



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

June 2016

2016 CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

Wed, June 1, 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walk: White Memorial, Litchfield**

Sat and Sun, June 4-5 **New Haven Summer Bird Count**

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Fri through Sun, June 10-12 **Outer Cape Cod, MA**

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BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.newhavenbirdclub.org

The website is organized to provide a comprehensive listing of our activities as well as useful resources for new and experienced birders in Connecticut.

A series of maps of local "hotspots" will be especially useful for visiting birders while providing a valuable resource for local birders as well.

A "What's New" section allows you to submit items – news, pictures, etc – to Pat Leahy at ptjleahy@yahoo.com for posting to the membership.

BIRDERS' EXCHANGE

The New Haven Bird Club is collecting binoculars, scopes or Neotropical field guides that we will donate to the Birders' Exchange Program, which is part of ABA. This organization donates all binoculars and other equipment to worthy individuals involved in crucial bird conservation projects and education work in Central and South America.

At each indoor meeting there will be a box on the sign-in table where you can place your equipment donation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I love territory mapping at the Bent of the River. It is an early morning stroll through the meadow charting the presence of every individual Indigo Bunting, Field Sparrow, Blue Winged Warbler and Prairie Warbler.

The Friday morning after the NHBC Banquet I sprang out of bed at 5:30 am with the nimbleness of a martial artist. First light made my eyes small

and beady. My pillow worked all evening to style my hair into a grey disheveled crest. I looked like a middle-aged mutant ninja titmouse. On my way to the car I scooped a palm full of supplements and pressed a coffee into the other, then silently slipped into the morning dew.

I approached the West Field with a chart on my clipboard, and with pencil in hand I walked into a fallout of birds. The four target species immediately demanded my attention. A Field Sparrow there. A Prairie Warbler there and there and over here. An Indigo Bunting appears, from where and then flies over there. A scuffle between two males. Hard to focus. I'm not getting all of the positions and activity down.

Then to make matters worse the non-target birds start their distraction: Veery with its haunting song; Black throated Green; the Ovenbird's loud "TEACHER, TEACHER"; a Water Thrush at the pond back in the woods. I get on a distant Chestnut sided Warbler just to see it fly out of sight "Pleased, Pleased to leave ya," wrens chatter, chatter and chatter. And Catbirds, catbirds, catbirds and catbirds.

A great problem to have in early May. Such a choir would make for a wonderful bird trip but presents a challenge during a focused effort. It is overwhelming. If only we can line up the birds to present themselves and sing one at a time like a recital.

The busyness of the Club this time of year rivals the busyness of the Connecticut meadows and forests, and presents quite a challenge. We pull off the annual banquet with a raffle, we start the membership renewal drive, the April and June newsletters are written, compiled and distributed, and the Yearbook is compiled, capping the intense efforts by our Indoor and Outdoor Chairs to organize our activities.

In May the volunteers are very, very busy indeed. It is a great problem for a club to have. Unlike the birds, we can line up our schedules so our activities can present themselves in a more

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NEW HAVEN BIRD CLUB – 2016-17

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manageable manner. We don't need to overwhelm ourselves.

We are very fortunate to have a Board of talented, experienced, organized and driven individuals. Although this time of year they may be beady-eyed, disheveled and in need of coffee and vitamins. The Board will soon take a look at the NHBC calendar early in the 2016-2017 club year. We will see if we can simplify and align many of the moving parts of the club. We will also explore how we support and donate to further the Club's mission. We should always look for new ideas to become more efficient, more organized, less overwhelmed. Hopefully in the process we will find more volunteers to help advance the club's mission.

I hope everyone has a wonderfully birdie summer. I look forward to seeing you at the indoor meetings starting up in September or on the next field trip.

As the Chestnut Sided Warblers would say... "Pleased, Pleased to see ya!"

--Craig Repasz

FROM THE BOARD

The next board meeting is Thursday, August 25 at 6:45 pm at the Whitney Center Conference Room.

The deadline for submissions to the August *Chickadee* is July 27. Send to Donna Batsford: donnabatsford@gmail.com

If you take pictures of NHBC events or on NHBC trips, please consider sending one to the newsletter to be included with the report. Send them to Donna Batsford at donnabatsford@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Diana Hunter
Cheshire

Beverly Skiles
West Haven

BIRDS IN WORDS

Join in on "Birds in Words," NHBC's gathering of people who like reading books on their favorite hobby. Since the group began, we've read more than 25 books on just about every aspect of birds, birding, and birders and had some lively discussions. Share in the fun. We meet at 7 pm at Whitney Center. For details, contact: Kris Johnson: kriswaxwing99@gmail.com, 203-288-3087.

We are next reading *The Rarest Bird in the World, The Search for the Nechisar Nightjar* by Vernon R. L. Head and will discuss this book on Tuesday, June 21, 7-9 at Whitney Center in the 6th floor conference room. Hope to see you there.

--Kris Johnson

FIELD TRIPS / OUTDOOR EVENTS

All levels of birders are invited to all field trips, and every effort is made on all trips to help beginners. If you are new to birding or have any special needs, please be sure to let the leader know at the start of the field trip. More details, if required, and/or updates on these trips will be given at the indoor meetings and in the newsletter. You can also check the Club's website: <www.newhavenbirdclub.org> for trip information and watch for emails sent by the Club. Or contact trip leaders directly if you have questions about any of their trips. The New Haven Bird Club does not charge any fees for its outdoor programs, but participants are responsible for the cost of their food, transportation, and entrance fees (where charged), unless prior arrangements are made by the Club. Carpooling is encouraged to avoid parking problems at some destinations and to promote conservation of natural resources.

Cancellation Policy: Inclement weather or another emergency may cancel a field trip. Check the sources listed above or contact the leader of the trip directly if you have any questions about a possible cancellation.

First Wednesday Walk: White Memorial, Litchfield Wednesday, June 1, 8:00 am

The White Memorial Foundation is a 4,000-acre nature preserve with extensive woodlands, conifer plantations, wetlands, thickets, and fields. The preserve is home to more than 115 breeding species and is visited by many migrant species. Notable breeding species include: Least Bittern, Virginia Rail, Northern Goshawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, and Blackburnian Warbler. Meet at the visitor center parking lot off Bissell Road, off Rt. 202. Leader: Greg Hanisek: 203-525-1558 (cell), 203-754-4401 (home), or ctgreg@yahoo.com

New Haven Summer Bird Count Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5

This is a wonderful opportunity to work on your song identification skills and see what birds are nesting in your area. For the names of area captains and other information, contact leader Steve Mayo: 203-393-0694 or rsdmayo@sbcglobal.net

National Trails Day Hike at Naugatuck State Forest Saturday, June 4, 8:00 am

National Trails Day is celebrated across the country with hikes, trail work, and naturalist events. NHBC will commemorate the day with a birding hike on the oldest hiking trail in CT, the Quinipiac Trail in the Mt. Sanford Block of Naugatuck SF. We'll leave from the trail head parking area entrance of Naugatuck SF, 2705 Downes Rd., Hamden, and go through the mountain laurel, beech, birch, hickory and oak forest; then up and over Mt. Sanford, at an elevation of 890 feet, for beautiful views to the east. Possible birds to be seen are Veery, Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, hawks, and warblers. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring water and snacks. The hiking is a bit strenuous. Leader: Craig Repasz: 203-230-1697 (home), 203-745-6683 (cell) or crepasz@hotmail.com

Note Correct Date:

Beginners' Bird Walk: Grassland and Shrubland Bird IBAs Sunday, June 5, 7:00 am

On this trip we look for grassland and shrubland birds, including Bobolink, American Kestrel, Savannah Sparrow, Blue-winged Warbler, and Indigo Bunting. Grasslands and shrublands are

uncommon in CT so it is a real treat to see and hear species associated with these habitats. We meet at the Bent of the River Important Bird Area, then carpool to Good Hill Farm IBA, stop at Southbury Training School and return to the Bent to explore that Audubon Sanctuary. This walk is geared to beginners, but families and all levels of birders are welcome. More advanced birders can enjoy a great day out but also provide support and inspiration to the newcomers. The Bent is at 185 East Flat Hill Rd., Southbury. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance. Leader: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe: 203-630-9640 (home-preferred), 203-233-0535 (cell—use only on the day of the trip) or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org

Outer Cape Cod, MA (from Eastham to Provincetown) Friday through Sunday, June 10-12

This weekend of birding and fellowship is being made available to 15 club members by advance registration. Our birding localities during the three-day period include Fort Hill (Eastham), Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Wellfleet Harbor and the Herring River (Wellfleet), Pilgrim Heights and High Head (North Truro), and the Beech Forest, Race Point, and Herring Cove (Provincetown). Our base of operations is "At Long Last," the Broker family cottage in Wellfleet. Lodging options are: (1) motel in Wellfleet (for suggestions contact the trip leader); or (2) camping at the Broker yard near Long Pond, Wellfleet (discuss tent/sleeping bag needs in advance). Leader: Steve Broker: 203-272-5192, 203-747-6843, 508-349-2806 or Ls.Broker@cox.net

Note New Walk:

Whip-poor-will Walk at Naugatuck State Forest. Friday, June 17 at 8:30 pm

Jack Swatt, New Haven Bird Club member and DEEP volunteer Whip-poor-will monitor, will lead a walk, listening and looking for Whip-poor-will at the Naugatuck State Forest. We will meet at 8:30 pm at the parking lot at the end of Hunter's Mountain Road. Jack will give a short talk on the status of Whip-poor-wills in the northeast and Connecticut. We will then wait for dusk to fall while we listen for the distinctive call. A sighting?—who knows! Bring a flashlight and plenty of bug spray. Rain date will be Saturday, June 18th. Leader: Jack Swatt 203-592-4686 or jswattbirds@snet.net

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

April First Wednesday Walk at Milford Point Trip Report

Steve Spector led the April First Wednesday Walk at Milford Point. 48 species were seen:



Photo by Frank Mantlik

Brant, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Gadwall, American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Northern Gannet, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great

Egret, Snowy Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, American Oystercatcher, Piping Plover, Greater Yellowlegs, Sanderling, Dunlin, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Mourning Dove, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Tree Swallow, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, House Finch, House Sparrow

Lake Chamberlain Trip Report

On April 20 a group of 20 people took advantage of a beautiful spring day at Lake Chamberlain in Bethany. A total of 35 species were seen on a leisurely walk around the reservoir. Highlights included 4 woodpeckers (downy, hairy, flicker and pileated), 3



Photo by Robin Ladouceur

swallows (tree, barn and northern rough-winged), and 3 warblers (pine, palm and Louisiana water-thrush). Many chipping sparrows afforded side-to-side comparison of pine warbler and chipping sparrow fast and slow songs. This is a beautiful area and a yearly pass to Water Company property is required and highly recommended.

--Bill Batsford



Photo by Robin Ladouceur

Ansonia Nature Center Walk Report

On April 23 the weather was a light drizzle until 9am, but 4 participants saw 39 species at the Ansonia Nature Center.

Species: Canada Goose, Mallard, Ring-necked Pheasant, Great

Blue Heron, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk (feathers missing), Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Ovenbird, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

--Maria Stockmal

May First Wednesday Walk: East Rock Park

First Wednesday Walk at East Rock Park on May 4th offered 35 birders a spring walk at this famous local site to enjoy the spring warbler migration. The trip was led by Frank Mantlik, John Oshlik and Bill Batsford. 10 species of warblers were seen along the river and at Trowbridge. The highlight, however, was excellent view of Yellow-billed Cuckoo seen by most participants



Photo by Frank Mantlik

on a branch along the river. A total of 61 species was seen or heard including views of the resident Peregrine Falcon flying above East Rock. This walk is a traditional early introduction to the popular and well-birded warbler migration season at East Rock.

--Bill Batsford

Housatonic River Walk Report

Despite the weather outlook, 5 of us ventured out to bird the Bull's Bridge/River Road in the Kent Area on May 8. We had a misty but not awful start with good looks at Swamp Sparrows and further up on Schaghticoke Road, Ovenbird, Pine Warbler and Hooded Warblers. We heard and tried to get a good look at a Cerulean but it wasn't until River Road that we finally caught up to one that cooperated with us. A brief downpour and hail mixture gave us pause but not for long, and we ended up with 70 species for the day, 17 warblers (some only heard briefly) and a Yellow-throated Vireo over our heads. Other highlights had to be the brilliant Scarlet Tanager easy to find in the still emerging leaves, the many Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and reconnecting with the sight and sound of the Baltimore Orioles. Thanks to those that came out and braved the elements.

-- Renee Baade

Naugatuck State Forest-West Block Field Trip Report

On May 15 fifteen birders had a fine morning at this beautiful and wild locale. We hiked from Hunters Mountain Road, down through the ravine, up Forest Road, and then across to the fields north of our starting point. It was a windy and cool day, but we saw lots of good birds. Highlights included: Hooded Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Swainson's Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Yellow-throated and Blue-headed Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Field Sparrow. All of these birds were seen in the State Forest. We also saw some good birds at our meeting place at the commuter lot off Route 8 at exit 25, including Black Vulture, Chimney Swift, and Belted Kingfisher. We observed a total of 64 species, including 18 warbler species. A good time was had by all, and it was good exercise, too!



Photo by Félix Sangari Garcia



Tree Swallow

Photo by Félix Sangari Garcia

Massaro Farm Field Trip Report

There were fifteen participants on this mid-afternoon walk on May 15 on the Massaro Farm property in Woodbridge. The farm is community-supported and is open to the public. There are weedy fields, farm fields, and wet woodlands. We hiked through some of the fields, and then walked the nature trail through the woods. Despite the cool, blustery day, we saw a number of interesting birds, including Broad-winged Hawk, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole, Wood Thrush, Northern Parula, and Savannah Sparrow. A total of 31 species were observed. Many of the participants were beginning birders, so they were quite delighted to see all of these showy representatives of the avian world. They'll be out birding again!

--Chris Loscalzo

Trip report for Bluebirds and Tree Swallows at Chamberlain

Late in the morning of Sunday, May 22, the weather cleared just in time. We were able to show off our bluebird and swallow "condo village" on the far side of the dam. We had a few families with children, some hikers and some veteran birders all have a great time. The excitement of the kids watching the antics of the swallows was priceless. The viewing boxes with a

clear Plexiglas side worked well to limit the disturbance of the nest but give a view into their house. The highlights for the avid birders was the amusing social behaviors of the swallows and bluebirds. They would perch on each other's nests, then the nest owners would dive bomb the offending bird. Due to our cold and wet spring the birds were all on eggs. I expect to have the eggs hatch in the next week or two. If you have a water company pass I would make a point of checking back. Once the eggs hatch it takes 21 days for the chicks to grow to the point where they will fledge. Then you will have a



Photo by Pat Leahy



Photo by Bill Batsford

phenomenal number of baby swallows, not much bigger than a hummingbird. Additionally the birders saw a beautiful pair of King birds, Baltimore Orioles, and we heard a Cuckoo. We are looking forward to making this trip a regular annual event.

--Pat Leahy

Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park, Derby Trip Report

On Saturday, May 28, 5 participants led by Maria Stockmal saw 43 species. Species seen: Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Blue-winged Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Yellow Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

--Maria Stockmal

Report on Year's Education and Conservation Activities

As our club programs wind down for the year, I'd like to sum up some of the education and conservation activities the club has participated in during the past year. These are in addition to our over 40 bird walks and 9 indoor programs.

We have had a table with our club and birding-related literature and activities at the following events:

1. The Annual Migration Festival at Lighthouse Park
2. The West River Water Festival
3. Hamden Farmers' Market (expecting to go to the New Haven Farmers Market this summer)
4. UConn Earth Day
5. Yale Peabody Earth Day
6. The International Migratory Day Festival
7. West River and Edgewood Park Important Birding Area Designation Event

We have already made or committed donations to support:

1. The Annual Migration Festival
2. The New Haven Science Fair
3. The Bioblitz
4. Common Ground High School Urban Oasis Program

The New Haven Bird Club encourages purchases of the CT and Federal Duck Stamps which fund conservation projects.

Our brochures were updated this year, while work is in progress on a new bird checklist.

We have led habitat conservation with clean-up projects and eradication of invasive plants.

Every year, the club collects and ships old binoculars donated by our members to South America to encourage birding and habitat conservation.

It's been a busy year!

Volunteers are welcome - let us know if you want to help.

--Lori Datlow
Education Chair

New Haven Science Fair Prize

Well, another New Haven Science Fair has come and gone. This is the 5/17/2016 version. Pat and I have been doing these since 2004 and attending them since 2000.

This year, we did something different. As some of you may remember, we did not award a prize last year because of the lack of relevant bird related projects. We checked all the projects that were even remotely related to birds and asked the teachers involved what they would do with the \$200.00 Bird Club prize. One teacher stood out. She is Mrs. Diana Hunter, a first grade teacher at Edgewood Magnet School. She said that she and her class



would use it to fix up the bird feeding station at the back of the school.

The children for her "Our Eggs-periment" are pictured above. They are, from left to right, Tali, Sahana and Julius. These children are bright and enthusiastic and a reflection of their teacher.

About Mrs. Diana Hunter: She, her husband and their two and nine tenths kids live in Cheshire where her husband maintains some yard bird feeders. She had seen her first fully changed Goldfinch this morning. Please welcome into the club Diana and her family.

--Michael Horn

Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds Signing

On Saturday, May 14, New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, and Pam Toschik, Chief of Migratory Birds for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signed a treaty to protect international travelers—an Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds—along with Audubon Connecticut and 20 other community partner signatories. The treaty between the City of New Haven and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acknowl-

edges the importance of local efforts and partnerships to achieve migratory bird conservation throughout the greater New Haven metropolitan area.

Pete Vitali and Craig Repasz of the New Haven Bird Club participated in the day with a table providing information about birds and birding.



*Craig Repasz showing bird photos to an interested child
Photo by Peter Vitali*

**NHBC Winter Feeder Survey 2015-2016
Final Report - April 15, 2016**



This year had to be the year to beat all years. We had a mild December and January and from February to April we had only three snowstorms, two where I had to use my snow blower and one that really didn't stick. We also had a few temperature swings where the temperature went from

50°F one day to 20°F the next day and a few -2°F mornings and then back up to 20°F daytime. In all the temperatures were relatively mild (between 40°F and 50°F daytime) during the whole surveying season and that may explain why we did not see large numbers of White-throated Sparrows or Dark-eyed Juncos. "Where are the Cardinals?" was a cry heard this winter starting at the beginning of the survey and almost to the end. The Northern Cardinal count this year was overall the lowest count in the last 4 years. There were a few Purple Finches seen throughout the survey, but it was by different surveyors with weeks between sightings. There were also a few Pine Siskins seen early in the survey, but Common Redpolls and Red-breasted Nuthatches were not seen at all. We saw a total of 52 species of birds this year.

We had 20 surveyors this year and again we were widely scattered around the New Haven County.

Graphs:

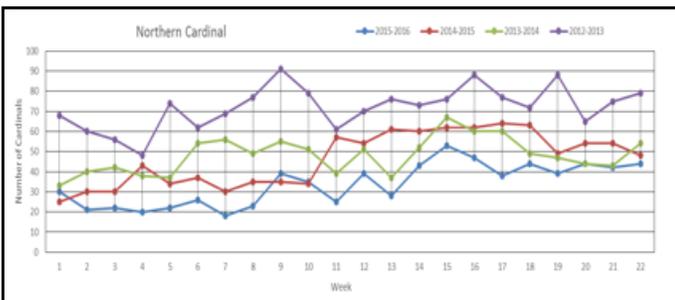
Graphs of 5 species show 3 trend lines, one for each year: 2013-2014 Green, 2014-2015 Red, and 2015-2016 Blue.

A look at the graphs shows that the American Goldfinch finished this year between the two previous years. The Black-capped Chickadee was down this year with the peak about week 6 with 61 birds. The Common Grackle was back with a vengeance this year peaking with over 1000 in week 9 and staying up above 200 due to large flocks landing at surveyor's bird feeders. The number of Dark-eyed Juncos was below the previous two years. The White-throated Sparrow came in slightly under the last two years with a peak of 76 birds seen in week 16.

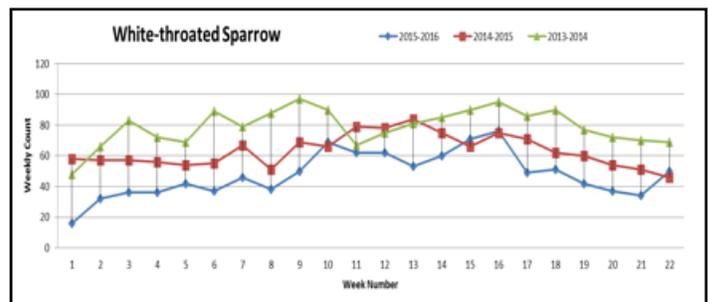
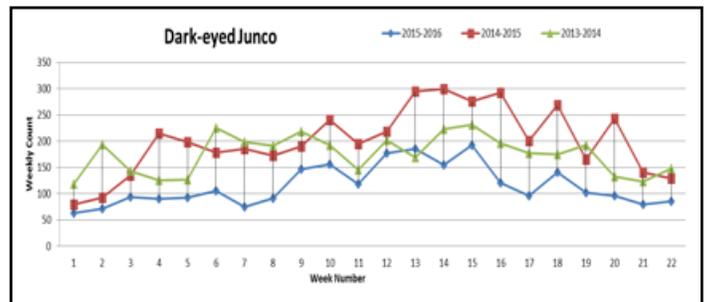
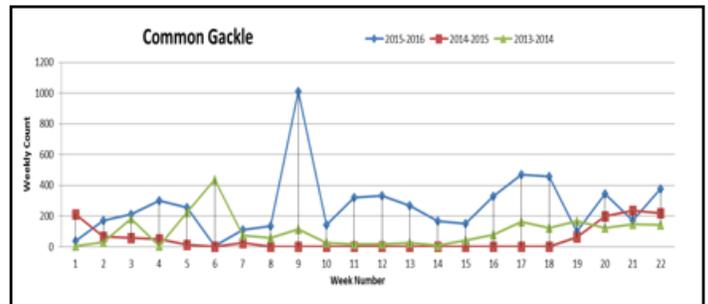
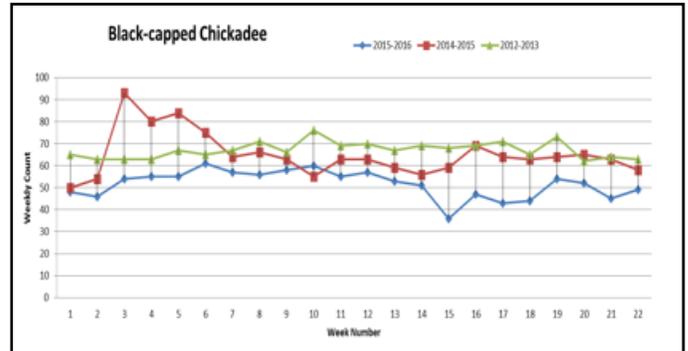
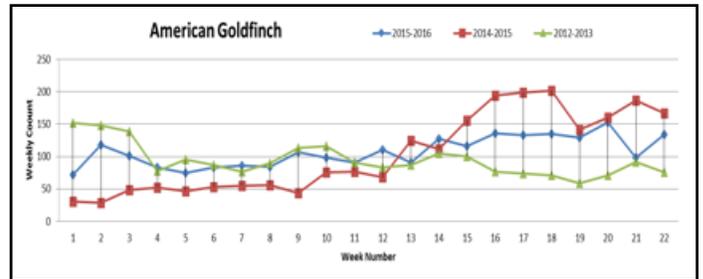
I have attached an additional graph of the Northern Cardinal because of the interest in why it wasn't seen throughout the survey.

--Peter Vitali
NHBC Winter Feeder Survey Chairman

Special Graph Northern Cardinal



Graphs of Weekly Count of 5 Species 2015-2016





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The date on address labels is your membership expiration date.

NHBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip +4 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

----- New Member ----- Renewal

Dues:

____ Individual - \$15

____ Couple/Family - \$20

____ Supporting - \$50

____ Student under 18 - Free

____ Life Membership: A one-time payment of \$300
for 1 or 2 people at same address.

____ Additional gift to support the NHBC \$ _____

Make check payable to New Haven Bird Club and
send to: New Haven Bird Club, PO Box 9004,
New Haven CT 06532-0004

You can also join or renew membership at the NHBC web-
site with credit card or PayPal.

The NHBC membership year is from July 1 to June 30.
New members joining between January 1 and June 30 are
given full membership for the rest of the current year and
also for the following membership year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New Haven Bird Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organiza-
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gender, sexual preference, or national origin.

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ven CT 06532-0004 or contact the Membership Chair, Mike
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