

The Todd Nuthatch



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Meetings

Todd Bird Club meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, September through April (*except in January 2019* since the first Tuesday falls on New Year's Day), at Blue Spruce Lodge in Blue Spruce County Park, located just off Route 110 east of the town of Ernest. Arrive by 7:00 to socialize and snack. Refreshments are provided at each of our meetings.

In May we hold our banquet meeting which starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8 – This is our annual Members' Night. Please bring something to share – pictures on a flash drive, photos, stories, memorabilia, etc. It's always more fun when everyone participates.

Tuesday, February 5 – Elizabeth Bruner from Blairsville will share with our members her experiences through a program called the Wildlife Leadership Academy or WLA. The academy's mission is to engage and empower high school age youth to become conservation ambassadors to ensure sustained wildlife, fisheries, and natural resource legacies for future generations. WLA enriches Pennsylvania teens and empowers them to become certified conservation ambassadors by attending a five-day residential summer field school geared towards particular topics, including white-tailed deer, brook trout, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, or bass. Students gain extensive knowledge about



Purple Martins will be the topic of our March meeting when Ron and Jordan Alsop are our presenters.

wildlife and conservation, leadership experience, and communication skills. Join Elizabeth at the meeting in February to hear about her experiences and how teens are being equipped to become conservation ambassadors.

Elizabeth is the 15-year-old daughter of Clark and Connie Bruner of Blairsville. She is a home-schooled student in the 9th grade who participates in the Homeschoolers for Christ Coop. Her extra curricular

activities include being a member of four Indiana County 4-H Clubs. Elizabeth attends the Blairsville Presbyterian Church where she is active in her Sunday School, plays in the church bell choir, and runs the audio visual equipment for services and special occasions. Some of Elizabeth's hobbies are singing in musicals, horseback riding, and breeding and showing her herd of 25 boer goats on her family's farm, Hope Hill Boer Goats.

Elizabeth enjoys the outdoors. She is a self-proclaimed entrepreneur of a black walnut business; she likes hiking and fishing, hunts small and large game, and enjoys skeet shooting.

Tuesday, March 5 – Ron and Jordan Alsop will provide some general information about Purple Martins, including their characteristics, housing options, attracting them, and problems that can occur. They plan to utilize some slides and also a short video they made when several young were leaving the nest. They love talking

about these birds and usually get some chuckles when they also discuss the myriad of mistakes they have made along the way!

Ron Alsop and his son Jordan have been attempting to become martin landlords since 2010. They finally managed in 2017 to attract three pairs that fledged 19 young. During the spring and summer of 2018, they were blessed with 13 pairs that fledged 47. Ron and Jordan will discuss how to attract Purple Martins and inform us of the care required to keep them alive and healthy even during cold weather.

Ron and Jordan reside on the family farm located near Penn Run. Ron is a retired certified fraud examiner, and Jordan teaches high school mathematics. They have traveled to numerous martin sites, built their own 14-compartment housing unit, and are members of the Purple Martin Conservation Association (PAMC). In the summer of 2015, Ron and Jordan were featured in the *Purple Martin Update*, the national publication of the PMCA. Ron was thrilled when he and his granddaughter appeared on the front cover. Don't miss this interesting and informative presentation.

Outings

Tuesday morning outings will continue till deer season. Most outings are at Yellow Creek. For all Yellow Creek outings, meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office, located on Route 259 just off Route 422 east of Indiana. Early comers are invited to meet at the pavilion on the north shore shortly after dawn. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Carnahan (724-388-4667) or Margaret Higbee (724-354-3493).

Saturday, February 16 – Winter birding at Yellow Creek, led by Tom Glover (814-938-5618, tomnglover@comcast.net). Meet at the parking lot of the Boy Scout Camp Seph Mack on the north shore of Yellow Creek State Park at 8:00 a.m. We will explore the camp for foraging birds. Take US Rt. 422 east from Indiana for about 8 miles. Look for signs for the North Shore and the Boy Scout Camp. Turn right onto S. Harmony Rd. for about 2 miles then turn right into the camp.

Saturday, March 9 – Yellow Creek State Park, led by Lee Carnahan (724-388-4667). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office.

Saturday, March 16 - Blue Spruce Park, led by Sue Dickson (scm130@yahoo.com). We will check for winter

birds and hand feed the chickadees. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the first large parking lot near the park office.

Saturday, March 23 – Yellow Creek State Park, led by Gloria Lamer (724-349-1159). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office.

Saturday, March 30 – Yellow Creek State Park, led by Roger and Margaret Higbee (724-354-3493) and other Todd members. This is a joint outing with the Friends of the Parks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office.

Saturday, April 6 – Yellow Creek State Park, led by Roger and Margaret Higbee (724-354-3493). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office. This is the annual joint spring outing with the Three Rivers Birding Club. This field trip will culminate with lunch at the Chinese buffet in Indiana.

Saturday, April 13 – Blue Spruce Park, led by Ray Winstead (724-349-2506). Besides early migrants, we'll take some time to feed the Black-capped Chickadees and a few other species from our hands. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the first large parking lot near the park office.

Saturday, April 20 – Yellow Creek State Park, led by Lee Carnahan (724-388-4667). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park office.

Bird Drama at Townsend's Solitaire Site

Despite the blustery conditions this January 1 morning, Sam Guthrie and I were able to fairly quickly locate the Townsend's Solitaire at Yellow Creek S.P. in a brushy area just left of the shooting range sign near the blue gate. It was moving from its perch to occasionally eat berries and would then return to the same perch. Incredibly, after we watched it do this for about 15 minutes, it all of a

sudden took off directly at us and flew over our heads by a few feet as a Cooper's Hawk exploded towards it. It was too quick, however, and the hawk quickly gave up pursuit and the Townsend's Solitaire took cover in the brush to the right of the sign. TOSO lives to see another day!

– Alan Buriak

Todd Bird Club Trip to the Niagara Frontier

By Debbie Kalbfleisch

This year's trip to the Niagara Frontier was to begin early on Friday, November 30. The first indication I had that all was not going according to plan was when I arrived at Linda Wagner's home in New Castle at 7:00 that morning. The house seemed a bit dark, and I rang the doorbell a couple of times before Linda emerged from a back room in her robe and asked, "Didn't you get Margaret's message? It turned out that Margaret and Roger had a dead battery and AAA was going to be a little slow getting to them! I settled myself in Linda's kitchen with coffee, became acquainted with her cats, and caught up on phone and email messages. When Linda reemerged, she cooked eggs and we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast. Afterwards, I helped her put out birdseed in the yard and got a kick out of the Wild Turkeys coming in for their breakfast.

Margaret and Roger turned up a little after 10 a.m. with a brand-new battery, and we loaded up and were officially on the road by 10:26 a.m! We had the usual suspects traveling through Pennsylvania and New York, checking off Canada Goose, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, American Coot, Red-tailed Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, and European Starling. More snow covered the ground as we traveled farther north. At Dunkirk, New York, the harbor was quiet, with only a few Greater Scaup, Ruddy Ducks, Horned Grebes, Common Loons, and Double-crested Cormorants. One Herring Gull had joined the Ring-billed Gulls. Over lunch at Tim Horton's, we decided to head straight for Canada and not bother with the rest of the harbor.

Traffic on the Peace Bridge was heavy and slow, and it was almost 3:00 before we made it through customs. The Canadian side was just as overcast and cloudy as it had been en route, but a lot of birds were on the Niagara River — White-winged Scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, Common Goldeneyes, Red-breasted Mergansers, and at least 600 Buffleheads were spread out before us! At one of the parking lots next to the river, we found two river otters cavorting on the rocks. One of them came out of the water with a fish for its lunch. At the International Railroad Bridge, we sorted through 175 Bonaparte's Gulls, but couldn't come up with any oddballs. There was only one Black Scoter at the Murray Street parking lot where heavy equipment was making a great deal of noise, so we



At Fifty Point we enjoyed close-up views of Long-tailed Ducks.

Photo by Margaret Higbee

quickly moved on.

We were losing light as we followed the Niagara River and just managed to hit Niagara Falls at sunset which seemed a bit early at 4:25 p.m! We added Redheads, Hooded and Common Mergansers before calling it a day and checking into the Super 8 Motel on the Niagara Parkway. Dinner was at John's Family Restaurant on the hill above the Falls. Afterwards, we drove through town, enjoying all the Christmas decorations. Niagara Falls' Winter Festival of Lights was in full swing, with hundreds of trees draped in lights and lighted 3-D sculptures of contemporary Canadian wildlife such as moose and polar bears, as well as others that haven't been seen in living memory, like the Woolly Mammoth!

Breakfast on Saturday was at the Grimsby Welcome Center where our Canadian friends and guides, Sandra and Frank Horvath, met us. They were excited to show us a new birding location nearby, the Biggar Lagoons, a forgotten piece of land that was once an old sewage lagoon system that has been converted into a wildlife sanctuary in the past year. Four European Starlings sitting on a viewing platform between two Red-tailed Hawks had us scratching our heads! Along the gravel path were Mourning Doves, Downy Woodpeckers, a Golden-crowned Kinglet, American Gold-finches, a Yellow-rumped Warbler, and a Northern Cardinal. Scads of Canada Geese were coming and going, and Northern Shovelers, an American Wigeon, Mallards, an American Black Duck, and Buffleheads were on the water. The trail was tempting, but we had lots of other places to explore!

At the Fifty Point Conservation Area, we added Surf Scoter to complete our scoter trifecta, and enjoyed close-up views of Long-tailed Ducks and Buffleheads. An adult Bald Eagle was being escorted out of the area, in the nicest way possible, of course, by a Ring-billed Gull. Our first Black-capped Chickadee loudly scolded the two-legged intruders in its territory and a Rough-legged Hawk appeared and disappeared in the blink of an eye. A dozen lispig Cedar Waxwings flew in and landed on the phone lines as we moved on to our next spot, Winona Road. A White-breasted Nuthatch was the only new bird here, but we racked up 150 Surf and 50 White-winged Scoters, 200 Long-tailed Ducks, 250 Common Goldeneyes, and 50 Red-breasted Mergansers on Lake Ontario.

Cackling Geese had just been reported at Confederation Park, but we were unable to locate them among the many Canada Geese. Black and gray squirrels came scurrying to see if we happened to be carrying any peanuts with us. They seemed to know Frank quite well!

Windermere Basin is one of our favorite places for ducks. As we walked into the marsh, a lone American Kestrel was sitting sentinel on a nearby building. We quickly added Gadwalls, an American Black Duck, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Ducks, Lesser Scaup, and Ruddy Ducks to our list. Not to be overlooked were Northern Shovelers, Mallards, Buffleheads, and Hooded and Common Mergansers. Three Great Blue Herons stood silently, and our first Great Black-backed Gulls were here as well. Margaret was counting ducks when a Belted Kingfisher flew through her scope, but only Roger saw it as well. Moving on to the Tollgate Ponds, two Mute Swans were new for the trip. We had lunch at Hutch's where we could keep an eye on the gulls loafing along Lake Ontario. As we ate, we noted two Herring Gulls and an immature Great Black-backed Gull in the flock of Ring-billed Gulls.

I confess, I wasn't expecting wood warblers in Canada in December! However, after lunch, Frank and Sandra led us to the Oakville Sewage Treatment Plant at Sedgewick Forest Park, where we joined other birders who were in on the secret. A short search turned up a Nashville and a Hooded Warbler that are currently in residence at this micro-habitat and were busy foraging with the Downy Woodpeckers, Carolina Wrens, Golden- and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, American Robins, White-throated Sparrows, and Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Daylight was fading, and we sped to LaSalle Park and Marina in Burlington. The Mallards always greet visitors here, but the Trumpeter Swans that winter here have caught on to the fact that the ducks are onto a good thing and also waddled up to be fed! It's an odd feeling to beliterally nose to bill with a Trumpeter, especially as Sandra and I are slightly "height challenged"! I was wary about putting my hand out to a bird with a bill that large, but Sandra and Linda had no qualms and were soon surrounded by a bevy of birds. We somehow managed to note the other waterfowl in the harbor — American Black Ducks, Lesser Scaup, White-winged Scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, Buffleheads, and one Common Goldeneye. We ended the day at the Grimsby Thai Restaurant where we enjoyed an excellent dinner.



This immature Black-crowned Night-Heron was roosting in a tree at Dufferin Islands Park on Dec. 2.

Photo by Margaret Higbee

On Sunday morning, the Horvaths met us at our motel and we were off to the Sir Adam Beck Hydro Plant for some serious gull watching. Two Iceland, a few Bonaparte's and 200 Herring Gulls were flying below and occasionally landing on the water. At the Queenston Boat Launch, a search with the scopes produced a Little Gull flying on the far shore. We moved on to the Queenston Heights Overlook to inspect the vultures at their roost.

They were just beginning to stir, and we were able to identify four Black Vultures and three Turkey Vultures.

Linda and I heard soft notes in the nearby trees and tracked down a Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches, a couple of Black-capped Chickadees and Carolina Wrens, Dark-eyed Juncos, and Northern Cardinals. An American Robin briefly popped into view. The vulture counters meanwhile announced a Red-tailed Hawk soaring near the vultures.

We retraced our steps to a point along the river where we could view the roosting rocks at Sir Adam Beck and searched for a Glaucous Gull that had been reported earlier that morning. We turned up another Little Gull but were unable to locate the Glaucous.

At Dufferin Islands, a group of local birders were huddled close together on the side of the pond. Exciting news — a juvenile Black-crowned Night-Heron was roosting in a tree! As I peered across the water, Roger noticed and said not those trees — the tree right in front of you! Once again, we were practically nose to bill! The teenager took his fame in stride and posed for the paparazzi that surrounded it, most of whom had to step back to focus! The only other new bird here was a Brown Creeper checking out the trees on the hillside. We continued birding across the road to the Old Hydro Building area along the Upper Falls where we found a Lesser Black-backed Gull among the Great Black-backs and Herring Gulls. A Canvasback and Bufflehead were on the water, and we counted seven Common Goldeneyes. Along the way to Tim Horton's for lunch, we spied a Merlin sitting on the roof of the Greater Niagara General Hospital, and Roger pulled over so that we could all get good looks at it.

After we ate, we headed for Niagara-on-the-Lake. Next to the golf course, Lake Ontario did not harbor too many ducks, but two Red-throated Loons were new species for the trip. Other waterfowl visible were a few White-winged Scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, Buffleheads, Common Goldeneyes, and several Red-breasted Mergansers as well as Horned Grebes. Close to 200 Canada Geese huddled in a cove.

As it was getting late in the day, we headed back to Niagara Falls for a walk in the Botanical Gardens before it got too dark. We paused to watch six deer watching us, and noticed a skunk close to the road. We had seen the same skunk earlier in the day and hoped no one would hit it! We left the trail to investigate some twittering in a tree and discovered a couple of Tufted Titmice, a Downy Woodpecker, and a Golden-crowned Kinglet. Back at the cars, we heard our first Northern Mockingbird talking softly to itself. Following tradition, we went on to Lee's Chinese Restaurant as night fell where we celebrated our success and said goodbye to the Horvaths. We always enjoy birding with them and hope to see them at Magee in the spring!

Monday morning found us back at Dufferin Island where we discovered a woman feeding the ducks and most of the local population of passerines. Four domestic Mallards seemed to be the new kids on the pond, and yet another mink was slinking along the rocks next to shore. We crossed the road to survey the Upper Falls. An Iceland Gull was flying with at least 130 Bonaparte's and 75 Herring Gulls. It has taken me three trips to Canada under Margaret and Roger's tutelage, but I realized that morning that I could actually pick out the Iceland Gull ALL BY MYSELF! Baby steps! The Bonaparte's swooped and dived mostly as a single flock and looked extremely pretty in the morning mist with the city behind them.

After collecting the van, we moved to the Whirlpool where we listed 200 more Bonaparte's and a few Herring Gulls. We were in luck at Sir Adam Beck where we found a beautiful first-winter Glaucous Gull in addition to two Iceland Gulls. This young gull was a pale cream color and really stood out among all the white and black-tipped gulls around it.

It took us about 20 minutes to cross the Rainbow Bridge back into the States. We headed straight for Niagara Falls State Park to search for three Harlequin Ducks that had been seen on and off for the past week. On the small bridge leading onto Goat Island, we paused briefly to observe a Lesser Black-backed Gull standing on a rock. Walking onto Three Sisters Island, we studied the surrounding area, finding many Bonaparte's and Herring Gulls flying as well as Common Goldeneyes bobbing in the fast-moving water. We ran into a woman from Michigan, Dr. Karen Markey, who told us that she had spent the last several days in the area and had seen the Harlequins only the day before. She was good enough to walk the trail along the river with us to the spot where she had seen them; but unfortunately, we could not locate

them. Back at the parking lot, Linda and I spent a few minutes enticing the Black-capped Chickadees to feed from our hands.

We continued along the Niagara Scenic Parkway and found 17 Tundra Swans at the Waterfowl Observation Area, a reliable location for them. The river was crowded with at least 440 Canvasbacks, and many Redheads, Lesser and Greater Scaup, and Common Goldeneyes. Several American Wigeons and Red-breasted Mergansers, as well as a few Buffleheads were scattered throughout. Another car pulled up behind us and we saw that it was Karen from Michigan. We compared birding notes and wished her well before going on our way.

La Salle Park on the outskirts of Buffalo was our next destination, and it was starting to snow as we drove slowly along the river's edge, sorting through Canvasbacks, Redheads, Ring-necked Ducks, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Buffleheads, Common Goldeneyes, and Hooded Mergansers. We were searching in particular for a single dark female duck wearing a tuft, and it was Margaret who spotted her in with the last group of Greater Scaup. Thank you, Margaret — Tufted Duck was a lifer for me!

As we made our way through the business section, we fortunately missed a turn and were able to snag one of the city's Peregrine Falcons on the corner of a high-rise. Our very last stop was the lovely Tiff Nature Preserve, just on the other side of Buffalo. It was snowing steadily as we made our way past the pond that hosted a few Hooded Mergansers and headed into the woods. We were well supplied with peanuts, and five Black-capped Chickadees seemed overjoyed to see us. Overall, it was a quiet winter wonderland with only a few birds — Downy and Hairy Woodpecker, White-throated Sparrows, and Northern Cardinals.

With darkness finally overtaking us, we headed home in a light blizzard, counting snow plows in New York State and Pennsylvania. Many thanks for driving us everywhere, Roger! We had a satisfying 82 species for the trip, including 28 species of waterfowl and eight gulls: Bonaparte's, Little, Ring-billed, Herring, Iceland, Glaucous, and Lesser and Great Black-backed Gulls. On a purely personal note, I would like to point out that this is my third winter Todd trip to the Niagara Frontier, and each trip has yielded at least one lifer (two in 2017)! I know you'll come through for me again next year, Margaret and Roger! Thanks for another great birding adventure!

As of 1/3/2019, a total of 68 people have come to see the Townsend's Solitaire at Yellow Creek State Park and have eBirded it. Everyone does not use eBird, so that number is low.

Phoebe Takes Grandpa on a Hawkwatch

By Tom Glover

My wife Emry and I were privileged to spend over two weeks visiting our daughter Elyse and her family in New York during the month of November 2018. While we were there, our granddaughter Phoebe took me on a hawkwatch located in Hook Mountain State Park.

Located about four miles upriver from the new Governor Mario M. Como Bridge, formerly the Tappan Zee Bridge, the Hook Mountain Hawkwatch overlooks the Hudson River. On a clear day the skyline of Manhattan is visible 27 ½ miles south of the watch. The park is located just north of Upper Nyack in Rockland County, NY.

On Monday, November 12, 2018, Phoebe, her dad Tom, and I parked on the side of Rt. 9W, and hiked up to the Hawkwatch which is at 730 ft. above sea level. The half-mile hike includes a 320-foot ascent up a rocky trail known as “Paddy’s Path.” Tom usually carries Phoebe in a backpack carrier on their frequent hikes. Naturally we birded on our way up to the watch, and



Phoebe checks out a Red-shouldered Hawk as it passes the hawkwatch.

Photo by Tom Fuller



Phoebe draws hawks on the rocks. In the background are the Hudson River and the Como Bridge.

Photo by Tom Fuller

Phoebe was an active participant. She pays strict attention to her surroundings on their hikes.

We arrived at the location about 10:00 a.m. Tom unpacked Phoebe and let her run free for the two hours we were there. Phoebe did take note of some of the raptors, but most of her time was spent exploring rocks and the surrounding area. At one time she wandered off with Tom in tow. After a while when they returned, Tom reported she investigated a trail but he had to corral her when she took a turn to the edge of the overlook. To amuse her Tom unpacked some chalk and showed her how to draw hawks on the rocks. After two hours she let us know it was time to leave with the statement, “I want to go home.”

During our two-hour effort we listed one Black Vulture, 7 Turkey Vultures, one Sharp-shinned Hawk, 12 Red-shouldered Hawks, and 10 Red-tailed Hawks. We also recorded 4 American Crows and 5 Common Ravens. Other birds of note were a Blue-headed Vireo and 2 Hermit Thrushes. Oh...and one

very active Phoebe!

Indiana Christmas Bird Count Revisited

by Margaret Hlgbee

Twenty-five birders met at Hoss’s at 6:00 p.m. on the 26th to compile the count. We welcome Tom Simmons back to our count as well as our new participants, Linda and Frank Logue. And we’re always happy to have our NJ birders, Chris and Paula Williams.

Before we even began, word had spread that Ken and Beth Marshall had added a new species to our count. They had encountered three Black Vultures at the southwestern edge of the count circle flying into the circle. There was no doubt that this would be the “Bird of the Count.”

We compiled the list with excitement growing as we learned of Lee Carnahan and Dennis Lauffer’s swans and catbird; Dan and Marcy Cunkelman’s Horned Larks; all

the waterfowl at Yellow Creek sighted by the north shore group (Ed Donley, Scott Simms, Mark Strittmatter, John Taylor, Wil Taylor) supplemented by our south shore crew (Alice & Dave Beatty, Gloria Lamer); the Williams’ Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Pat Johner’s Pine Siskin; and Tom Simmons’ Merlin in Indiana. After we had finished going through the species list, I called for nominations for the “Bird of the Count” when I was quickly reminded by no other than John Taylor that I hadn’t asked if there were any additional species. So, of course, I asked, “Are there any additional species?” John raised his hand and stated, “Townsend’s Solitaire.” My response was, “Are you kidding?” This qualifies as our best bird ever!!!

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Indiana Christmas Bird Count Results

36th Annual CBC – December 26, 2018

Snow Goose (CW)		Turkey Vulture (4)	2	Evening Grosbeak (566)	
Greater White-fronted Goose (2)		Bald Eagle (5)	4	Pine Grosbeak (1)	
Canada Goose (2081)	392	Northern Harrier (9)	2	House Finch (1563)	140
Mute Swan (4)		Sharp-shinned Hawk (14)	2	Purple Finch (89)	CW
**Trumpeter Swan	2	Cooper's Hawk (15)	4	Common Redpoll (63)	
Tundra Swan (533)		N. Goshawk (1)		White-winged Crossbill (62)	
Wood Duck (2)		Red-shouldered Hawk (5)	2	Pine Siskin (375)	1
N. Shoveler (2)		Red-tailed Hawk (71)	48	American Goldfinch (637)	116
Gadwall (30)		Rough-legged Hawk (3)		Lapland Longspur (6)	
American Wigeon (14)		Eastern Screech-Owl (13)	2	Snow Bunting (225)	
Mallard (670)	133	Great Horned Owl (10)	8	Eastern Towhee (3)	2
American Black Duck (190)	6	Barred Owl (5)		American Tree Sparrow (483)	15
N. Pintail (10)	CW	Long-eared Owl (1)		Chipping Sparrow (4)	
Green-winged Teal (4)		Short-eared Owl (2)		Field Sparrow (13)	6
Canvasback (15)	CW	Belted Kingfisher (9)	3	Savannah Sparrow (2)	
Redhead (14)		Red-headed Woodpecker (1)		Fox Sparrow (3)	
Ring-necked Duck (41)		*Red-bellied Woodpecker (72)	75	Song Sparrow (152)	98
Greater Scaup (5)		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (8)	CW	Lincoln's Sparrow (1)	
Lesser Scaup (32)		Downy Woodpecker (177)	98	Swamp Sparrow (14)	10
Surf Scoter (CW)		Hairy Woodpecker (58)	35	White-throated Sparrow (214)	77
White-winged Scoter (1)		Northern Flicker (40)	2	White-crowned Sparrow (36)	1
Black Scoter (1)		Pileated Woodpecker (36)	29	Dark-eyed Junco (2272)	417
Long-tailed Duck (3)		Am. Kestrel (26)	11	Eastern Meadowlark (10)	
Bufflehead (52)	5	Merlin (2)	2	Red-winged Blackbird (3570)	
Common Goldeneye (7)	2	Peregrine Falcon (1)		Brown-headed Cowbird (46)	
Hooded Merganser (34)	29	Eastern Phoebe (1)		Rusty Blackbird (13)	
*Common Merganser (29)	57	Northern Shrike (1)		Brewer's Blackbird (CW)	
Red-breasted Merganser (2)		Blue Jay (566)	324	Common Grackle (503)	3
Ruddy Duck (223)	3	American Crow (3275)	236	Pine Warbler (1)	
N. Bobwhite (1)		Fish Crow (8)		Yellow-rumped Warbler (18)	
Ring-necked Pheasant (21)	2	*Common Raven (7)	9	Northern Cardinal (584)	157
Ruffed Grouse (22)		Horned Lark (225)	14		
Wild Turkey (345)	14	Black-capped Chickadee (808)	270	Total Individuals (18,833)	5257
Pied-billed Grebe (29)		Tufted Titmouse (394)	188	66 Species on 12/26/18 +6 for CW	
Horned Grebe (7)		Red-breasted Nuthatch (51)	11	CW = Birds Seen During Count	
Red-necked Grebe (1)		White-breasted Nuthatch (201)	144	Week but Not Count Day	
Rock Pigeon (392)	123	Brown Creeper (25)	7	CW = December 23-29	
Mourning Dove (1117)	427	Winter Wren (4)	CW	Record-breaking or Equal High	
Virginia Rail (1)		Carolina Wren (61)	57	Tally (2)	
Am. Coot (811)		Golden-crowned Kinglet (106)	22	**Species New to the Count (3)	
Sandhill Crane (2)		Ruby-crowned Kinglet (4)	1	() Highest No. Seen on Any	
Killdeer (20)		Eastern Bluebird (152)	65	Previous Indiana CBC, 1983-2017	
Am. Woodcock (2)		**Townsend's Solitaire	1	134 Species on Count since	
Wilson's Snipe (3)		Hermit Thrush (6)	CW	1983 including 4 CW only species)	
*Bonaparte's Gull (6)		Wood Thrush (CW)			
Ring-billed Gull (50)	9	American Robin (1626)	40		
Herring Gull (1)		Gray Catbird (2)	1		
Red-throated Loon (1)		Brown Thrasher (1)			
Common Loon (9)		Northern Mockingbird (22)	7		
Double-crested Cormorant (1)		European Starling (8656)	888		
Great Blue Heron (8)	2	Cedar Waxwing (212)	41		
**Black Vulture	3	House Sparrow (809)	350		



Bird of the Count

Christmas Bird Count Observers

Pat Andrascik	Bob Fairman	Paul Johner	Scott Simms
Steve Andrascik	Emmy Fairman	Debbie Kalbfleisch	Vicki Stelma
Alice Beatty	Gary Ferrence	Gloria Lamer	Linda Stormer
Buck Beatty	Barb Fletcher	Dennis Lauffer	Luke Stormer
Tom Betts	Don Frew	Mary A. Little	Rodger Stormer
Jean Blair	Marie Frew	Linda Logue	Mark Strittmatter
Sid Blair	Jud Glover	Frank Logue	John Taylor
Anna Carlson	Tom Glover	Ken & Beth Marshall	Wil Taylor
Rich Carlson	Carol Guba	Donna Meyer	Chris Williams
Lee Carnahan	Margaret Higbee	Ed Meyer	Paula Williams
Dan Cunkelman	Roger Higbee	Bob Ramsey	Ray Winstead
Marcy Cunkelman	Dory Jacobs	Cindy Rogers	Jan Woodard
Sue Dickson	Pat Johner	Tom Simmons	Jim Woodard
Ed Donley			

CBCs Past and Present

Year	Total Species	Count Week	Individuals	Year	Total Species	Count Week	Individuals
1983	56	3	4188	2001	77	2	14365
1984	57	5	9540	2002	62	2	9739
1985	51	2	4468	2003	72	4	9687
1986	54	2	7453	2004	72	5	8788
1987	60	3	5676	2005	62	7	12130
1988	48	3	6670	2006	64	5	8762
1989	52	4	4309	2007	82	3	14344
1990	65	6	8502	2008	71	8	14329
1991	60	5	6004	2009	56	5	8472
1992	67	8	6435	2010	55	2	7174
1993	70	9	13490	2011	71	4	9029
1994	67	4	10759	2012	80	3	9094
1995	71	5	8637	2013	68	6	8843
1996	65	7	9994	2014	74	7	5693
1997	74	3	10180	2015	70	4	8835
1998	82	7	10873	2016	70	5	7665
1999	73	2	18833	2017	67	4	6243
2000	64	2	12397	2018	66	6	5257

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We soon learned that Ed Donley had first spotted the bird in the top of a tree near the Sports Shooting Area at the Seph Mack Boy Scout Camp at Yellow Creek. John Taylor and Mark Strittmatter later that afternoon relocated the bird and John, who had seen this solitaire many times while doing field work in the Rockies, positively identified it as a Townsend's Solitaire. This species, which nests on high mountain coniferous slopes in the West, has a record of vagrancy; but this is only the second time one has been found on a CBC (Butler 1993) in PA. It is a first Indiana County record and at least the 19th state record. So... the Black Vulture could not compete with the

Townsend's Solitaire! Maybe next year.... Ed Donley was awarded the Bird of the Count. When we left the dinner, we had tallied 63 species.

Data came in from other participants; Bob Ramsey on his four-mile hike added two towhees and two Red-shouldered Hawks; Jim and Jan Woodward, two Turkey Vultures. These additions brought our total to 66 species.

Considering the gray day, we did well. Birds were not very active either out in the field or at feeders. Thanks to everyone who participated!!!

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If you notice that the species in the following report are in a different order yet again, check out the new American Birding Association's checklist at http://listing.aba.org/checklist/abachecklist_v8.0.5.pdf. There was another reshuffling of species in December and more changes will be coming in the near future.

Please send your bird reports at the end of each month to Margaret Higbee at bcoriole@windstream.net or mail to 3119 Creekside Road, Indiana, PA 15701.

Abbreviations: Blue Spruce (BS), Cowansville (CV), Crooked Creek (CC), Indiana Borough (IN), Indiana University of PA (IUP), Keystone Reservoir (KR), Lewisville (LV), Lock & Dam (L&D), Prince Gallitzin State Park (PG), Shelocta (SH), Worthington (WT), Yellow Creek State Park (YC).

First 3 **Tundra Swans** arrived 10/24 (AK, JK) at YC, the third earliest date on record for *Indiana*, with the earliest 10/19/1992 (DS, ES); maxima included 165 at CC 11/11 (TR), 80 observed plus another "heard only" flock at YC 11/10 (LC, SD, MH, RH, SM), and 105 over a yard near SH 11/11 (MH, RH); these numbers do not begin to compare with the highs prior to 2010.

Ducks appeared in low numbers this fall at YC. Last dates included 11/3 (3RBC, TBC) at YC, 11/4 (TR) at Logansport, and 11/22 (PI, WI) at PG for **Wood Duck**; 10/9 (LC, RC, SD, TG, DM) at YC and 11/4 (TA) at PG for **Blue-winged Teal**; and 11/20 (LC, MH, RH) for **Northern Shoveler** at YC. **Gadwalls**, which normally linger into Dec., were last noted 11/17 (LC, MH, RH, GL) at YC and 11/25 (RL) at PG; 6 was the high tally 11/13 (LC, PF, MH, RH). A single **American Wigeon** remained through 11/4 (TA) at PG and 11/13 (LC, PF, MH, RH) at YC. **Mallards** peaked at 30 on 10/30 (TR) at Rosston and at 59 on 11/13 (LC, PF, MH, RH) at YC. **American Black Ducks** appeared only in small numbers with highs of 7 at Rosston 10/30 (TR) and 3 at YC 11/13 (LC, PF, MH, RH). A hen **Northern Pintail** appeared at YC 8/31 (MH, RH) and stayed through 9/18 (LC, TG, DK, GL, MM); 4 on 10/27 (LC, TG) at YC were the only others reported in the region. Fifteen **Green-winged Teal** on 10/20 (LC, TG, MH, RH, GL) were first arrivals; last noted were 8 on 11/20 (LC, MH, RH) at YC; in Armstrong only 3 were noted on 11/11 (JB, TR).

Two **Canvasbacks** arrived 10/30 (LC, MH, RH, DK) at YC where numbers peaked at 22 on 11/20 (LC, MH, RH), the same day YC **Redheads** reached a mere high of 8; prior to 2012, it was not uncommon to have fall Redhead tallies in the triple digits. **Ring-necked Duck** maxima at YC included 142 on 11/6 (LC, TG, MH, RH) and 101 on 11/13 (LC, MH, RH); PG hosted 9 on 11/4 (TA). A flock of an estimated 300 **Greater Scaup** and 170 **Lesser Scaup** at YC on 11/20 (LC, MH, RH) is the largest raft of Greater on record; the previous high of 20 was sighted 11/2/2012 (CD); careful study through scopes allowed species' comparison; one Greater stopped at CC 11/20 (JB) while 6 Lessers were noted there 11/13 (MVT). Three **Long-tailed Ducks** were photographed at Hemlock Lake 11/18 (AK, JK); two days later (LC, MH, RH) a YC count of 27

surpassed the previous high fall tally on record by 12 [15 were present 11/9/1997 (CL, GL)]. A **White-winged Scoter** and a female **Black Scoter** visited YC 10/20 (LC, SD, TG, MH, RH, GL) while 2 White-wings stopped at PG 10/28 (RL). **Buffleheads** peaked at 67 at YC 11/10 (LC, SD, MH, RH, SM), at 27 at PG 11/25 (RL), and at 9 at CC 11/11 (JB).

Five **Hooded Mergansers** were listed at YC 11/10 (SM); before 2012 YC maxima were consistently in the double digits; other highs included 7 at Musser's Pond 11/5 (MH, RH), 6 at PG 11/22 (PI, WI), and 3 at CC 11/9 (SGu). Found only on two dates at YC, **Common Merganser** sightings included 3 on 9/9 (MH, RH) and 4 on 11/6 (LC, TG, MH, RH); Common Mergansers are not found every fall at YC. PG hosted 7 on 11/18 (TA). However, in *Armstrong* tallies at CC of 300 on 11/25 (JB) and 210 on 11/29 (MVT) are not unusual. A single **Red-breasted Merganser** appeared at YC 11/17 (LC, MH, RH, GL). Oct. 27 yielded this season's high YC **Ruddy Duck** tally of 195 (LC, TG); 94 on 11/4 (TA) was PG's top count while 2 visited CC 11/13 (MVT).

A single **Ruffed Grouse** at Mahoning Creek Lake 9/29 (AK, JK) was the region's lone report of this seriously declining species.

Small numbers of both **Pied-billed** and **Horned Grebes**, 2 and 3 respectively, continued through the end of the season (SD, JD) at YC; last noted at CC was one on 11/16 (TR) while PG's last 2 occurred 11/18 (TA).

Best counts of **Common Nighthawks** included 10 on 8/28 (JP) at the White Twp. Recreation Complex, 7 at Loretto 9/4 (SVH), and 5 near LV 9/18 (MC).

American Coots at YC peaked on 10/27 (TG) at 112, far below the normal fall highs going as far back as 1983 (MH, RH); many years top counts were well over 1000. Unusual was a large flock of 31 **Sandhill Cranes** flying over Hemlock Lake 11/21 (NV); there are no other fall records, and the "largest flock" previously reported 12/26/2014 (DC, MC) involved 2 individuals.

Little Yellow Cove provided mud intermittently this fall, depending upon the amount of rainfall. Two **Semipalmated Plovers** stopped at CC 8/20 (TR), the only

ones away from YC where 2 to 4 were listed through 9/14 (DBe).

A **Stilt Sandpiper** found 8/19 (LC) was still present that evening (MH, RH). YC hosted a **Sanderling** 8/19 (LC, MH, RH) through 8/21 (LC, MH, RH, DK, GL) and another 8/31 (MH, RH). Five **Dunlin** arrived at YC 10/23 (LC, PF, DK, TG, MH, RH, DM) and were still present 10/27 (MH, RH); another was found near Worthington 10/30 (SG); these last three are species that we don't see every year. A **Baird's Sandpiper** was photographed at CC 8/28 (SGu). Seven was the best count of **Least Sandpipers** at CC 8/11-12 (SGu); YC's counts varied from one to 4 between 8/7 (LC, MH, RH, GL) and 9/9 (MH, RH).

Pectoral Sandpiper reports included one to 2 at CC 8/7 (AB, SGu) through 8/13 (TR). YC harbored one to 2 **Semipalmated Sandpipers** this fall between 8/19 (MH, RH) and 9/4 (TB, LC, PF, MH, RH, DK, DM) while 2 were at CC 8/20 (TR) and 8/27 (AH). The only **Wilson's Snipe** noted were 3 that flew over YC during a heavy rain 8/21 (LC, MH, RH, DK, GL), 2 near Dysart 9/30 (EC), and one on 10/30 (LC, MH, RH, DK) at YC. The region's last **Spotted** and **Solitary Sandpipers** respectively occurred 9/30 (RL) at PG and 9/23 (MD) at CC. **Greater Yellowlegs** were in short supply with 2 at KR 9/8 (SGu) only singletons at CC on 10/25 (JB, MVT) and 11/9 (SGu); single birds were noted at YC between 10/23 (LC *et al*) and 10/30 (LC, MH, RH, DK). The only **Lesser Yellowlegs** noted were one at KR 9/8 (SGu) and one at CC 10/12 (TR).

A **Sabine's Gull** was a second county record at YC 9/8 (LC, MH, RH, GL) through the afternoon of 9/11 (PW, RW) with m.ob. getting to see it. Of note was a flock of 150 **Bonaparte's Gulls** at CC 11/11 (MVT); this is possibly the largest *Armstrong* flock on record. Three **Caspian Terns** at CC 9/7 (MVT) and 2 at KR 9/8 (SGu) were *Armstrong's* only reports; 4 at YC 9/8 (LC, MH, RH, GL) comprised the first *Indiana* fall sighting since 10/30/2012 (MH, RH *et al*). Fourteen **Black Terns** landed on YC Lake 8/21 (LC, MH, RH, DK, GL) during a heavy downpour and started actively feeding once the rain abated; this is the second highest count on record with the high of 18 noted 8/12/14, also during a rainstorm. A single **Common Tern**, perched on a buoy 9/11 (LC, PF, TG, MH, RH, DK, JKu, TK, GL, DM), was the first one reported since 9/8/13 (SG). A **Forster's Tern** at YC 9/8 (LC, MH, RH, GL) appeared to be banded.

Top counts of **Common Loons** included 11 at YC 10/30 (LC, MH, RH, DK), 5 at PG 11/4 (TA), and 6 at CC 11/19 (JB, MVT). **Double-crested Cormorants** peaked at 10 at CC on both 10/7 (TR) and 10/22 (MVT); YC's high tally of 30 occurred 10/23 (LC, PF, DK, TG, MH, RH, DM); this is the highest YC cormorant count since 2012. A **Great Egret** was a nice find at Kittanning's lock & dam 8/7 (SGu).

A late **Osprey** was observed at BS 10/24 (MH, RH). A **Golden Eagle** was found 11/20 (SGu) near Ford City and seen again and photographed 11/21 (ABu).

The only **Barred Owls** reported in *Indiana* included a single bird 8/3 (AB, DB), 2 on 9/7 (AB, DB), and one 9/14 (AB, DB), all at Nolo; one was also near LV 10/29 (MC).

The annual Nolo **Northern Flicker** convention started assembling 9/26 (CL, GL) when 16 were counted in the Lamer yard; by 9/29 (CL, GL) 19 were present; 15 was the count on 10/8 (GL).

IUP has harbored a **Merlin** 8/2, 7; 9/23, 26; 10/14; and 11/6 (JT). The same bird was probably seen at Oakland Cemetery on 8/26 & 11/29 (MH, RH); another was present at YC 9/11 (LC, PF *et al*) and 9/12 (SR). A **Peregrine** flew over a yard near SH 11/4 (MH, RH).

Single **Philadelphia Vireos** at Murphy's Bottom 9/1 (SGu), at BS 9/18 (DK), and at IUP 10/1 (JT) were the only reports in the region for this species. A **Fish Crow** was still vocal at IUP 9/6 (JT).

An amazing 42 **Purple Martins** were counted at CC 8/3 (MVT); the Robbs Fording colony still harbored 18 on 8/18 (MD). After an unsuccessful spring attempt to draw martins to the nest box at YC, 2 immatures appeared during a downpour 8/21 (LC, MH, RH, DK, GL). Other last swallow dates, all at YC, include 9/14 (DBe) for both **Northern Rough-winged** and **Bank Swallows** and 9/11 (LC, PF *et al*) for **Cliff Swallows**.

Red-breasted Nuthatch appeared first on 8/16 (MH, RH) near SH then began popping up in at least 12 other *Indiana*, 11 *Armstrong*, and three *Cambria* locations; these numbers include only eBirded nuthatches for the latter two counties. **Brown Creepers** were noted at only three *Indiana* locations – near Homer City (LC), SH (MH, RH), and at YC (v.o.), with most sightings beginning in Nov.; *Armstrong* hosted singletons at four locations – one on 10/6 (MVT *et al*) at CC, another on 10/12 (MVT) near WT, one on 11/5 (JB) west of CC, one between Whitesburg and Kittanning 11/23 (SGu). Last **House Wrens** were sighted 10/3 (MC) near LV and 10/12 near WT; there are only seven other Oct. records in *Indiana*, going back 30 years. Present at eight locations in *Indiana* and *Armstrong* between 10/5 (TR) and 11/3 (SD), **Winter Wrens** were more widespread than usual. Last **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** was sighted 11/17 (JaP, JP) at YC.

Only 3 **Veeries** were noted this fall – singletons at SGL 247 on 8/26 (TR), at BS 9/4 (DK), and at Laurel Lake Camp 9/15 (KL). Two **Gray-cheeked Thrushes** were spotted at BS, the county's Gray-cheek hotspot, 9/23 (MD); single birds were reported at CC 10/6 (MVT *et al*) and 10/15 (MVT). The last **Swainson's Thrush** was listed at CC 10/6 (TR). A **Hermit Thrush** at IUP's Co-op Park 10/23 (JSk) was the season's lone report. A **Wood Thrush** at BS 10/2 (DK) was noted on the second latest date on record for *Indiana* with the latest being 10/6/1995 (RH). Last **Brown Thrashers** were found both near Dilltown (LC, TG, DM) and at Loretto (SVH) 10/6 and at IUP 10/8 (JT). Two **American Pipits** were listed 10/30 (SGu) near WT; this was the region's lone report.

An **Evening Grosbeak** appeared at a feeder near Loretto 10/21 (SVH); two days later (NM) 2 appeared at a Tunnelton feeder where they remained for only one day; another flew over CC calling on 11/17 (JB). One to 2 **Pine Siskins** visited four *Indiana* feeders between 11/1 (MH, RH) and 11/24 (MC) then disappeared. In *Cambria* one arrived at a Patton feeder 10/28 (RL) and 5 at a Carrolltown feeder 11/2 (WI); the latter feeder was hosting 15 by 11/7 (WI); 2 were also spotted at PG 11/4 (TA). Best *Armstrong* siskin count was 7 near Kittanning 11/18 (SGu).



Joseph Pumford photographed this lovely Cape May Warbler 9/30 in Indiana.

An **Eastern Towhee** lingered through 11/10 (JP) in IN; last *Armstrong* dates were 11/2 (JB) at CC and 11/3 (RB) at East Brady. First **American Tree Sparrow** appeared near LV 11/22 (MC); amazingly this was the only Nov. report in the entire region. A **Fox Sparrow** lingered near SH 11/19-29 (MH, RH) and at YC 11/10-20 (v.o.); another was a one-day wonder near IN 11/22 (SD). Noted at three *Cambria* locations, Fox Sparrows showed up 11/4 (RL) at PG, where a nice count of 8 was achieved 11/18 (TA); one was at Loretto 11/7 (SVH) and at Carrolltown 11/17 (WI). *Armstrong's* lone report mentioned one north of Cosmus 11/12 (JSk). Top **White-crowned Sparrow** counts of 10 and 5 were respectively achieved near LV 11/30 (MC) and at PG 11/4 (RL); ten is the third largest fall flock on record for *Indiana* with the top tally of 14 near IN 11/9/05 (DJ). Most **White-throated Sparrows** did not appear till well into Oct. while earliest were one at CC 9/27 (MVT) and 2 near LV 9/28 (MC), more normal arrival dates.

Last **Eastern Meadowlarks** were reported at IUP's Co-op Park 10/23 (JSk) and near WT 10/30 (SGu). YC hosted the latest **Orchard Oriole** ever on record for *Indiana* on 8/21 (LC, MH, RH, DK, GL) and LV, the latest **Baltimore Oriole** 9/23 (MC); the previous respective last dates were 8/13/12 (BC) and 9/19/98 (KT, SW). Only three locations hosted **Rusty Blackbirds** – YC where the high was 49 on 11/6 (LC, TG, MH, RH), the LV area where 19 were listed 11/5 (MC) and 39, on 11/13 (MC), and the *Armstrong* Trail n. of L&D 8 where 3 were noted 11/2 (TR).

Last dates included 9/23 (MD) for **Ovenbird** at BS, 9/17 (MH,RH) near SH for **Golden-winged Warbler** (the only

report), 9/12 (TR) for **Blue-winged Warbler** at SGL 247, 10/1 (MVT) at CC for **Black-and-white Warbler**, and 10/6 (MVT *et al*) for **Tennessee** at CC. An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was a nice find at BS 9/23 (MD) as there are only seven previous county records. Two **Nashville Warblers** at BS 9/14 (DK) and one at KR 9/23 (MD) comprised the entire fall report for this species. A late male **Common Yellowthroat** popped up from the weeds across from the YC maintenance building 11/13 (MH) but could not be relocated for the rest of

the group; this is our first Nov. record. Last **Hooded Warbler** and **American Redstart** were listed 9/27 (TR) at YC. A **Cape May Warbler** was nicely photographed 9/30 (JP) in IN while last noted occurred 10/3 (JT) at IUP and 10/9 (MVT) at CC. Other last dates included 9/18 (LC, TG, DK, GL, MM) at YC and 9/19 at PG (LCh) for **Northern Parula**, 10/6 both near LV (MC) and CC (MVT *et al*) for **Magnolia**, 10/5 (TR) at Murphy's Bottom for **Bay-breasted Warbler**, 9/27 (TR) at YC for **Blackburnian**, **Chestnut-sided** and **Black-throated Blue Warblers**, 9/12 (MH, RH) near SH for **Yellow Warbler**, and 10/7 (JT) at IUP for **Blackpoll**. The only **Palm Warbler** reports mentioned 2 at YC 10/5 (ST), one at IUP 10/7 (JT), and one at PG 10/14 (RL), and another near SH 10/17 (MH, RH). Three **Pine Warblers** remained at YC 9/27 (TR). **Yellow-rumped Warblers** arrived 9/14 (MVT) at CC, 9/16 (RL) at PG, and 9/27 (TR) at YC and continued to move through the region 11/21 (TR); top tally was 25 at YC 10/5 (ST). The only **Prairie Warblers** noted were found near SH 8/27; 9/6-7, 12 (MH, RH) and 9/1 (TR) southeast of Adrian. Last dates for **Black-throated Green Warbler** were 10/3 (JSk) near Cosmus and 10/5 (SD) near IN. A **Wilson's Warbler** visited a yard near SH 9/11, 12 (MH, RH); this is the only report for *Indiana* this year, including spring and fall, but there were two spring reports for *Armstrong*.

Single **Scarlet Tanagers** 10/3 at IUP (JT) and at LV (MC) were last. A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** 10/3 (MC) and an **Indigo Bunting** 10/6 (MC), both near LV, were the last noted in *Indiana*. Last noted Indigo regionally appeared 10/10 (TR) near Adrian.

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This male, accompanied by a female Evening Grosbeak, appeared at Nancy Murphy's feeder near Tunnelton, Indiana Co., Nov. 23, 2018, where she photographed them.

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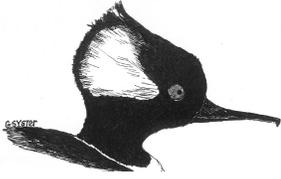
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