-mile radius. The circle should include the residence of the participant(s) as much as is practical, but the residence does not have to be the center of the circle. Prizes will be awarded to the top scoring team in the county covering group and all participants in the circle covering group will have a donation made to the CT conservation organization of their choice in their name (the NHBC is eligible as one of the organizations).

There will be a zoom meeting on Sunday evening, February 6th, when the results and prizes will be announced. The deadline for registration for the event is Wednesday, February 2nd. See the NHBC website for details, www.newhavenbirdclub.org. Compiler: Chris Loscalzo, 203-389-6508 or closcalz@optonline.net.

Sachuest Point NWR and Rhode Island Coast Saturday, February 26, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Snow date - Sunday, February 27

This all-day trip includes stops at Sachuest Point NWR, Beavertail State Park, Moonstone Beach, Trustum Pond, and other great birding sites on the RI coast. We will see lots of sea ducks including all three scoter species, Common Eider, and Harlequin Duck. We'll look for birds of prey, including Rough-legged Hawk and several owl species. We'll also be on the lookout for alcids and rare gulls. Dress warmly—it's likely to be cold and windy on the coast. The walk is a bit strenuous. Bring lunch and a scope, if you have one. Meet at the Branford commuter lot, Exit 55 off I-95. Leader: Chris Loscalzo, 203-389-6508 or closcalz@optonline.net.

White Memorial Foundation

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 8–11 a.m.

White Memorial Foundation is a 4,000 acre nature preserve. The diverse mixture of habitats includes mature deciduous and evergreen forests, as well as fields of tall grass, weeds, and shrubs that are managed for various stages of succession. As one of the best birding sites in the state and an Important Bird Area, White Memorial Foundation has approximately 35 miles

of woodland roads, trails, and boardwalks. We should observe a variety of sparrows, woodpeckers, possibly winter finches, owls and more. Bantam lake is famous for a wide variety of ducks during migration and winter. Meet in the public parking lot at White Memorial at 80 Whitehall Road in Litchfield. Leader: Craig Repasz, 203-745-6683 or crepasz@hotmail.com.

**First Wednesday Walk: Stratford Shore & Great Meadows
Wednesday, March 2, 8–11 a.m.**

Join us on a visit to this excellent birding area. We'll look for oceanic birds such as Long-tailed Duck and scoters, as well as raptors and shorebirds. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts parking lot at 60 Access Road, Stratford, near the intersection with Main Street (Route 113); we carpool from there.

Leader: Frank Mantlik, 203-984-9410 or mantlik@sbcglobal.net.

**Edgewood Park, New Haven
Saturday, March 12, 8–11 a.m.**

Join Bill Batsford for a late winter walk at this urban park with varied habitat including woodlands, fields, streams, and ponds. Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Kingfisher, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Brown Creeper are all possible. We will make a side trip to Evergreen Cemetery if the Bald Eagles are again nesting there. The walking is easy and flat and includes one dirt path through a wooded area. Total distance is approximately 2.5 miles. Meet at the Edgewood Park parking lot off West Rock Avenue near the tennis courts, just south of Whalley Avenue, New Haven. Leader: Bill Batsford, 203-494-4325 or william.batsford@yale.edu.

**The Richard English Memorial Field Trip: Lighthouse
Point to the Richard English Refuge
Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

We first bird the harbor shore for gulls, loons, ducks, and early returning shorebirds. We then proceed to the Richard English Bird Sanctuary at the Deer Lake Scout Camp in Killingworth. We then proceed to Hammonasset Beach State Park. This is an all-day trip; bring lunch and dress warmly. This trip almost always has a high species count. Meet at the Hawk Watch parking lot, Lighthouse Point Park, 2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven. Leader: Mike Horn, 203-288-1891 or mfhorn@att.net

**First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center,
Milford
Wednesday, April 6, 8–11 a.m.**

Enjoy an early spring trip to one of the best local birding spots. We look out into the marsh and along the shore for waterfowl, shorebirds, waders, and raptors. Meet at the Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center, 1 Milford Point Road, Milford. Leader: Jalna Jaeger, 203-246-0885 or jalnabird@gmail.com

**Birding by Ear: Webinar Series and Walk
Limited enrollment, pre-registration required
Webinars start Wednesday, April 6, 7–7:45 p.m.
Walk on Saturday, April 23, 2022
Group 1: 8–9:30 a.m.; Group 2: 10–11:30 a.m.**

Learning bird songs and calls increases one's perception of what birds are in the area. Want to see a Scarlet Tanager? It

helps to know their "chick burr" call. Also, by knowing the songs of common birds, you will notice when a not-so-common bird is in the vicinity. Join Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe for three 45-minute webinars (on April 6th, 13th, and 20th, each starting at 7 p.m.). During each webinar, participants will learn the songs of 10 bird species and the habitats they prefer. We will start with some resident birds, then focus on migrants that will be arriving in Connecticut over the course of the webinars. Limit 25 people for the webinar. There will be two walks at Bent of the River on April 23rd, each for 10 webinar participants. Watch for the NHBC email announcement to sign up for the webinar series and to be eligible for the walk. The walk meets at Bent of the River Wildlife Sanctuary, 185 East Flat Hill Road, Southbury, CT. Take Exit 14 off of Route 84. Go north on Route 172, then turn left onto East Flat Hill Road (church on corner). Continue to the sanctuary entrance on the left. Leader: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, 203-233-0535 or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org.

**Osbornedale State Park, Derby
Sunday, April 24, 7:30–10:30 a.m.**

Osbornedale State Park offers a variety of species in its fields, forest, and around its ponds. It is always a surprise as species are discovered walking through the park. A flyover Bald Eagle, nesting Bluebirds, early warbler migrants, Green Heron, and Orchard Oriole are possible, as well as Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and several thrush species. We will explore the Kellogg Environmental Center grounds and then walk over to Osbornedale Park to explore and see what we find. Meet at the Kellogg Environmental Center parking lot at 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby. Leader: Maria Stockmal, 203-305-3728 or m.stockmal@snet.net

**East Rock Park with Ranger Dan
Saturday, April 30, 8–11 a.m.**

Join Ranger Dan Barvir at this premier site for warblers and other spring migrants. Meet at the Rice Field (baseball field) end of East Rock Park on English Drive, New Haven. Leader: Dan Barvir, 203-208-1415 or danielb145@comcast.net.

Trip Reports

**First Wednesday Walk: Hammonasset Beach State Park,
Madison Trip Report**



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

The NHBC First Wednesday walk on Wednesday, December 1 was at Hammonasset Beach State Park. The highlights of the walk were the continuing Western Kingbird, Yellow-breasted Chat (behind Cedar Isle pavilion), 2 Black Scoters, Lapland Longspur, 3 Snow Buntings, and lingering Great Egret.

--Jerry Connolly

Milford Hotspots in Winter Trip Report

On Saturday, January 22 I led my annual "Milford Hotspots" trip for the New Haven Bird Club. I was joined by 17 intrepid, enthusiastic birders, despite the 13°F temp at the start. We visited numerous sites in the western part of the city, including Caswell Cove, Mondo Ponds, Wheeler WMA boatramp area, Milford Point, and



Photo by Lori Datlow



Long-eared Owl

Silver Sands State Park. We tallied 55 species, with numerous highlights: PINK-FOOTED GOOSE (Wheeler), GLAUCOUS GULL (SSSP), Long-eared Owl (undisclosed location), American Coot (Mondo), Great Cormorant, 2 Bald Eagles, Merlin, Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Caswell), 2 Hermit Thrushes (Caswell, Mondo), Fox and Swamp Sparrows, and Eastern Towhee.

--Frank Mantlik

First Wednesday Walk: Sherwood Island State Park, Westport Trip Report



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

The postponed New Haven Bird Club January First Wednesday Walk took place on Wednesday, January 19, a cold but glorious day. Considering it was between 20-27 degrees that morning, it felt warmer than expected due to bright sunshine and a very light northwest wind.

Eleven enthusiastic and bundled up birders joined me at Sherwood Island State Park to tally 53 species, many that we had to work hard for. Sea watching conditions were very good on the sound, and even birding by ear was excellent with very little wind.

Highlights include the very reliable Lesser Black-backed Gull, a flyby Merlin, Northern Harrier, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, American Pipits, and Eastern Meadowlark. The entire list and notes are in the following eBird checklist:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S101483109>

--Tina Green

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www.newhavenbirdclub.org

There are Google Map links for the meeting places of trips.

NHBC Winter Feeder Report 2021-2022 End of Week 11

This year we have had to put up with Covid-19 and a lot of us had to work from home. Therefore, I thought the number of species seen and their count would be higher than the last two years.

We have finished the weeks 1 thru 11 (All of November to Mid-January) of the survey and we have had no Red-breasted Nuthatches or Pine Siskins during this period. Purple Finches have been seen by a few surveyors up until week 11. There have been no real species of interest and the absence of American Goldfinches at many surveyors' feeders has been noted. (See graphs at end of report.) Also not seen every day or for weeks are Blue Jays and Northern Cardinals. Bears have been active and a few of our surveyors reported that their feeders were knocked down.

My computer crashed in June, and I thought I lost all the data on my hard drive. I purchased a new computer but had not backed up my hard drive since the fall of 2019 so I could only recover data from before 2019-2020 Survey Year. This winter I brought the defective computer to Staples and their computer experts were able to get the data from my hard drive. Therefore, 1 of the charts will have 5 years of data and the other 4 will have 3 years. The three years of data are 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2021-2022. The five-year chart (Goldfinches) will have in addition 2019-2020, and 2020 - 2021. You will note that this year the number of Goldfinches is below the previous 5 years with 2018-2019 year being the highest.

So far this year American Goldfinch and Black-capped Chickadee are way down while the White-throated Sparrow is higher than 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Northern Cardinal and Dark-eyed Junco are running between 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. The Common Grackle has peaked 2 times but other than those one-week peaks it is almost zero for the rest of the weeks.

This year we have approximately the same number of surveyors as the previous two years with the majority having been reporting for the last 6 years or more.

Some data from the sheets for weeks 1 through 11:

Common Species:

We had 22/22 or 100%. 14 surveyors over the 11-week period have seen Song Sparrows with the largest number being in weeks 6 thru 11.

Semi-Common Species:

We saw 11/12 species in both weeks 1-5 and 6-11 but not the all the same species. In weeks 1-5, Fox Sparrows were not seen, and in weeks 6-11, Wild Turkey were not seen. In weeks 1-5 Purple Finches were seen by 4 surveyors, and in weeks 6-11 only one surveyor saw them.

Uncommon Species:

In the uncommon species, weeks 1-5 had 11 species seen and in weeks 6-11 there were only 8 species seen. Seen were: American Tree Sparrow 6-11, Black Vulture 6-11, Brown Creeper, 1- 5, 6 -11, Cedar Waxwings 1-5, Eastern Phoebe 1-5,

Eastern Towhee 1-5, Golden Crown Kinglet 1-5, Hermit Thrush 6-11, Kestrel 6-11, Northern Harrier 6-11, Red-shouldered Hawk 1-5, 6-11, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1-5, Rusty Blackbirds 1-5, Savannah Sparrow 6-11, Turkey Vulture 6-11, Winter Wren 1-5, and Yellow-rumped Warbler 1-5, 6-11.

Waterfowl list:

Weeks 1-5 we saw 5 of 9 and in weeks 6-11 we saw 3 waterfowl species.

American Black Duck 1-5, 6-11, Great Blue Heron 1-5, 1-6, Hooded Merganser 1-5. Mallard 1-5, 6-11 and Wood Duck 1-5.

Animal List:

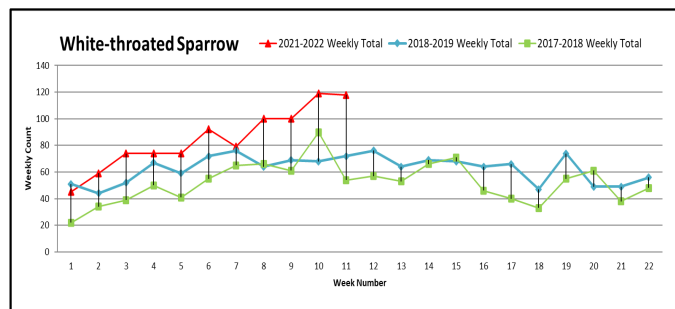
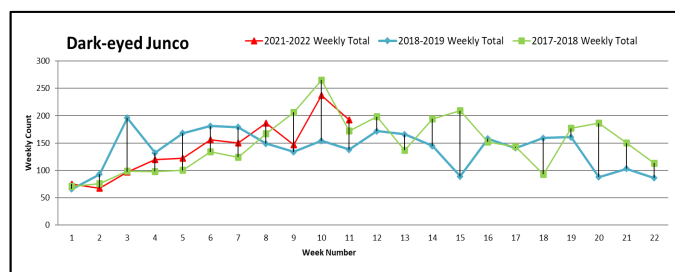
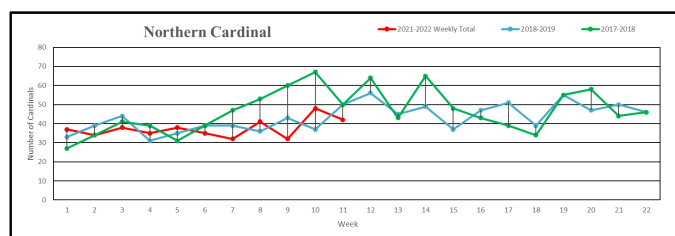
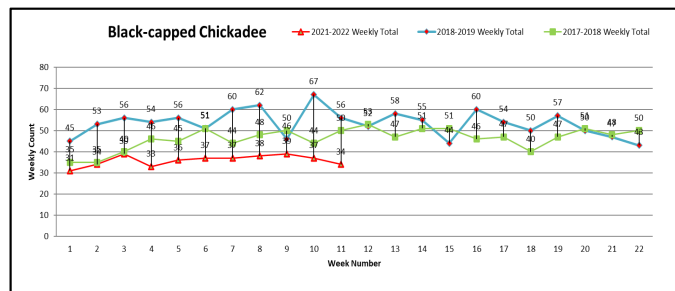
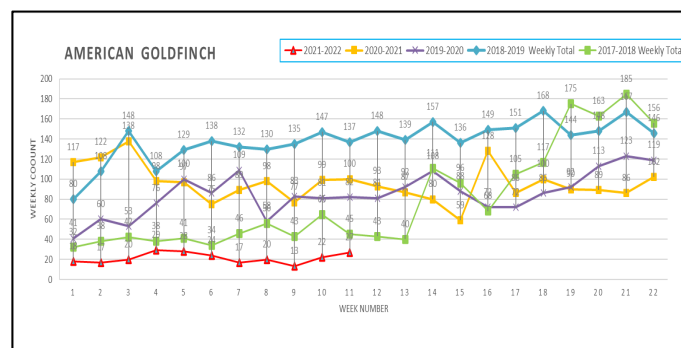
In weeks 1 – 11, 18 animals were seen: Gray Squirrel, Chipmunk, Black Bear, Bobcat, Brown Rat, Coyote, Feral Cat, Flying Squirrel, Mole, Mouse, Opossum, Rabbit, Raccoon, Red Fox, Red Squirrel, Shrew, Skunk, Vole and White-tail Deer.

I have also included the graphs of the 5 species I follow for weeks 1 through 11. The RED line is this year.

--Pete Vitali

Chairman: NHBC Winter Feeder Survey

Normally Seen all Year Long





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