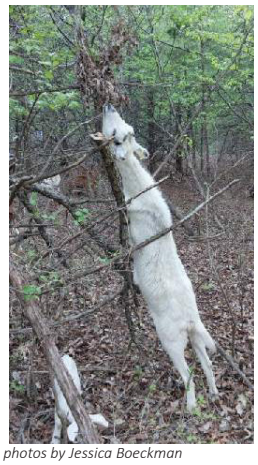
# Goats and Bush Honeysuckle



*photos by Jessica Boeckman*

Our Bush Honeysuckle eradication experiment at the Michel-Ross Preserve

We have been battling this invasive species for years. So this year we are trying something new: GOATS.

We are currently doing a test grazing of approximately 1 acre to determine what the impact of goats will be on the control of invasive bush honeysuckle. We have planned three timed grazings. One was completed shortly after the honeysuckle had completely leafed out. The goats will be put in a second time as soon as the honeysuckle fully sets leaves on again. The third grazing will be conducted later in the summer before the honeysuckle goes to seed. The goal is to weaken the plant to the point that it cannot survive the stress of winter. All of the honeysuckle plants in that area that were too tall for the goats to eat (10' or higher) were manually cut down. The stumps were not treated at this time. We want to see what the goats can do with the regrowth from the stump area. There were 23 adult goats and 18 babies put in there for 4 days. - Patricia Yeager

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June 3 - Board Meeting 5:30
Manhattan Public Library Study room #1

June 14 - Sat. Morning Birding
Meet at Sojourner Truth Park,
departs for birding at **8:00 am**

June 20 - Workday at Michel-Ross
7 am - 9 am

# Drawing the Line

Dru Clarke

Rewilding, a fast-growing movement worldwide to restore healthy ecosystems by creating "wild" biodiverse spaces, is an appealing, if unabashedly romantic, endeavor that, on the surface, might restore the natural balance of our environs and aid in providing clean(er) air, pure water, and a just respect for all life forms functioning in their given niches. And, it might prove valuable in even settled places not considered 'wild.'

We know when apex predators, like wolves and grizzlies, and keystone species, like sea otters and beavers, are removed from their respective environments, the ecosystem becomes disrupted, teetering and sometimes collapsing, unrecognizable in its desolate state. Aldo Leopold's essay "Thinking Like a Mountain" remains the quintessential story for me as a missive of a gross misunderstanding of how natural systems work. The deer, indeed, did pull down the mountain.

Here, and in other places, the rise of "mesopredators" has become signal that something is wrong. Mesopredators are what some term "vermin", others think these animals are cute: however you view them, they are ubiquitous and frequently wreak havoc on domestic (human valued) stock, crops, and materials. Raccoons, skunks, opossums, foxes are so common around our homesteads that we usually ignore them until they begin to dine at our dinner tables. What keeps their populations under control is, of course, availability of food, suitable shelter, and predation by apex predators. While I'm not advocating wholesale introduction of wolves and mountain lions as permanent fixtures in the Flint Hills (yes, they are here already, but considered 'transient'), I do think the war waged on coyotes is unwarranted and possibly misguided, allowing these mesopredators to get out of hand. A coyote might occasionally take a household cat who wanders too far from the porch or scare the bejesus out of a curious and naive dog, but considering their historic biologic role in pursuing varmints, they should be allowed to continue in that valuable role. Their population will be naturally controlled by what is available to them in their range, not by poison, snares, and bullets. Think like a mountain.

Right now, I feel snakebit by a mesopredator. Our hens and rooster are in what we considered a fortress: a run enclosed by chain link, a tin covered house, double wire on the windows. A loud ruckus in daytime a few days ago I ignored thinking it was a hen announcing the laying of an especially wonderful egg. Only later, when counting the members of the flock, I noticed we were one short. Feathers were strewn everywhere in the run, even in the chicken house, but an especially large amount was caught on a tiny opening – about 2" high by 4" wide - where the chicken wire had been bent out and upward. My husband found the hen, our most beautiful and prolific, in a nearby shelter, her head torn off, her body lifeless but whole. The miscreant hadn't even fed on the carcass! The lingering characteristic smell told me the identity of the killer: a skunk. Skunks can compress their bodies to 75% and squeeze through the tiniest openings. It had evidently been doing reconnaissance days before as we found several other spots where the wire had been bent.

Our chicken flock has provided an attractive nuisance for these animals who, under natural circumstances, would be foraging in the wild. Their natural predators – more 'apex' than they – would keep their numbers steady and, hopefully, dissuade them from easy fixings in our backyard.

Rewilding, done right, has already proved beneficial in places as diverse as Chile and Scotland, the Carpathian Mountains in Romania, and Yellowstone National Park. Plans to reintroduce the European Lynx to the British Isles has met with some trepidation, and the paperwork required to bring this to fruition has been daunting: so, it may be accomplished by a surreptitious act of deliberate release. The environment it is to be introduced into has to be able to provide those innate necessities for its species to survive and eventually thrive, without causing undue angst to humans who may be its neighbors.

Restoring what is considered to be the natural order of things needs to be mindful of all the factors that have led to change, and plan for what changes might occur in the future. 20,000 years ago there was no vast grassland in the middle of continental North America; we see today the encroachment of the eastern deciduous biome into the prairie where we live. Contiguous parcels of grassland to create corridors for migration of native herbivores – think, bison and elk – would be necessary for authentic rewilding of the prairie, but is it possible, or even, reasonable, given the shift in vegetation and exurban settlement growing rampant? (The Poppers from Rutgers Univ. proposed "The Buffalo Commons" in the 1980's and were met with ridicule and downright threats from locals.)

So, we do what we can where it is possible, and feasible, to rewild. And, to lighten our footprint and give room to fellow travelers who share this living room we can be mindful of how much we take and how much we leave alone, unexploited and untouched.

Dru Clarke May 2025

Note: For more information, see the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions

# In Memory of Susan Blackford

It is with great sadness we report the loss of  Susan Blackford.

She was a long-time member of NFHAS - working on many projects such as the Butterfly Garden, Michel-Ross Preserve, Alsop Bird Sanctuary, and was a member of our board (occsionally bringing us chocolates).

She helped plan many of our programs, most recently our speaker Krystal Anton's presentation about Bird Strikes.

Susan had the BEST smile and laughter!

We will miss her greatly!

*"Susan was always a very kind and warm-hearted person. She went out of her way to give me and my girlfriend some books that she thought we would be interested in which we have enjoyed. I will miss her at the board meetings."*
*- Jacob Riggs (president KSU Bird Club)*

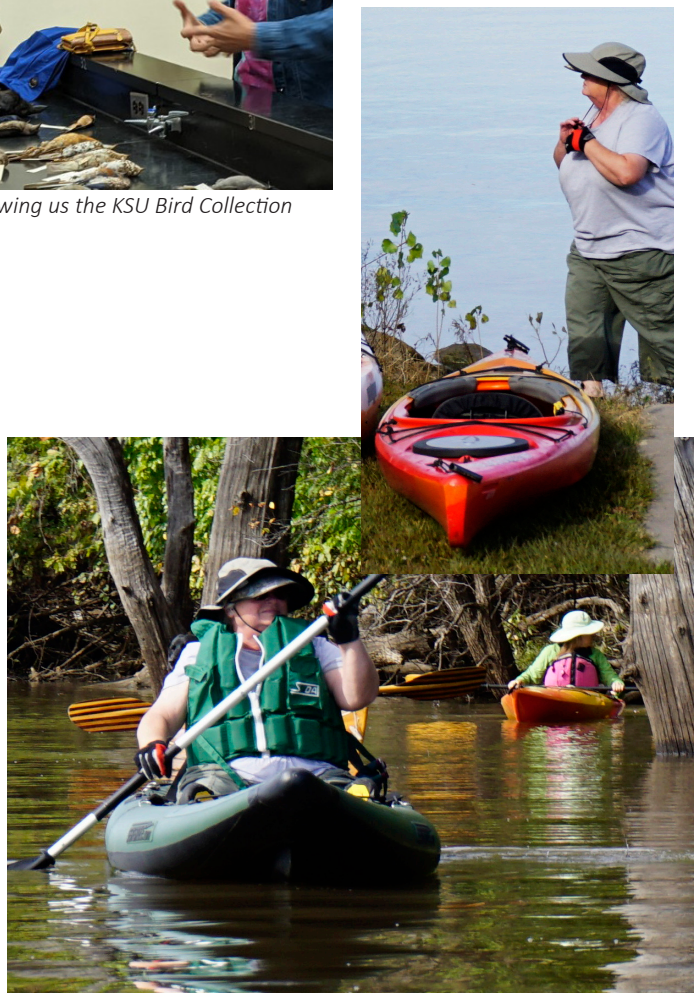
*Alice Boyle showing us the KSU Bird Collection*

*"Susan Blackford was an activist. She spoke  up with conviction for the causes she believed in. One could count on her to show up to labor, protest, contribute dollars or anything she could do. She was brave. Susan had been a NFHAS board member for over 15 years.*

*Susan  was an interesting dinner guest.  Her sense of humor and intellect was a welcome contribution to the conversation as well as the delicious pie she often brought and her laughter.*

*Susan was a loyal friend. Her encouragement and moral support in addition to her actual showing up to help has been valued immeasurably and will be sorely missed."*

*- Patricia Yeager*



*2016 -- Kansas Canoe & Kayak Association, Fall Rendezvous*
*(photos courtesy of Jay Jeffrey)*

Her obituary can be found:

https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/42245083/susan-blackford/manhattan/kansas/yorgensen-meloan-londeen-funeral-home

## Work Day for June

Summer attack on Bush Honeysuckle, Friday, June 20th

Bird-Work-IHOP

The first day of summer is June 20th. SO it is going to be hot.  Maybe not too bad in the morning. Bush honeysuckle loves to grow when it is hot. The goats cannot reach high honeysuckle to eat it. SO if there are any hearty souls out there with chainsaw skills, tree trimmers or nippers the Michel-Ross property along Stagg Hill Rd. needs your help.

We will walk the paths and cut down as much large honeysuckle as we can in 2 hours.  We will start working at 7 am (you can bird watch earlier if you are awake -- a worthwhile place to listen) and end work at 9 am Then we will meet up at IHOP to breakfast/lunch together. Everyone is welcome for any part of this three part morning.

The workers will have their IHOP tab picked up by Northern Flint Hills Audubon.

THANK YOU!

## KSU Birding Club

We will be losing our Treasuer "Jared Johnson"who graduated this past May! Congratulations Jared and thanks for you work as our treasurer! We wish the best in your future.

Thank you to the students of the KSU Birding Club for helping get the Alsop Bird Sancturay ready for the season!  Amazing how much these young people can get done in an hour!!

# Birdathon Report

By Jim Koelliker

You can also find this report on our website: nfhas.org

Dear Friend,

The 41st annual Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society Birdathon, April 26-27, was the effort of five teams who searched in an area generally centered on Manhattan. Our teams were very successful and found a total of 132 species, another new record. The next two pages, Spring 2025 Birdathon Report, shows those we found, the birders who reported their findings, and the local areas searched. We were blessed with seasonal weather and no muddy roads. The members of our five teams who reported their species to me are shown at the bottom of Page 7 of the Spring 2025 Birdathon Report. This 2-page report is my effort to continue the more than 20-year effort to show the species found. This year my Koelliker team, identified the 87 species shown by the RED "5" in the '25 column, and the 45 additional species not found by my team, but found by the other four teams are identified by the RED "A." The row for each species shows how often that species was found in the previous twenty years.

Unusual species found this year are shown on page 9, Best Birds of 2025. Only one new species, Blackpoll Warbler, was found for the first time, but you will see we were successful in finding quite a few others seldom found! Every year we miss several species that we expect to find. Our biggest misses are listed on that same page. I am thrilled with our results. I was hoping my team would exceed one hundred, BUT continuing this effort in now my eighth decade is getting more challenging. Many thanks to other teams for their assistance.

Pages 8 and 9 show the species found by each of the five NFHAS teams and the sixth team of KSU Bird Club members who helped out also.

I enjoy working on this Birdathon because I like the challenge and making this detailed report helps me be even more aware of our local birds. Too, I hope you find this report interesting & informative.

Yes, this report is a request for your financial support for the Northern Flint Hills Chapter of the Audubon Society. This effort is our primary fund-raising activity. Last year over forty contributors generously donated nearly $3,000 that the chapter put to effective use to support our efforts in the area.

I am again asking for your support for my team and/or any of the other teams who made this effort a success by completing the form on the bottom of this page and sending it along with your check or cash to me, Jim Koelliker, at 3500 Mintons Lndg, Manhattan, KS 66503 or directly to the NFHAS, P.O. Box 1932, Manhattan, KS 66505-1932.

I hope you find this report interesting and useful.

I look forward to your support of this 41st Annual Birdathon!

Thank You! Jim

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# Birdathon Report

By Jim Koelliker

| BIRDS OF THE NORTHERN FLINT HILLS SPECIES | '25 | '24 | '23 | '22 | '21 | '20 | '19 | '18 | '17 | '16 | '15 | '14 | '13 | '12 | '11 | '10 | '09 | '08 | '07 | '06 | '05 |
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| **LOONS & GREBES** | ** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Loon | | | | 2 | | 0 | 9 | | | | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| Horned Grebe | | | | 2 | | | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | | | 8 | | | |
| Eared Grebe | | | | 2 | | | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| Western Grebe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **PELICANS & CORMORANTS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American White Pelican | A | 4 | | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Brown Pelican | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Neotropic Cormorant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **WADING BIRDS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Bittern | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Great Egret | | 4 | 3 | | | | | 8 | | 6 | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | 7 | | 5 |
| Snowy Egret | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | | | 6 | |
| Little Blue Heron | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | 6 | |
| Cattle Egret | 5 | | | 2 | | | | | | | 5 | | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | | | 6 | |
| Green Heron | A | | | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | 5 | 4 | | | | | 9 | | | | |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White-Faced Ibis | A | | 3 | | | 0 | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **WATERFOWL** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Goose | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada Goose | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Cackling Goose | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| Wood Duck | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | | 7 | 6 | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Green-Winged Teal | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Mallard | A | | 3 | | 1 | | | 8 | 7 | 6 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| Northern Pintail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Cinnamon Teal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Northern Shoveler | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Gadwall | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| American Wigeon | | | | 2 | | | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | 5 |
| Canvasback | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Redhead | | 4 | | | | 0 | | | | | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 6 | 5 |
| Ring-necked Duck | | | 3 | | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | | |
| Lesser Scaup | 5 | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | | |
| Greater Scaup | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Surf Scoter | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Goldeneye | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Bufflehead | | | | | | 0 | | | | | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Hooded Merganser | A | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | 8 | | | |
| Common Merganser | | 4 | | | | 0 | | | | 6 | | | | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | | | | | | 0 | | | 7 | 6 | | | | | | | | 8 | | | |
| Ruddy Duck | | | | 2 | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | | 7 | | |

**The number, the last digit of the year, is only a marker.

**NORTHERN FLINTHILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**KOELLIKER TEAM BIRDATHON 2025 SUMMARY: April 26 & 27**

****The "5" in the '25 column indicates that species was found in 2025.**

**WEATHER: 26th - cloudy, cool, 27th - nice overall.**

Koelliker team visited KSU farms, Marlatt Memorial Park, Tuttle Creek State Park, Rock Ford, Pott #2 State Lake, Tuttle Creek Yacht Club Area. Sunday was South Konza & Ge County State Lake, Lyon's Creek Road, & Ogden wastewater ponds. The **A** marks the 46 species found by the four other NFHAS parties who contributed to the total local effort. **The red "5" and "A"** identifies each of the species found in 2025. The other columns show each of the years in the last 20 years that the species was found.

| Spring 2025 Birdathon Report | '25 | '24 | '23 | '22 | '21 | '20 | '19 | '18 | '17 | '16 | '15 | '14 | '13 | '12 | '11 | '10 | '09 | '08 | '07 | '06 | '05 |
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| **DIURNAL RAPTORS** | ** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Osprey | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | | | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| Mississippi Kite | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bald Eagle | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | | | | 6 | 5 |
| Northern Harrier | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | | 8 | | | | 4 | | | 1 | | 9 | | | 6 | |
| Sharp-Shinned Hawk | | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | | | | 6 | 5 | | | 2 | | | | 8 | | | 5 |
| Cooper's Hawk | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | | | 6 | 5 |
| Northern Goshawk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-Shouldered Hawk | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broad-Winged Hawk | A | 4 | | | 1 | | | 8 | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 5 |
| Swainson's Hawk | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | 0 | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | 5 |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Ferruginous Hawk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rough-Legged Hawk | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden Eagle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Kestrel | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 |
| Merlin | A | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Peregrine Falcon | | | | | | | 9 | | 7 | | | | | | | | | 8 | | | |
| Prairie Falcon | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| **FOWL** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ring-Necked Pheasant | A | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 |
| Wild Turkey | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Northern Bobwhite | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | | | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| **MARSH BIRDS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sora | | | | | | | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | |
| Purple Gallinule | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Virginia Rail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Coot | A | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Sandhill Crane | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **SHOREBIRDS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-Bellied Plover | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Golden-Plover | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snowy Plover | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Piping Plover | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Killdeer | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| American Avocet | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Solitary Sandpiper | 5 | 4 | | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | | 7 | 6 | |
| Dunlin | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Willet | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | | | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Upland Sandpiper | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Long-Billed Curlew | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hudsonian Godwit | | 4 | | 2 | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marbled Godwit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | | 4 | | | | | 9 | | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Western Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | 7 | 6 | |
| White-Rumped Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baird's Sandpiper | | 4 | | | | | | | 7 | | 5 | 4 | | 2 | | | | | 7 | | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | | | | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | | 6 | 5 |
| Short-Billed Dowitcher | A | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Long-Billed Dowitcher | | 4 | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 5 |
| Common Snipe | | | | | | 0 | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Woodcock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson's Phalarope | | 4 | | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |

| From Jim Koelliker Page 1/2 | '25 | '24 | '23 | '22 | '21 | '20 | '19 | '18 | '17 | '16 | '15 | '14 | '13 | '12 | '11 | '10 | '09 | '08 | '07 | '06 | '05 |
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| **GULLS & TERNS** | ** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Franklin's Gull | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 5 | | 3 | | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | | | | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | A | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Herring Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thayer's Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glaucous Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caspian Tern | | | | | | 0 | | | 6 | | | | | | | | 9 | | | | |
| Common Tern | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forster's Tern | 5 | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | | | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | | | 7 | |
| Least Tern | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Tern | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laughing Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **DOVES & CUCKOOS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rock Dove (Pigeon) | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Mourning Dove | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| White-winged Dove | A | 4 | | | | | 9 | | 7 | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Common Ground-Dove | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-Billed Cuckoo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-Billed Cuckoo | A | | | | | | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **OWLS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Barn Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | 9 | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl | A | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | 4 | 3 | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Barred Owl | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Long-Eared Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Short-Eared Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS & KINGFISHERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | A | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Common Poor-Will | A | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | 7 | 6 | |
| Chuck-Will's-Widow | A | 4 | | | | 0 | 9 | | | 6 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Whip-Poor-Will | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Chimney Swift | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| White-Throated Swift | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruby-Throated Hummingbird | A | 4 | | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | | | | 2 | | | | 8 | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **WOODPECKERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-Headed Woodpecker | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | | 7 | 6 | |
| Red-Bellied Woodpecker | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 5 | | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 9 | | | 6 | 5 |
| Northern Flicker | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **FLYCATCHERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Olive-Sided Flycatcher | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Willow Flycatcher | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Least Flycatcher | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 8 | | | |
| Eastern Phoebe | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 5 | 4 | | | | 0 | | | | 6 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Western Kingbird | A | 4 | | | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Eastern Kingbird | A | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | 0 | 9 | | | | | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| **LARKS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |

# Birdathon Report

By Jim Koelliker

| Species | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Purple Martin | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Tree Swallow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 |
| N. Rough-Winged Swallow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Bank Swallow | | | | | | | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | | | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Cliff Swallow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Barn Swallow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **JAYS & CROWS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Black-Billed Magpie | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Crow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Fish Crow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **TITMICE, NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Red-Breasted Nuthatch | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 9 | | 7 | | | | 3 | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| White-Breasted Nuthatch | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Brown Creeper | | | | | | | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **WRENS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Wren | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Bewick's Wren | A | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House Wren | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Winter Wren | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge Wren | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marsh Wren | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| **KINGLETS & GNATCATHERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden-Crowned Kinglet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruby-Crowned Kinglet | A | | | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 3 | | | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **THRUSHES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Mountain Bluebird | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Townsend's Solitaire | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Veery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gray-Cheeked Thrush | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swainson's Thrush | A | 4 | | | | 0 | | | 7 | 6 | | 4 | | | 1 | | 9 | | 7 | | |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wood Thrush | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Robin | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **THRASHERS (MIMIC THRUSHES)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gray Catbird | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | | |
| Northern Mockingbird | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | | | 5 | 4 | | | 1 | 0 | | 8 | 7 | | |
| Brown Thrasher | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| **PIPITS, WAXWINGS, SHRIKES & STARLINGS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Water Pipit | 5 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sprague's Pipit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bohemian Waxwing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | | | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Northern Shrike | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loggerhead Shrike | | | | | | 0 | 9 | | | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| European Starling | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| White-Eyed Vireo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bell's Vireo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Solitary Vireo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-Throated Vireo | | | 3 | | | 0 | | | 7 | 6 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Warbling Vireo | 5 | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Philadelphia Vireo | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-Eyed Vireo | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | 7 | 6 | |
| **WOOD WARBLERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Orange-Crowned Warbler | 5 | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Nashville Warbler | A | 4 | | 2 | | | | | 7 | 6 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | | | | | |
| Northern Parula | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Yellow Warbler | A | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | | | 7 | 6 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | 7 | 6 | |
| Chestnut-Sided Warbler | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Magnolia Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape May Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-Rumped Warbler | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Townsend's Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | | | | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-Throated Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palm Warbler | 5 | | | | | 0 | | 8 | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bay-Breasted Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cerulean Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-and-White Warbler | A | 4 | | | | 0 | 9 | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Redstart | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prothonotary Warbler | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 5 | | 3 | | | | 9 | | 7 | | |
| Ovenbird | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Northern Waterthrush | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | 5 | 4 | 3 | | | 0 | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 | | | | | 0 | 9 | | 7 | 6 | |
| Kentucky Warbler | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mourning Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | 4 | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | | 6 | |
| Wilson's Warbler | A | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada Warbler | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-Breasted Chat | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **TANAGERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Summer Tanager | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | | | 8 | | 6 | |
| Scarlet Tanager | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Rose-Breasted Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Black-Headed Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lazuli Bunting | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigo Bunting | A | 4 | 3 | | | 0 | | | | 6 | | 4 | | | | 0 | | 8 | | | |
| Painted Bunting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dickcissel | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 4 | | | | | 9 | | 7 | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Towhee | A | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Spotted Towhee | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | | 6 | |
| Rufous-Crowned Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Tree Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chipping Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Clay-Colored Sparrow | 5 | 4 | | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Field Sparrow | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Vesper Sparrow | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 8 | 7 | | 5 | | 3 | 2 | | 0 | | | 7 | | 5 |
| Lark Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Lark Bunting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Savannah Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Baird's Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Henslow's Sparrow | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Le Conte's Sparrow | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fox Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Song Sparrow | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 5 | | 3 | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Swamp Sparrow | | | | 2 | | | | | 7 | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| White-crowned Sparrow | A | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| Harris' Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Dark-eyed Junco | | | | 2 | | | | 8 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| McCown's Longspur | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lapland Longspur | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smith's Longspur | | | | | | | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chestnut-Collared Longspur | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Bunting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS & ORIOLES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bobolink | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-Winged Blackbird | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Western Meadowlark | A | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 0 | 9 | | | | 5 | | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Yellow-Headed Blackbird | A | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | | 7 | 6 | |
| Rusty Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | 5 | | | 2 | | | | | 7 | | | | | 2 | | | 9 | | | | |
| Great-Tailed Grackle | | | | 2 | | 0 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | | | 6 | |
| Common Grackle | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Brown-Headed Cowbird | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Orchard Oriole | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 6 | |
| Baltimore Oriole | 5 | 4 | | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | |
| **FINCHES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purple Finch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House Finch | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Red Crossbill | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Redpoll | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Siskin | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | | 8 | | | | | 3 | | | | 9 | 8 | | | 5 |
| American Goldfinch | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Evening Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House Sparrow | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| TOTAL SPECIES | 132 | 129 | 106 | 109 | 98 | 125 | 100 | 117 | 115 | 114 | 115 | 107 | 124 | 117 | 127 | 86 | 113 | 107 | 105 | 112 | 92 |
| Year | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |

**My team:** Jim Koelliker, Mark Mayfield and Tom Shields. Carole Ann Harbers watched a feeder at 321 Fordham Rd. **We found 87 species.**

The 2025 total count was 132 species above the 20-year average, thanks to having five local parties scouring the area and cooperative weather.

TOTAL KOELLIKER TEAM EFFORT: Driving Miles: ~132 , ~ 10 hours Walking Miles: ~1, ~2 hours Feeder Watching (HR): ~3

We searched in much of Manhattan, Tuttle Puddle, Pott #2 State Lake, south side of Konza, Geary Co State Lake and return drive below plus watching several feeders.

The other four parties contributed 45 additional species to the total results. Individuals included Particia Yeager, Merry Bower, Scott Taylor, Jay Jeffrey, Jacque Staatz, Dick Oberst. In total we searched much of Riley and Pottawatomie Counties and some southern parts of Geary County.

# Birdathon Report
By Jim Koelliker

## 2025 Birdathon Composite Species Report, April 26 and 27 ALL TOTAL = 132

In addition to my party, Koelliker, five other local parties reported their efforts to find species in a general area from north to Olsburg, south and west to Geary Co. State Lake and east to Lake Elbo. Weather was cool and pleasant.

| | Koelliker, Mayfield, Shields | Yeager | Taylor & Jeffrey | Staats & Oberst | Bower | KSU Bird Club |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Loons & Grebes** | | | | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | | | T | | | |
| **Pelicans & Cormorants** | | | | | | |
| American White Pelican | | | T | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | K | | T | | | U |
| **Wading Birds** | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Little Blue Heron | K | | T | | | U |
| Green Heron | | | T | | | |
| Cattle Egret | K | | | | | U |
| White-faced Ibis | | | T | | | |
| **Waterfowl** | | | | | | |
| Greater White-Fronted Goose | | | | | | |
| Snow Goose | | | | | | |
| Ross's Goose | | | | | | |
| Canada Goose | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Cackling Goose | | | | | | |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | | | | | | |
| Wood Duck | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Green-Winged Teal | | | | | | |
| Mallard | | Y | T | | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Cinnamon Teal | | | | | | |
| Northern Shoveler | K | | T | | | U |
| Gadwall | | | T | | | U |
| Lesser Scaup | K | | | | | |
| Hooded Merganser | | | T | | | |
| **Diurnal Raptors** | | | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Osprey | K | Y | | | | |
| Bald Eagle | K | Y | T | | | |
| Red-Shouldered Hawk | K | | T | S | | U |
| Broad-winged Hawk | | | T | | | U |
| Swainson's Hawk | K | | T | | | |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | K | Y | T | | | |
| American Kestrel | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Merlin | | | | | | U |
| **Fowl** | | | | | | |
| Ring-Necked Pheasant | | | T | | | |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken | K | | T | | | |
| Wild Turkey | K | Y | T | S | | |
| Northern Bobwhite | K | | T | | | |
| **Marsh Birds** | | | | | | |
| Sora | | | | | | |
| Virginia Rail | | | | | | |
| American Coot | | | T | | | |
| **Shorebirds** | | | | | | |
| Black-bellied Plover | | | | | | |
| American Golden-Plover | | | | | | |
| Semipalmated Plover | | | | | | |
| Snowy Plover | | | | | | |
| Killdeer | K | Y | T | | | U |
| American Avocet | | | | | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | K | | T | | | U |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Solitary Sandpiper | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Dunlin | | | | | | |
| Willet | | | | | | |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | | | | | | |

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| **Woodpeckers** | | | | | | |
| Red-Headed Woodpecker | K | | T | | | |
| Red-Bellied Woodpecker | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| Pileated Woodpecker | K | Y | T | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| Hairy Woodpecker | | | | | | U |
| Northern Flicker | K | | T | | | U |
| **Flycatchers** | | | | | | |
| Eastern Phoebe | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Western Kingbird | | Y | T | | | U |
| Eastern Kingbird | | | T | | | |
| Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher | K | | | | | |
| **Larks** | | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | K | Y | T | | | |
| **Swallows** | | | | | | |
| Purple Martin | | Y | T | | | |
| Tree Swallow | K | | T | | | U |
| N. Rough-Winged Swallow | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Cliff Swallow | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Barn Swallow | K | Y | T | | | U |
| **Jays & Crows** | | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| American Crow | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Fish Crow | K | | | | | U |
| **Titmice, Nuthatches & Creepers** | | | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| Tufted Titmouse | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| White-Breasted Nuthatch | K | | T | S | B | U |
| **Wrens** | | | | | | |
| Carolina Wren | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Bewick's Wren | | | T | | | |
| House Wren | K | | T | S | | U |
| **Kinglets & Gnatcatchers** | | | | | | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | U |
| Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher | | | T | S | | U |
| **Thrushes** | | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Swainson's Thrush | | | | | | U |
| American Robin | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| **Thrashers (Mimic Thrushes)** | | | | | | |
| Gray Catbird | K | | T | | B | U |
| Northern Mockingbird | K | | T | | | |
| Brown Thrasher | K | Y | T | | | U |
| **Pipits, Waxwings, Shrikes & Starlings** | | | | | | |
| American Pipit | K | | | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Loggerhead Shrike | | | | | | |
| European Starling | K | Y | T | | | U |
| **Vireos** | | | | | | |
| Warbling Vireo | K | | T | | | U |
| Red-Eyed Vireo | K | | | | | U |
| **Wood Warblers** | | | | | | |
| Orange-Crowned Warbler | K | | T | | | U |
| Nashville Warbler | | | | | | U |
| Northern Parula | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Yellow Warbler | | Y | | | | U |
| Yellow-Rumped Warbler | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Palm Warbler | | | | | | U |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spotted Sandpiper | K | | T | | | U |
| Upland Sandpiper | K | | T | | | |
| Marbled Godwit | | | | | | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | | |
| Baird's Sandpiper | | | | | | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | | | | | | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | | | | | | |
| Stilt Sandpiper | | | | | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | | | | | | |
| Black-necked Stilt | | | | | | |
| Short-Billed Dowitcher | | Y | | | | |
| **Gulls & Terns** | | | | | | |
| Franklin's Gull | | Y | | | | U |
| Bonaparte's Gull | K | | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | | Y | | | | U |
| Forester's Tern | K | | | | | U |
| **Doves & Cuckoos** | | | | | | |
| Rock Dove (Pigeon) | | Y | T | | | U |
| Mourning Dove | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | K | | T | | | U |
| White-winged Dove | | | T | | | |
| Yellow-Billed Cuckoo | | Y | | | | |
| **Owls** | | | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl | | | T | | | U |
| Barred Owl | | Y | T | S | | |
| **Goatsuckers, Swifts, Hummingbirds & Kingfishers** | | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | | | T | | | |
| Common Poorwill | | | T | | | |
| Chuck-Will's-Widow | | | T | S | | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | | | U |
| Ruby-Throated Hummingbird | | | | S | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | K | Y | T | | | U |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blackpoll Warbler | | | | | | U |
| Black-and-White Warbler | | | T | | | U |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | K | | T | | | U |
| Wilson's Warbler | | | T | | | |
| **Tanagers** | | | | | | |
| Summer Tanager | K | Y | T | S | | |
| **Grosbeaks & Buntings** | | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| Indigo Bunting | | | T | | | |
| **Sparrows** | | | | | | |
| Spotted Towhee | K | | T | | | U |
| Eastern Towhee | | Y | | | | |
| Chipping Sparrow | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | K | | T | | | |
| Field Sparrow | | Y | T | | | U |
| Lark Sparrow | K | Y | T | | | |
| Savannah Sparrow | K | Y | T | | | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | K | | T | | | |
| Henslow's Sparrow | K | | | | | |
| Song Sparrow | | Y | T | S | | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | Y | T | | | U |
| White-throated Sparrow | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| White-crowned Sparrow | | | T | | | |
| Harris' Sparrow | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| **Blackbirds, Meadowlarks & Orioles** | | | | | | |
| Red-Winged Blackbird | K | Y | T | | | U |
| Eastern Meadowlark | K | | T | S | | U |
| Western Meadowlark | | Y | | | | |
| Yellow-Headed Blackbird | | | | | | U |
| Brewer's Blackbird | K | Y | | | | |
| Common Grackle | K | Y | T | | B | U |
| Brown-Headed Cowbird | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| Baltimore Oriole | K | Y | T | | | U |
| **Finches** | | | | | | |
| House Finch | K | Y | T | S | B | U |
| Pine Siskin | K | | | S | | U |
| American Goldfinch | K | Y | T | S | | U |
| | | | | | | |
| House Sparrow | K | Y | T | | B | U |
| Total by Party = | 88 | 68 | 105 | 34 | 14 | 86 |

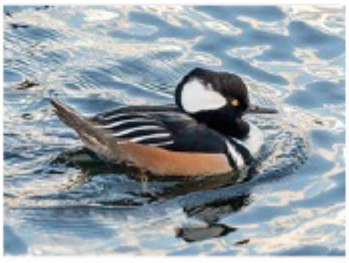
**Blackpoll Warbler – 1st time found**

**Water Pipit – 2nd time found**

**Wilson's Warbler – 2nd time found**

## Best Birds of 2025

Biggest misses this year: Vesper Sparrow, Green-winged Teal, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Pectoral Sandpiper



**Hooded Merganser – 3rd time found**

**Short-Billed Dowitcher – 2nd time found**

**Common Nighthawk – 2nd time found**

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