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Dear Members and Friends,

Somehow my treasurer responsibilities expanded to incorporate editing the club's Broadwing. I revised the schedule to make it a monthly publication because it seemed an appropriate medium to help keep us connected during the dark Covid days. Weekly quizzes, virtual bird walks, and weekly birds also found a way into my undertakings.

August was my last month as treasurer, but I will continue with most of the other work. If you want to know how I got involved in everything, my short story can be found on page 4.

Sandy

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Next club meeting: Wednesday, September 11
Virtual Bird Walk: Thursday, September 19
Theme: What I Did last Summer

Welcome to Puffling Season

Alisha McDarris

Few birds in the northern hemisphere are quite as striking as a puffin. People travel from all over the world to catch a glimpse of that colorful bill, black and white plumage, and puppy-dog eyes. On the south coast of Iceland in August and September, though, you might see more than cameras snapping pictures; you might also spot people casually tossing puffin chicks off cliffs in the dark.

This is puffling season, the time of year when puffin chicks are ready to leave the nest to spend the next few months on the open ocean.

But climate change and the conveniences of modern society like city lights are threatening the birds' survival. So, when vulnerable birds are distracted and tempted inland by mistake, some humans give them a literal helping hand by rounding them up and casting the baby birds out to sea in the name of conservation. And biologists approve.

Here's what's happening this time of year: About six weeks after hatching, a puffling, which has been safely nestled in a burrow built by its parents on cliffs near the ocean, is ready to leave the nest and take to the open ocean. The young birds use the light of the moon for guidance. But because of light pollution from towns near where the puffins nest, they can become disoriented, and instead of heading out to sea to fish and grow strong, the birds end up heading inland, where they risk death.

That's where passionate locals and visitors come in. Armed with gloves and boxes, they hit the streets at night during late summer to rescue wayward chicks and escort them back to the sea. This happens by setting them on the edge of a cliff and waiting for them to find their wings or tossing them gently—underhand style—into the air as encouragement to take flight.

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MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

OFFICERS 2024–2025

Evan Cutler **President**
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Wayne Greenstone
Don Traylor
Rick Wright

Recent Montclair Bird Club meetings on YouTube

Colombian Andes

youtube.com/watch?v=Piv9On6RX90

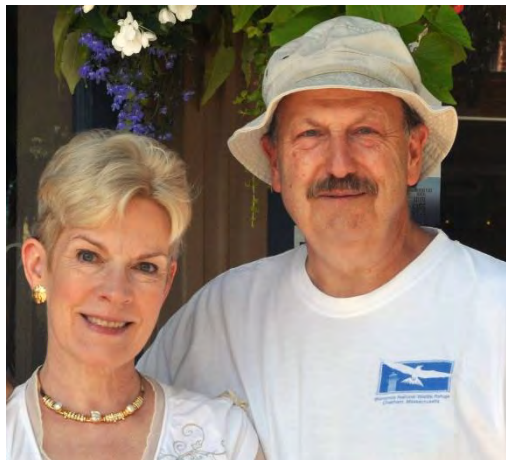
Whimbrels

youtube.com/watch?v=6-P2rT5Txg4

Fifteen Years a Treasurer

Sanford Sorkin

August 31, 2024, is a significant day for me, or maybe it's September 1, 2024. Fifteen years ago, I attended my second meeting of the Montclair Bird Club. I had recently retired from teaching at Temple University and had the naive idea that I would have time to bird and attend meetings. Little did I know then that there is considerably more work in retirement than there is in a full-time job.



The meeting was a members' meeting, and I was instructed to bring a few pictures to show the group and something to eat for dinner. Kathy, either showing curiosity or obeying some marital imperative, attended the meeting with me. I am stressing that she was there because she is also my witness. We sat innocently at our table with two sandwiches, a bottle of water, and a thumb drive with my few pictures. But the members' night meetings, unbeknownst to me, are also election nights for club officers for the following two years.

The election was brought to my attention when someone I didn't know came to my table and asked if I was interested in being on the ballot. As part of the short explanation, I was told there was an election that evening to fill club officer positions, including the treasurer's slot. My simple response was, "No, thank you. I'm new here and don't really know anyone." My thinking was that not knowing anyone would make them a bit cautious about trusting me with their money. I was wrong about that. Kathy, for her part, congratulated me for declining the opportunity, as I was already busy serving on a few boards.



At that point, I thought I only had to look at bird pictures and finish my meal. But the same person returned to my table and told me they had put me on the ballot anyway. Without apparent effect, I suggested that my name be erased; but I remained on the ballot. I tried to make Kathy and myself feel better about the situation by pointing out that I didn't know anyone, no one knew me, and it was unlikely I would get any votes.



The "feel-better feeling" was short-lived, because she returned to tell me I was running unopposed. With little thought at the time, and a little more maturity today, I now know why I was running unopposed. Most likely, everyone in the room had been consulted about running for the treasurer position before I was

spotted, but had been far more forceful in their negative response.

So that night in late June, I became the treasurer of the Montclair Bird Club, taking over from the retiring treasurer, who had managed the position from time immemorial. His records were accurate, if the only thing of interest was the current checking account balance. Beyond that, there were issues. The first was that all the records were handwritten, dashing my expectations of a computer spreadsheet. The second, and there will be one more biggie, was that the handwriting was barely legible. It wasn't his fault he had tremors in his hands making it difficult to hold a pen, let alone write with it.

I had explained to Kathy that the job wouldn't be all that difficult: you collect a little money, write a few checks, and file a tax return once a year. Sounds straightforward, but this is where issue three was introduced. The year was 2010, and no one had filed a tax return since 1992. My guess is that the previous



treasurer had also had a memory problem. Not filing returns means that the IRS may send a reminder, or maybe not, but they will remove you from the ranks of tax-exempt organizations. Legally, we were no longer a 501(c)3.

My not-too-much-work theory was completely shattered, and I contacted the IRS. They kindly informed me that reinstatement was possible if I completed the 1023 form. The process for

reinstatement has changed over the years, with the introduction of short forms and fees. Back then, though, my effort involved over forty-three pages and a wait of nearly six months, but we got it back.

Things have run smoothly since then. With one major exception. The bylaws state that an officer of the club can serve as many consecutive terms as they want, with the exception of the treasurer, who is limited to two terms (I wrote that part.) For some reason, the board has made an exception for me every year.



Returning to significant dates. August 31, 2024, will be my last day as treasurer of the Montclair Bird Club. The position has introduced me to many people with similar interests in nature and birding. I've created a few essay contests to recognize students at Montclair High School, Montclair State University, and other schools outside of Montclair. I am most proud of the reach of today's organization: In 2010, we had approximately 60 members, and today our outreach is closer to 500.

Over the last fifteen years, I compiled 200 bird quizzes, 50 Weekly Birds, and 50 monthly *Broadwings*, all posted to the club website, where I've done a little work, too. It has been a lot of work, and I'm thankful to have such a talented incoming Executive Committee taking over.



Check the List

Rick Wright

Not much happens in the birding world in those hot weeks between the departure of the last spring semipalmated sandpiper and the arrival of the first autumn semipalmated sandpiper. At least not in the field, that is: smack dab in the middle of the shorebird hiatus every year comes the Supplement to the *Check-list* of the American Ornithological Society (*olim* American Ornithologists' Union). The last full edition, the Seventh, of the *Check-list* was published in 1998, and I assume that we will never see another. Instead, to keep up with the astonishing flux in



avian taxonomy and nomenclature, the committee, currently chaired by Terry Chesser, has published a comprehensive update every summer since 2001. This year's Supplement, like most, alters the New Jersey list in ways big and small—and more subtly but more importantly, changes the way that alert birders think about the birds they see in the field.



There are several instances in which the sequence of species in a higher taxon has been re-arranged to reflect new concepts of evolutionary relationships, including the plovers. More striking to most of us will be the erection of a new subfamily for the black-bellied and golden plovers, which are now thought to make up “a deeply diverged sister lineage to the rest of the plovers.” In that same family, half a dozen of the smaller plovers are moved out of the genus *Charadrius* and back into their own *Anarhynchus*, among them the Wilson, snowy, and mountain plovers; the piping plover, the only one of those species to nest every year in New Jersey, remains in a narrower *Charadrius*. Sand plover identification becomes even more challenging with the re-split of the Tibetan from the lesser and the greater sand plovers; thus far, only the lesser (often known as the Mongolian) sand plover has occurred in New Jersey.



The familiar gull-billed tern now breeds on only five continents, with the nesting birds of Australia once again treated as a distinct species. Less surprising is the re-split, finally, of the Cory and Scopoli shearwaters, both of

which occur in New Jersey waters; this is a very subtle identification, but as often happens, the

split is likely to draw more interest to the problem and to the discovery of new field characters. Neatly sidestepping the name issue, the old Audubon shearwater is split five ways; so far as anyone knows, all such birds from New Jersey are now Sargasso shearwaters.



The white-bellied brown boobies, which seem intent on establishing themselves as regular visitors not just to New Jersey but across the continent and to western Europe, are also worth a second and a third look now. The Brewster booby, also known as the Cocos booby, has been re-split from the brown booby (in the narrow sense); “our” bird is apparently the brown, but the newly

recognized Brewster has occurred as far east as Nevada and the Caribbean. Seabirds know very few geographic bounds.

The herons turn out to be both more and less richly differentiated than we tend to think. The old tribes have been elevated to the level of subfamilies, reflecting deeper and older splits in the family’s evolutionary history. At the same time, the small bitterns lose their generic identity, joining the big ones in a broadened *Botaurus*; the cattle egrets, including New Jersey’s western cattle egret, are moved back into *Ardea* from the much more evocative *Bubulcus* (“cowherd”).



The committee continues to fuss with hyphens, using them in a way almost always contrary to standard English usage, in the attempt to reflect relationships; that is the task of scientific names, not of vernacular names, and as was wisely pointed out years ago, the practice of



“creating group names by adding hyphens is intrinsically unstable, confusing, and impractical” (worldbirdnames.org). In any event, the AOS has now removed the bizarre hyphen in the names of New Jersey’s night heron species, recognizing that the birds around the world known under that English name are not all more closely related to one another than to other herons. Again, that is a burden English names should not be forced to lift; it’s why we have the genus.

The western marsh harrier killed in Morris County in autumn 2022 established a place for that species on

the United States list. The tytonid owls, much of a sameness visually, have been re-split such that the New Jersey species is now the American barn owl, *T. fuscata*.

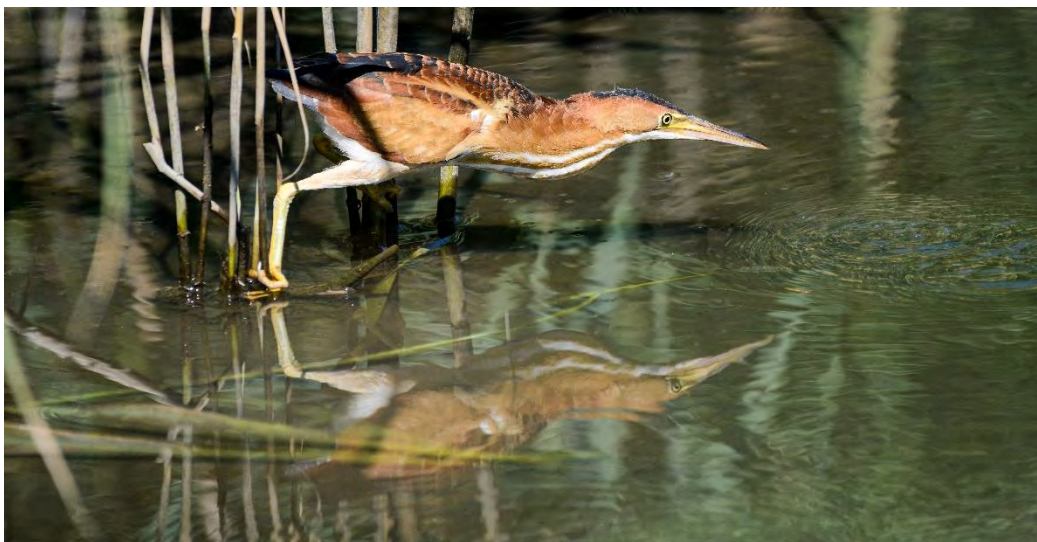


Perhaps the biggest news is the re-split of the old house wren into at least seven species. Ours is now once again the northern house wren; the name *aedon* assigned to the type—possibly from New Jersey—by Louis Pierre Vieillot is retained in spite of the suspicion that Alexander Wilson’s *domesticus* enjoys nomenclatural priority. None of the other revived species occurs here, but birders who spend time south of the US will find their impressions of difference well vindicated.

The split of the Atlas wheatear from the northern wheatear may likewise be of only glancing relevance to New Jersey birders, though we should continue to identify our rare autumn wheatears rigorously, paying particular attention to ruling out the isabelline. Similarly, the recognition of the Siberian (or Japanese) pipit as distinct from the American (or buff-bellied) gives us something else to look for.

The change likely to draw the most attention is not a split or a re-split but a lump. After decades of trying to figure out the identification of hoary, common, and lesser redpolls, the problem has gone up in a puff of white feathers, and we now have simply the redpoll. More than that, the committee’s notes clearly imply that the species is to be treated as monotypic, with no subspecific variation, leaving those of us who enjoyed standing in the snow trying to see individual mantle feathers and under tail coverts speaking of “kinds” or “flavors” of redpoll.

There’s much more of interest in this summer’s Supplement. You can read all the details yourself at tinyurl.com/byebyeredpoll.



New Members

2023

January

Monica Cardoza Ridgewood, NJ
 Susan & Michael Monaghan Montclair, NJ
 Anil & Seema Nerurkar Wayne, NJ

February

Karen Nickeson Edgewater, NJ

March

Grace Friend Montclair, NJ
 Camille Gutmore Nutley, NJ
 Christie Morganstein Randolph, NJ

April

Hillary Leonard Montclair, NJ
 Kathrine McCaffery Maplewood, NJ
 Kathy & Bob Wilson Newton, NJ

May

Michael Yellin Montclair, NJ
 Amanda & A. J. Tobia Rockaway, NJ

June

Vicki Seabrook New York, NY

July

Michael Davenport Succasunna, NJ
 Eileen Diaz Upper Montclair, NJ
 Victor Go Bloomfield, NJ
 Liz Hillyer
 Marc Holzapfel
 John Smallwood Randolph, NJ

August

Eric Knies Clifton, NJ
 Diane Louie Madison, NJ
 Roland Straton Montclair, NJ
 Susan Sheldon Seattle, WA
 Peter Rosario Patterson, NJ
 Mary Conroy Montclair, NJ

October

Jimma Byrd TX

November

Diane Holsinger VA
 Lauri Carlotti Belleville, NJ
 Lisa Kroop Berkely Heights, NJ

December

Eva DeAngelis Franklin Lakes, NJ

2024

February

Samuel Crespo Clifton, NJ

March

Peter A. Axelrod Berkeley Heights, NJ
 Sharon Gill Bloomfield, NJ

April

Howard Spaeth Glen Rock, NJ

May

Todd Sloane Little Falls, NJ

June

Dena Ressler Teaneck, NJ

July

Molly Cody Montclair, NJ

This list includes new members,
 returning members, and additions
 from our Friends roster.

Field Trips

A Montclair Chimney Swift Roost

***with* Evan Cutler**

Sunday, September 8, 2024, 6:00pm

(rain date September 9)

Meet at 6:00 pm on Norwood Avenue between Lorraine Avenue and Bellevue Avenue, next to the parking lot of the Bellevue Avenue branch of the Montclair Public Library.

For decades, Buzz Aldrin Middle School in Montclair has played host to one of the most fascinating birding spectacles in all of New Jersey. Each evening, flocks of Chimney Swifts fill the sky, feeding on flying insects, until suddenly, one by one they enter the school's chimney, where they will roost until the next morning. This is a terrific opportunity to watch this phenomenon up close. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and a snack or beverage. We'll be out until 7:30 pm.

Write to mbcoutings@gmail.com for further information.



Saturday, September 28, 2024
(this trip is canceled if it rains)

Fall Birding at Sandy Hook

Meet at 8:30 am in Lot B of Sandy Hook. Trip ends at 12:30 pm.

Sandy Hook, a unique geological feature on the northernmost Jersey shore, has long been known as one of New Jersey's premier birding sites. In fall, Sandy Hook's coastal forest may attract great numbers of migrants crossing New York Bay. We will explore the varied habitats here, hoping to see a good variety of sparrows, some late warblers, thrushes, shorebirds, raptors, and maybe something unexpected.

Meet in Lot B, on the right side of the road just a few hundred yards after the entrance gate. Park near the public restroom. Sandy Hook is largely flat, and the trails are not challenging, but walking here can be tiring, since it is mostly on sand. We recommend comfortable hiking boots. Along with binoculars, please bring a scope if you have one: there are many spots where it will come in handy. If it is windy, extra layers are recommended.

Write mbcoutings@gmail.com for more information.



Saturday, October 5, 2024
(rain date October 6)

Hilltop Reservation, North Caldwell

Meet at 8:00 am in the parking lot at Mountain Avenue and Courter Lane, North Caldwell, nearest to the dog park.

Hilltop Reservation is a 284-acre nature preserve located on the Second Watchung Mountain, at the point where North Caldwell, Verona, and Cedar Grove meet. The habitat includes upland grasslands, oak-hickory and beech-maple forest, and open and wooded wetlands. In the center of the reservation, the native grasses and wildflowers of a 15-acre meadow, restored by the Hilltop Conservancy, are often excellent for fall migrants. In recent autumns, birds seen here have included the Bobolink, Clay-colored Sparrow, Connecticut Warbler, and Yellow-breasted Chat.

Bathrooms or porta-sans are available at the parking lot. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, snacks, and water. A sunhat is recommended.

From the Montclair area, take Bloomfield Avenue west to Mountain Avenue in north Caldwell. Turn right on Mountain Avenue, then right on Courter Lane and park.

Write mbcoutings@gmail.com for more information.



Cold Brook Preserve
Saturday, October 19, 2024
A birder's meetup

Meet at 8:30 am in the preserve parking lot at 65 Old Turnpike Road, Oldwick, NJ 08858.

Just forty-five minutes from Montclair, in the middle of New Jersey's horse county, this 287-acre Hunterdon County Park is well known for beautiful views and excellent fall birding. Hedgerows provide plenty of edge where birds can forage and take shelter from predators (or nosy birders). The occasional heron or duck can be seen on the small pond. Northern harriers, red-tailed hawks, American kestrels, and other raptors are often seen at this season, and many sparrow species are known from this site. Ring-necked pheasants are also seen on occasion.

Our walk of one and a half or two miles will end at 10:30. The trails are flat, though there are a few areas where the terrain is rolling and sloped; a trail [map is here](#). Bathrooms are available at the Oldwick Market, two minutes from the preserve.

Driving directions: From the Montclair area, take the Garden State Parkway south to exit 142B for I-78 west; you can also take I-80 west to exit 43 and follow 287 south to exit 21B, where you will take I-78 west. Leave I-78 at exit 24 for Route 523, Oldwick. Continue straight through the village of Oldwick and past the Zion Church on your right. The preserve parking is ahead on your left, just at the end of Oldwick.



Saturday, November 16, 2024
(rain date November 17)

Photography at Mill Creek Marsh

with Sandy Sorkin and Ric Cohn

Meet at 8:00 am at Mill Creek Marsh Trailhead, Secaucus.

Join us for a Montclair Bird Club photography trip to Mill Creek Marsh. Meet at the entrance gate by Bob's Discount Furniture with your preferred equipment—cameras, tripods, scopes, and smartphones. We'll take our time along the trail, keeping the sun over our shoulders as we concentrate on photographing birds, landscapes, woodchucks, and any other slice of nature we encounter. If you are new to photography, or just prefer to watch photographers, you are welcome to come along. There will be plenty of opportunities for sharing tips, helping each other with equipment, or reviewing shots.

For further information, call or write Ric Cohn at 917 414-3392 or Sandy Sorkin at 973 698-7900. Driving directions are [here](#).



Trip Reports

Teaneck Creek Conservancy

June 17, 2024

by Karen Nickeson

Bracketed by a week of frequent thunderstorms and a heat spell, the weather for our Monday meet-up was mild and pleasant. Three members joined in a leisurely 3 1/2-hour walk around this newly remediated Bergen County park. Referred to by some as “Little Eden,” Teaneck Creek Conservancy was commandeered in the 1950s as a staging area for the construction of Interstates 80 and 95. For years thereafter, it was used as a dumping ground. Later, as a protected county property, it became a favored nesting site for yellow warblers and Baltimore orioles, a haven for great egrets and great blue herons, and a wintering ground for the threatened rusty blackbird. A recent extensive remediation project removed invasives, addressed hydrological issues, and replanted tens of thousands of trees and other native plants.

Our walk proceeded in a clockwise direction from the Puffin Way parking area. There had been reports of a green heron and black-crowned night heron, but they eluded us. A few feeding American goldfinches entertained us in an area that had formerly been a notable house finch territory. We heard only one yellow warbler and one Baltimore oriole, a dramatic change that is likely the result of the removal of phragmites and trees during the remediation. The wetland produced some killdeer and a photo-worthy great egret. A well-camouflaged white-tailed buck surprised us, lounging in the cool marsh on the east side. We visited the meditation labyrinth, which has now been enhanced with native plantings, taking advantage of the deer-proof enclosure. Numerous art displays that celebrate the character of the park drew our attention, including the “Five Pipes” illustrating the history of the location.

Two of the group were able to make a brief stop at Overpeck Park to see the purple martins and to add a red-tailed hawk and orchard oriole to the day’s sightings. The martin house array there is the only successful such project in Bergen County. A new array has been erected at TCC, and there are hopes that the population will expand.

32 bird species and one additional taxon were seen or heard:

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| Mallard | Northern house wren |
| Mourning dove | Carolina wren |
| Killdeer | European starling |
| Great egret | Gray catbird |
| Turkey vulture | Northern mockingbird |
| Red-tailed hawk | American robin |
| Red-bellied woodpecker | House sparrow |
| Downy woodpecker | House finch |
| Northern flicker | American goldfinch |
| Warbling vireo | Song sparrow |
| Blue jay | Orchard oriole |
| American crow | Baltimore oriole |
| crow sp. | Red-winged blackbird |
| Tree swallow | Common grackle |
| Purple martin | Yellow warbler |
| Barn swallow | Northern cardinal |



DeKorte Park
July 13, 2024
by Beni Fishbein

The forecast was not promising. Rain and even thunderstorms were predicted for Saturday morning, but Friday's prediction had been similar and not much rain had materialized. I decided to cross my fingers and not cancel the field trip—and boy, am I glad!

It was drizzling as we gathered in the parking lot . . . and then it worsened to a downpour. But the radar predicted that the rain would stop soon, so, outfitted with umbrellas and raingear, we waited under a tree watching chattering barn swallows swoop and swerve around us. Once the rain lightened, we headed off to the Teal Pool in search of a clapper rail that had been seen there with its chicks. A bald eagle and an osprey flew by, fishing in the pools left by the receding tide. We didn't find the rails, but we enjoyed watching the snowy egrets race around, stirring up the mud with their golden toes. Loads of mallards molting into eclipse plumage were lounging around, and four gadwall were hanging out with them.

We walked out to Sawmill Creek Trail, where we spied a gaggle of laughing gulls, some retaining their attractive black-capped breeding plumage. On our return, one lingering participant called us back to the Teal Pool to see a black-crowned and a yellow-crowned night heron fishing the streams flowing through the mudflats. A walk along the Transco Trail brought us closer looks at American herring and ring-billed gulls and the usual crowd of double-crested cormorants.

It began to rain again, this time heavily. Thankfully, it was warm out, so although many of us were soaked, we weren't uncomfortable. Once again, we waited it out in the shelter of a tree. Once the rain lightened, a turn down the Marsh Discovery Trail brought us a highlight of the trip: a close-in tricolored heron posing just beside the boardwalk. This was an exciting find, as that species is not often found this far north.

Least and Forster terns were around in small numbers. We also found one greater and three lesser yellowlegs and a small group of least sandpipers, all likely starting their southward migration. We ended with a walk along DeKorte's easternmost trail, bordering the NJ Turnpike, where we got our only looks at a northern pintail and at ruddy ducks in their striking breeding attire of blue bills, white cheeks, and rufous feathering.

In total, 46 species were seen or heard:

Canada goose
Gadwall
Mallard
American black duck
Northern pintail
Ruddy duck
Mourning dove
Lesser yellowlegs
Greater yellowlegs
Least sandpiper
Laughing gull
Ring-billed gull
American herring gull
Least tern
Forster tern
Double-crested cormorant
Yellow-crowned night heron
Black-crowned night heron
Tricolored heron
Snowy egret
Great egret
Great blue heron
Osprey

Bald eagle
Downy woodpecker
Northern flicker
Warbling vireo
Fish crow
Tree swallow
Barn swallow
Marsh wren
European starling
Gray catbird
Northern mockingbird
American robin
House sparrow
House finch
Indigo bunting
American goldfinch
Song sparrow
Baltimore oriole
Red-winged blackbird
Common grackle
Common yellowthroat
Yellow warbler
Northern cardinal



Virtual Bird Walks

2020

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| July | 1 | Local Birding |
| August | 2 | Backyards and a Marsh |
| September | 3 | Backyards and Trips |
| October | 4 | Member Birding |
| November | 5 | Member Birding |
| December | 6 | Member Birding |

2021

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| January | 7 | International Birding and New York City |
| February | 8 | International Birding |
| March | 9 | Member Birding |
| April | 10 | Shore Birds |
| May | 11 | Local Birding |
| June | 12 | Member Birding |
| July | 13 | Birding Costa Rica |
| August | 14 | Identify a Bird by Its Eyes |
| September | 15 | Birds and Water |
| October | 16 | Birds with Masks |
| November | 17 | Winter Birds |

2022

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| January | 18 | Personal Choice |
| February | 19 | Color |
| March | 20 | Signs of Spring |
| April | 21 | Birds Eating or Black & White Birds |
| May | 22 | Local Birds |
| September | 23 | My Summer |
| November | 24 | Bird Pairs |
| December | 25 | A Trip |

2023

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| January | 26 | Winter |
| February | 27 | A Month in a Birder's Life |
| March | 28 | Egrets, Herons, and Wading Birds |
| April | 29 | Woodpeckers |
| May | 30 | Small Birds |
| June | | Members Meeting, no Virtual Bird Walk |
| September | 31 | What I Did on My Summer Vacation |
| October | 32 | Black & Orange |

2024

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| January | 33 | Cold |
| February | 34 | Water |
| March | 35 | Beyond the Bird |
| May | 36 | Pick-a-Place |

Upcoming VENT Tours

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nebraska | Sandhill Cranes and Prairie Chickens | March 17–24, 2025 |
| Nebraska | Niobrara River Extension | March 24–27, 2025 |
| Colorado | A Summer Stay in Estes Park | June 15–21, 2025 |
| Colorado | Northeast Colorado Extension | June 21–24, 2025 |
| Germany | Birds and Art in Berlin | September 19–28, 2025 |
| France | Brittany in Fall | October 1–9, 2025 |
| Texas | South Texas in Style | January 5–18, 2026 |
| Texas | VENT 50 th Anniversary Celebration | April 19–24, 2026 |
| Italy | Birds and Art in Apulia | April 28–May 8, 2026 |
| France | Birds and Art in Provence | May 9–17, 2026 |
| Scotland | Scotland in Style | May 26–Jun 7, 2026 |
| Nebraska | The Sandhills and Pine Ridge | June 11–21, 2026 |
| Spain | Birds and Art in Asturias | August 8–16, 2026 |
| France | Brittany in Fall | October 1–9, 2026 |

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Montclair Bird Club Meeting History

2020

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| May | An Online Quiz, with Rick Wright. |
| June | A Walk on Pipeline Road, by Sandy Sorkin. |
| July | The Real James Bond, by Jim Wright. |
| August | An Online Quiz, with Rick Wright. |
| September | Manakins and Microbes, by Jennifer Houtz. |
| October | Bizarre Breeding Behaviors of Tropical Cuckoos, by Christine Riehl. |
| November | Dispersal in Young Peregrine Falcons, by Elise Morton. |
| December | An MBC Story Slam, by Pamela Olsen. |

2021

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| January | Modern-Day Exploration in the Tropics, by Dan Lane. |
| February | Winter Raptors, by Giselle Smisko. |
| March | Damselflies and Dragonflies: The Other White Meat, by George Nixon. |
| April | Wolf Natural History and Tourism in Yellowstone, by Paul Brown. |
| May | Sandhills and Saw-whets, by Matthew Schuler. |
| June | Magnificent Namibia, by Linda Woodbury. |
| September | Raptors, by Wayne Greenstone. |
| October | Watershed, by Hazel England. |
| November | Build-a-Bird, with Rick Wright. |

2022

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| January | A Tale of Many Penguins, by Ardith Bondi. |
| February | Oh! Canada, by Chris Sturm. |
| March | Tracking the Migration of New Jersey Birds Using the Motus Network, by Cailin O'Connor. |
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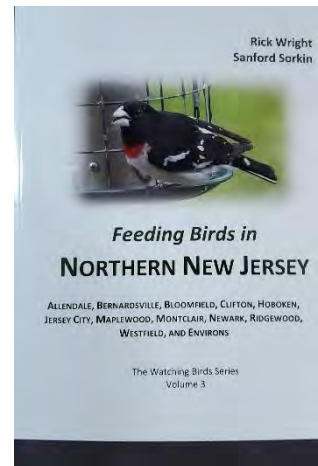
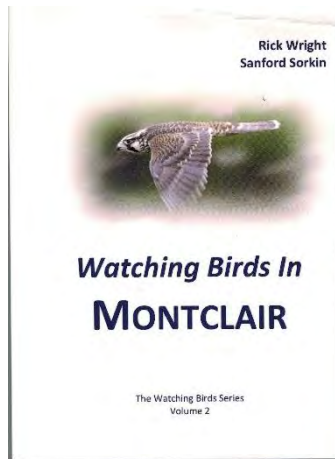
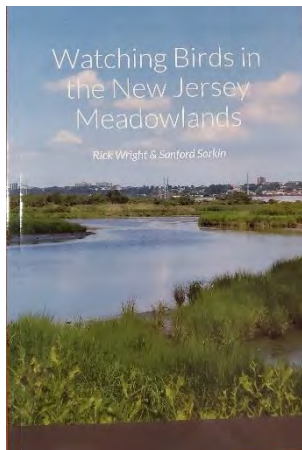
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