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### *FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH*

#### **BCAS NOW HAS OUR OWN RADIO SHOW-THE NATURE CONNECTION!**

Thanks to the great folks at WFDU FM 89.1 I will be hosting "The Nature Connection", Bergen Audubon's very own radio show that will connect, inform and educate the public about nature happenings, environmental issues and wildlife conservation that are right here in and around our neighborhood!



Today the strength of our environmental movement is truly a grassroots movement, one with all its energy concentrated in our towns, communities, Green Teams, Environmental Commissions, Nature Centers and with powerful individuals. It is my hope that our show will bring more attention to all the good things that are happening and connect us all to the great places, people and events that are out there promoting, protecting and preserving our natural wonders right here at home.

This show will be a great opportunity to move our local conservation movement forward in a positive and constructive way that focuses on what all of us can do, where we can go and how to get involved to make our own community a better place for people and wildlife.

If you have any ideas for the show or someone you would like me to have as a guest, please let me know. The Show airs the last Sunday of each month at 6:30am on <https://www.wfdu.fm/> but it will also be archived so if you are out birding you won't miss it <https://www.wfdu.fm/hd1/archives>.

See You in the Meadowlands!

DON TORINO

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

--July 20 (Sun.) 10AM-3PM. **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Butterfly Day** at DeKorte Park, Meadowlands.

--August 25 (Sun.) 10AM-1PM **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hummingbird Day** at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden, Leonia.

--October 5 (Sun.) 8:30AM-3PM. **Meadowlands Birding Festival** at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst with guest speaker Sydney Walsh from National Audubon. She will present an ethical Photography program. Sydney Walsh is the staff Network Photographer at National Audubon Society. Her work explores the connection between humans and the natural world to document climate change and conservation stories. She has photographed for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *NBC News*, and *The Guardian*.

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**WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO . . .**

Spring is a special and busy time for all at Bergen County Audubon. Of course there's the annual bird migration, but BCAS has also been busy awarding grants and working on special early spring BCAS projects. Here's a little update so far this spring.

Full steam ahead on some BCAS projects, over forty plantings at BCAS Teaneck Creek Garden, nest boxes, a beautiful "History of Women in Conservation" educational sign, a planting of trees and perennials at Chapman Birding Trail, a slew of bird nest boxes at Losen Slote, and the start of lots of Overpeck Butterfly Garden improvements, including a pond and perennial plantings.

Spring and summer is when our BCAS grant winners' projects get underway. This year brings a wide variety of projects such as, "Tracking the Fall Migration of Ovenbirds" by the Meadowlands Bird Banding Station, "Revival of the Phelps Arboretum" in Teaneck, Flat Rock Brook's "Native Habitat Garden Restoration", Ridgefield Park Nature Preserve's "Spring Tree Planting", "Birdhouse Project" at Buzzoni Park in Closter, "Pollinator Garden Expansion" at the Bergen County Zoo, "Pollinator Sun Garden at Wayne- Van Riper House, and "Hot Pockets" education at Demarest Nature Center.

This year brings a lot to see, and it is all possible because of the donations from our wonderful and generous members. With your help we are able to fulfill our mission, to promote and protect wildlife in its natural habitat by providing opportunities for observation, education and conservation. Hope you all get a chance to visit many of these wonderful places and projects.

**Tammy Laverty**

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**BCAS PROGRAMS- SEPT. -NOV 2025**

All programs are planned for zoom. Check website [www.bergencountyaudubon.org](http://www.bergencountyaudubon.org) for more updates and enhanced info on speakers, bios, and photos.

Sept 10 - **Steve Maricoda** (BCAS member) , a **DarkSky** International Delegate and environmentalist, discusses Light Pollution & How It Effects Natural Ecosystems.

Oct. 5 - **Scott Rashid** to speak on Northern Goshawks.

Nov. 12 - **Katie Fallon**, will speak on *The Vulture*. Katie is an author of the nonfiction books *Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird* and *Cerulean Blues: A Personal Search for a Vanishing Songbird* as well as two books for children.

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**For speaker and program suggestions, contact Marilyn Sadowski at 201-982-0483, [msadowski@bcas.org](mailto:msadowski@bcas.org)**

**RETURN TO THE SKY**, a book by Tina Morris

I read this truly inspiring book before hearing Tina give her real life experiences at



our June Chapter Meeting. The reintroduction of the Bald Eagle to the northeast began in 1975 with a young female grad student handed the responsibility to bring 7 eaglets back to the eastern seaboard. Almost decimated by DDT, there was no model to emulate for a bird of the eagle's size and only a few pair of bald eagles still nesting in NY.

Montezuma Wildlife Refuge in central New York, a former bald eagle nesting area that was found to be free of DDT became the site of the world's first bald eagle hacking tower. (Hacking is raising eaglets without parents in the wild).

Each morning, Morris, who was 26 at the time and the only female conservation biologist in her team, had to feed the eagles by climbing 35ft of scaffolding to an aerial hide beside the artificial nest platform where the young eagles had been placed. There was one problem: she was terrified of heights. Morris was to camp alone beside their artificial nest, find them food, track them when they began to fly, keep them away from danger and rescue them if they got into trouble.

This is a story which not only mirrors a wildlife dilemma but that of the human spirit. It has many components which I encourage you to read. Tina's grit and determination to prove herself worthy of this task grows into the confidence and knowledge that takes the story through her life as a wife and mother as well as a passionate advocate of the natural world.

**Book Report by Nancy Salvati**

**Certified Wildlife Garden Program**

We've added four more Certified Wildlife Gardens to the program, bringing the total to 254. They are located in Hawthorne, Jefferson, Kearny and Lyndhurst. If you plan on attending Butterfly Day on July 20<sup>th</sup>, fill out an application and bring it with you. Applications may be found on our website, [bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg/](http://bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg/). I will review it, and if approved, you may pick up your free garden sign. Certify your garden today!

**Monarch Butterfly**

As we all know, the Monarch butterfly is in serious decline. They are the ambassador for all butterflies and tell us to act before it's too late. Here are some suggestions on ways to help. EVERY individual can make a difference and together we can make a bigger impact.

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| -First and foremost, plant milkweed, it is the only host plant for the Monarch | -Participate in a citizen science project such as the Monarch Calendar Project or Monarch tagging both run by Monarch Watch |
| -Plant native nectar sources, especially late blooming asters and goldenrods   | -Report your sightings to Journey North and/or the NJDEP  |
| -Create pollinator habitat in your backyard and in your community              | -Educate others on the plight of the Monarch  |
| -Join a conservation group (like BCAS)   | -Let your voices be heard in the voting booth and through action alerts.  |
| -Don't use insecticides or pesticides  |   |

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dick Engsberg Teacher Appreciation Award**



The teacher appreciation award ceremony was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at our Native Plant Day event. Three wonderful educators were awarded: From left-right: GeorgeAnn Starace-Flat Rock Brook Nature Association, Englewood; Laura Smith-Ridgewood Friends Neighborhood Nature School, Ridgewood; Rose Mary Iannone-Christ the Teacher Academy, Fort Lee.

Each of these educators goes above and beyond to connect their students to nature and the environment. Congratulations to all these outstanding educators! Keep up the good work.

**The Boisterous Blue Jay**

**By Maggie Estrada, 6th grade**

The Blue Jay is a common songbird with a perky crest, blue, white, gray, and black plumage. It is intelligent and adapts easily, characteristics that have helped it learn to easily co-exist with people. They are corvids, in the same family as Crows and Ravens, both also known for their intelligence. Blue Jays are known to imitate a variety of other bird species and can utter a wide variety of squeaks and croaks. They are well known for imitating the Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks. Science has not agreed on why they have this particular behavior, whether to alert other Blue Jays to danger or to secure a food source.



The Blue Jay is common in much of eastern and central North America and continues to extend its range to the Northwest. They can be found in pairs, family groups, or small flocks. Blue Jays are found in many types of forests, but most commonly near oak trees. Larger numbers are near forest edges than deep in the forest. They are common in urban and suburban areas, mostly where oaks or bird feeders are found.

Although the Blue Jay has a reputation for being aggressive, loud, and dominant, their diet consists mainly of insects, seeds, and nuts, and very few eggs of other species. They hide lots of acorns and do not return for many of them, making them the shapers of the eastern forest. They should be honored as a vital part of the woodland rather than being called destructive. Studies show that there are many other aggressors at the bird feeders and that bird size plays a big role, with the larger bird scattering the smaller bird.

Blue Jays have complex social lives. They usually mate for life and stay with their mate throughout the year. They live in flocks in the winter. There is still a lot to learn about this common backyard bird. So take to citizen science, observe this bird's beauty, record and share your observations so that we can compile an even better understanding of the Blue Jay.

**Happy Birding!**

## FIELD TRIPS - AUGUST-OCTOBER 2025

Unless noted Field Trip Contact is Don Torino (201) 230-4983, [greatauk4@gmail.com](mailto:greatauk4@gmail.com)

Contact Field Chair, Chris Takacs for new trip suggestions at 201-207-0426, [americanchris22@gmail.com](mailto:americanchris22@gmail.com).

Visit [www.bergencountyaudubon.org](http://www.bergencountyaudubon.org) for field trip directions.

August 3 (Sun.) 10AM. **Richard DeKorte Park**, Lyndhurst.

August 6 (Wed.) 10AM. **Teaneck Creek Conservancy**, Teaneck.  
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.

August 10 (Sun.) 1PM. **New Jersey Botanical Garden Butterfly Walk, Ringwood.**

Summer weekend parking fees apply (cash only)-NJ residents \$5.00,  
Out of state residents \$7.00. Meet at carriage house.

August 13 (Wed.) 6:30PM. **Evening Walk at Richard DeKorte Park**, Lyndhurst.

August 17 (Sun.) 10AM. **Teaneck Creek Conservancy**, Teaneck.  
Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.

August 20 (Wed.) 6:30PM. **Evening Walk at Richard DeKorte Park**, Lyndhurst.

August 24 (Sun.) 10AM-1PM. **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hummingbird Day at the Overpeck Butterfly Garden**, Leonia. Learn about hummingbirds and how to attract them to your yard.  
Park in the lot adjacent to the equestrian center, walk to the dirt road and follow the signs to the butterfly garden.

August 27 (Wed.) 10AM. **Frank Chapman Trail**, Teaneck.  
Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and Riverview Avenue.

August 28 (Thurs.) 6:30PM. **Secaucus Egret Roost**, Secaucus.  
Park and meet in the first parking lot as you enter Laurel Hill County Park.  
Contact: Chris Takacs [americanchris22@gmail.com](mailto:americanchris22@gmail.com) (201) 207-0426

August 31 (Sun.) 10AM. **Mill Creek Marsh**, Secaucus.  
Park behind Bob's Furniture Store.

September 3 (Wed.) 10AM. **Teaneck Creek Conservancy**, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.

September 7 (Sun.) 10AM. **Richard DeKorte Park**, Lyndhurst.

September 10 (Wed.) 10AM. **Mill Creek Point/Schmidt's Woods, Secaucus.**

September 14 (Sun.) 10AM. **Frank Chapman Trail**, Teaneck.  
Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and Riverview Avenue.

September 17 (Wed.) 10AM. **State Line Lookout**, Alpine.  
Contact: James Falletti [jamesfalletti@gmail.com](mailto:jamesfalletti@gmail.com) (212) 203-3775

September 19 (Fri.) 7PM. **Puffin Cultural Forum, Teaneck.**  
The Owls of NJ program presented by Don Torino.

September 21 (Sun.) 10AM. **Teaneck Creek Conservancy**, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.

September 24 (Wed.) 10AM. **Van Buskirk Island County Park**, Oradell.  
Park in the lot on Elm Street (across from the waterworks).

September 28 (Sun.) 10AM. **New Jersey Botanical Garden**, Ringwood. Meet by the carriage house.

October 1 (Wed.) 10AM. **Teaneck Creek Conservancy**, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.

October 5 (Sun.) 8:30AM-3PM. **Meadowlands Birding Festival** at Richard DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst.  
Walks, talks, information tables, children's activities and more.  
Learn about the vital role of the Meadowlands as an important bird area along the Atlantic Flyway for birds and wildlife.

October 8 (Wed.) 10AM. **Overpeck County Park, Leonia.** Meet in the parking lot by the restrooms and bandshell.

October 12 (Sun.) 10AM. **Demarest Nature Center**, Demarest.  
Park at the Wakelee Athletic Field and walk to the playground area next to the entrance of the nature center.

October 15 (Wed.) 10AM. **Losen Slote Creek Park**, Little Ferry.  
Park and meet in the parking lot adjacent to the soccer field. Trails may be muddy, boots are highly recommended.

October 19 (Sun.) 10AM. **Teaneck Creek Conservancy**, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot off Puffin Way.

October 22 (Wed.) 10AM. **Tenaflly Nature Center**, Tenaflly.

October 26 (Sun.) 10AM. **New Jersey Botanical Garden**, Ringwood. Meet by the carriage house.

October 29 (Wed.) 10AM. **Frank Chapman Trail**, Teaneck.  
Meet in the parking lot on the corner of River Road and Riverview Avenue.



**TO HOUSE BEES, OR NOT TO HOUSE BEES**

It's clear that one of the best actions we can take in conserving the environment and wildlife is to provide healthy habitat for pollinators. That was my consideration as I worked in my yard this spring and thought, perhaps I should add some pollinator "hotels."



After all, bees provide enormous free labor that benefits this world, why not offer the best lodgings? That's when one of our astute members mentioned to me that there is some controversy about these man-made houses and I realized I needed to know more.

After combing a number of conservation and academic sources, I learned that there are concerns about observed disease and parasite issues occurring with man-made houses. However, sources note that conclusive studies that compare artificial to natural housing are intensely difficult to execute, so there is no absolute evidence that proves the speculation that artificial housing is broadly detrimental. In non-agricultural situations, there is consistent agreement that natural housing is superior since it renews itself seasonally.

I also consulted the excellent book by Heather Holm, *Pollinators of Native Plants*. There I learned that, of the Bee species, 70% nest in the ground and 30% nest in cavities. For ground nesters, she advises leaving some open, undisturbed areas of soil. When the ground is wet, these areas may also serve as "puddling" space for Butterflies to explore for beneficial minerals. Of course, eliminate pesticides, leave the leaves, create brush and rock piles, avoid wood chip mulch, preserve rodent holes, keep a tree snag, or add a log. For a natural "hotel," she advises leaving tall plant stems over the winter. In spring, cut the stems down to around 15 inches, providing both pithy and hollow stems of varying diameter and height. New plant growth will soon conceal the stem nest sites.

If you would like to get more in the "weeds" on the topic, the Xerces Society offers a thorough tutorial in creating successful pollinator habitat. It includes illustrations and diagrams, detailed instructions on pruning down stems, and extensive resource and reference links. It can be found at [https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/18-014\\_02\\_Natural-Nesting-Overwintering-FS\\_web.pdf](https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/18-014_02_Natural-Nesting-Overwintering-FS_web.pdf)

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**ANNOUNCING THE 16TH ANNUAL "BCAS/HAROLD FEINBERG CONSERVATION AWARD"**

One of the best things about leading Bergen Audubon as President has been the opportunity to meet many devoted, hard-working people in many small communities around Bergen County that are committed to conservation and making the environment a better place for their neighbors and the wildlife around them. These unsung heroes have given of themselves with little recognition and often with personal sacrifice. So it is in their honor that we're proud to announce the **"Bergen County Audubon/Harold Feinberg Conservation Award"**.

This award is named in honor of Harold Feinberg, a long time member and field trip chairman for many years. Harold had been a mentor, an enthusiastic supporter of our endeavors and had always given freely of his expertise with a combination of patience and knowledge that few possess. We are asking you to nominate a candidate that you think should be recognized with this award. Please send us the name of someone who you think has worked on behalf of the environment and the BCAS board will consider them for the Award. (Current BCAS board members are not eligible).

**NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE:** a) Name and address or phone number of the individual. b) Description of their accomplishment; why you think this individual(s) should receive this award (400 words or less) and c) Your name /address or phone number.

**Submissions may be mailed to BCAS, PO Box 235, Paramus, NJ 07653 or email to Don Torino at [greatauk4@gmail.com](mailto:greatauk4@gmail.com).**

***Nominations must be received no later than September 30, 2025. Award presentation at our Eagle Festival in January 26.***

**Look, See The Birds!**

**The Birds & Beans Coffee Migratory Bird Spotting Challenge by Marie Longo**

The first participant to spot one of the six migratory birds on the score card won a free 12 ounce bag of Birds & Beans coffee, the first participant to spot all six migratory birds won a 2 pound bag of Birds and Beans coffee. Many thanks to Bill Wilson for sponsoring the challenge.- Loretta Guardino spotted the Eastern Kingbird at Teaneck Creek Conservancy and won a 12 oz bag of coffee.. Tammy Laverty spotted the Baltimore Oriole at Losen Slote Creek Park and won a 12 oz bag of coffee.. Don Torino spotted the Wood Thrush at Matthew Feldman Nature Preserve and won a 12 oz bag of coffee.. Marie Longo spotted all six birds at various locations and won 2 # bag of coffee.

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**STRONG NORTHWEST WIND CHILLS THE 2025 SPRING COUNT**

The hearty band of BCAS volunteers set out to enjoy a mild spring day for our annual celebration of International Bird Day. But someone forgot to tell Mother Nature, and she sent a cold wind that brought some sparkle to the event. It did not snow this time, but several members ended their effort quite quickly to skip away from the cold weather. The birds were also affected, although visibility was fine. Since the trees had leafed out rather too much, effort was often spent trying to listen to birdcalls against the roar of the wind. A wide spectrum of birdlife was indeed passing northward on the day, but stiff breezes kept many birds low and somewhat quiet.

We had more than 20 separate groups out in the field, and virtually everyone came up with one or more special birds. Overall numbers of birds per species were lower than in most past years. But the wide range of available birds was still impressive, and included many specialties, as can be seen in the list on the next page. I have highlighted some of the coolest finds in bold-face. Chris Takacs produced the highest numbers while staying in the Meadowlands, but other great birds could be found all over the area, including at the Celery Farm, Greenbrook, and Garret Mountain.

I am very grateful to all of you who participated, and I hope that you have finally warmed back up.

**DAVE HALL**

**FUNDRAISING 2025 ( 2/24 - 6/9/25 )**

**TAMMY LAVERTY, Chair**

Our members are the best ! Thank you for your generosity. We could not do our projects, events, or protect the native wildlife and the remaining wild places in Bergen County and the surrounding area or assist other nature centers without you.

**TOTAL DONATIONS 2025 FEBRUARY 21 - JUNE 9 = \$ 8180**

**DONATIONS SPRING COUNT, FACEBOOK APPEAL \$2800**

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**DONATIONS IN MEMORY \$1377**

Regina Coyle in memory of her Mother and Father, and in memory of Michael Connors, In memory of George Homcy - from Greg & Jeanne Andrusin, Helen Doolittle, Dave and Carrie Homcy, Michelle Muzzio, Kate Santoro

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**DONATIONS DEDICATED TO BUTTERFLY GARDEN \$ 1,100**

Norm Smith, Regina Coyle

**MATCHING FUNDS FROM MEMBERS EMPLOYERS \$50**

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# 33rd ANNUAL BCAS SPRING COUNT, MAY 10, 2025

<b>Common Loon</b>	1	<b>Barn Owl</b>	1	Yellow-rump(Myrtle) W.	18
Dbl-crested Cormorant	183	Eastern Screech Owl	1	Black-thr. Green Warbler	7
<b>Least Bittern</b>	2	Chimney Swift	30	<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>	3
Great Blue Heron	2	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	2	Prairie Warbler	1
Great Egret	12	Belted Kingfisher	2	Bay-breasted Warbler	2
Snowy Egret	8	Red-bellied Woodpecker	40	Blackpoll Warbler	17
Green-backed Heron	4	Downy Woodpecker	17	<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	2
<b>Black-crowned Night Heron</b>	1	Hairy Woodpecker	8	Black & White Warbler	28
<b>Yellow-crowned Night Heron</b>	3	Northern Flicker	24	American Redstart	45
Canada Goose	123	Pileated Woodpecker	5	Worm-eating Warbler	1
Wood Duck	9	Eastern Phoebe	2	Ovenbird	33
Green-winged Teal	3	Gr. Crested Flycatcher	10	Northern Waterthrush	14
American Black Duck	10	Eastern Wood-Pee wee	2	<b>Louisiana Waterthrush</b>	1
Mallard	107	Willow Flycatcher	1	Common Yellowthroat	46
Northern Shoveler	2	Least Flycatcher	4	Canada Warbler	2
Gadwall	7	Eastern Kingbird	6	Scarlet Tanager	16
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>	1	Purple Martin	11	Summer Tanager	2
Ruddy Duck	47	Tree Swallow	184	Northern Cardinal	65
Turkey Vulture	26	N. Rough-winged Swallow	30	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	7
Black Vulture	2	<b>Bank Swallow</b>	6	Indigo Bunting	7
Osprey	11	Barn Swallow	106	Eastern Towhee	5
Bald Eagle	13	Blue Jay	87	Chipping Sparrow	6
Northern Harrier	1	Common Raven	7	Savannah Sparrow	16
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	American Crow	14	Song Sparrow	115
Red-tailed Hawk	21	Fish Crow	15	<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>	1
Cooper's Hawk	1	Bl-capped Chickadee	10	Swamp Sparrow	9
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Tufted Titmouse	30	White-throated Sparrow	38
<b>American Kestrel</b>	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	4	White-crowned Sparrow	2
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	2	Carolina Wren	17	<b>Bobolink</b>	1
Wild Turkey	3	House Wren	16	Red-winged Blackbird	315
<b>Clapper Rail</b>	2	Marsh Wren	22	Common Grackle	152
<b>Virginia Rail</b>	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4	Brown-headed Cowbird	29
<b>Common Gallinule</b>	1	Eastern Bluebird	6	Orchard Oriole	14
<b>Black-necked Stilt</b>	2	Veery	5	Baltimore Oriole	97
Semi-palmated Plover	6	Hermit Thrush	4	Purple Finch	1
Killdeer	13	Swainson's Thrush	5	House Finch	28
Greater Yellowlegs	23	Wood Thrush	21	Pine Siskin	1
Lesser Yellowlegs	203	American Robin	335	American Goldfinch	52
Solitary Sandpiper	27	Gray Catbird	113	House Sparrow	154
Spotted Sandpiper	11	N. Mockingbird	31	Monk Parakeet	7
Semipalmated Sandpiper	6	Brown Thrasher	2		
Least Sandpiper	wow! 1128	Cedar Waxwing	10	<b>5382 birds from 148 species</b>	
Dunlin	1	European Starling	206	<b>42 participants in 22 parties</b>	
Short-billed Dowitcher	5	Red-eyed Vireo	20		
Laughing Gull	2	Blue-headed Vireo	5		
Ring-billed Gull	57	Warbling Vireo	49		
Herring Gull	37	Tennessee Warbler	1		
Gr. Black-backed Gull	2	N. Parula Warbler	48		
Forster's Tern	7	Yellow Warbler	70		
<b>Least Tern</b>	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	8		
Rock Dove	98	Magnolia Warbler	8		
Mourning Dove	89	<b>Cape May Warbler</b>	3		
<b>Black-bellied Cuckoo</b>	2	Black-thr. Blue Warbler	17		
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>	1	<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	1		



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JULY 2025**

*As Members of Bergen County  
Audubon Society, we share a love for  
birds and a concern for the  
environment. Our mission is to  
promote and protect wildlife in their  
natural habitat by providing  
opportunities for observation and  
conservation.*

*All field trips and programs are open  
to the public and free of charge.*

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025**

Please enroll me as a member of the Bergen Audubon Society (Q07) and/or the National Audubon Society.

My check is enclosed for

( ) **\$20 Individual** or ( ) **\$35 Family Chapter Sustaining Member**. All funds stay in our area, helping us to support local efforts and provide services in Bergen County. Make check payable to Bergen County Audubon.

( ) **\$20 - National Audubon Society Member**. (1st year rate for new NAS members only). Includes Chapter membership. Make check payable to National Audubon Society.

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