

28 January 2020

CHEP Bird Monitoring Narrative

Dates Monitored:

09 June 2019

28 June 2019

Attendees:

Peter Morrow Meyer

Glenn Lower

Barry King (09 June only)

This is my first season monitoring the CHEP project, though I did attend both visits last season with Barry and Warren King. I have neither the historical knowledge nor all the past records from previous studies so my account will be a straight-forward summary from this seasons observations.

We began the seasonal monitoring on June 09 and made our follow-up visit on 28 June, both times accessing the tract from Rte 17 and recording all data beginning at Point 5. We identified approximately 20 species total across the two mornings.

On 09 June we began at 5:00 AM and concluded around 6:30 AM. The weather was calm, cool (48 degrees) and the sky was relatively clear. In general over the morning we heard what could be described as typical, expected species with few surprises or unexpected species. The Red-eyed Vireo and the Ovenbird were the most prevalent species heard. Points 3 and 4 seemed to have the most diversity though all were generally equal. The only "surprise" was at Point 5 where Barry, Glenn and I all heard a call note we were unable to identify but all agreed it had similarities to some heron-like bird.

On 28 June we began at 5:15AM and concluded about 6:15 AM. Weather was clear and calm with temperatures about 60 degrees. As with 09 June visit we heard generally similar and expected species calls and notes without exception. We did hear a Louisiana Waterthrush at the base of the trail on Rte 17.

Peter Morrow Meyer