

Nighthawk Watch Report – Hoffmann Bird Club - 2022

This year's watch was conducted every evening from August 20 to September 3 and held at Mass Audubon's Canoe Meadow's Garden. The count ran from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and was attended by a few to many individuals from the bird club. We recorded birds in 15 minute intervals and noted sky, wind, and temperatures. Weather did not deter any nights' observations. It was clear that observers with spotting scopes were able to find nighthawks sooner and sometimes they were only seen that way. On several nights nighthawks did fly directly over our heads providing for some exciting views (and photographs for those with cameras). We also recorded all other birds seen and/or heard as well as other wildlife (insects, amphibians, and mammals).

Results:

A total of 2426 nighthawks were recorded during the two-week period. The highest one night total was (780) recorded on Aug 29, followed by 399 (the first night Aug 20), then 323 on Aug 28 and ending with 301 on Sept 3. The highest number of birds were seen between 6:15 and 6:30 (647), followed by 6:30 – 6:45 (542), and 6:45 – 7 pm (369). Only one evening, Sept 1, did we end up to zero sightings!

People who participated:

Jean Jew (thanks to her for taking over data collection on several nights), Gael Hurley, Stefan, Holly, Norma Purdy, Sue Purdy, Patricia Purdy, Jeanie, Elizabeth, Ruth Green, Maureen Ridge, Tom Collins, Ann Connors, Kathy Lee, John and Marty Felton, Linda Merry, Peter and Priscilla Morrill, Sue Cook, Kyron Hanson, Zach Adams, Chuck Keiweg, Greg Ward, Devon Graham, Jonathon, Gina Foley, Kat, Rene Wendell, Nicole Hall, Kathy Waldheim, Joanne Williams.

Other Bird Species Recorded:

American Goldfinch, American Crow, Redbellied Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Song Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Downy woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, House Finch, Merlin, Turkey vulture, Eastern Phoebe, Mourning Dove, Blue Jay, Chimney Swift, Cedar Waxwing, Common Yellowthroat, Barn Swallow, Catbird, Flicker, Red-eyed vireo, Bobolink, Common Grackle, Pigeon, Wood Duck, Redtail hawk, Cooper's hawk, Hummingbird, American Robin, Savannah Sparrow, Mallard, Redwing blackbird, Starling, Pine Warbler, Kestrel, Great blue heron, Osprey, Cormorant, Cardinal, Harrier, Canada goose,

Other living species:



Monarch, Black Swallowtail, Cabbage White, Common Sulphur, Tiger swallowtail,
Orange Sulphur, Pearl crescent, Green Darner, Gray treefrog, Deer, Bobcat,
Cottontail, Flying ant.