

Lester and Monique Anderson  
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Dear Lester and Monique,

Barry and I have completed the usual two monitoring series of the forest bird transect along the old woods road between the Guthrie-Bancroft fields and Route 17 this year, first on 3 June and again on 19 June. We recorded 29 species in all, well above the 11-year average of 24.2 but one below last year's record 30 species. We recorded 23 species during the 3 June session and 20 species during the 19 June session.

We saw one new species, Yellow-shafted Flicker, this year, bringing to 42 the total number of species observed during eleven years of monitoring. Flickers are more frequently seen foraging for ants on the ground in the open or at forest edges, and only rarely in forest interiors.

The pattern of distribution of species was similar to the pattern discussed in my 10-year summary report last year. Of interest is the continued presence at Point 1, closest to the Bancroft field, of a singing male, and presumably a mated pair, of Canada Warblers. This species continues its slow but steady decline as a breeding species in eastern North America. It cannot yet be characterized as a rare species, but it is becoming increasingly so year by year.

Point 1 continues to be the most diverse in terms of number of bird species with 18 species. By contrast, Point 5 had only 5 species this year, unexpectedly low.

Sincerely yours,



Warren King

Cc: Marc Lapin  
David Brynn, VFF ✓

2008 CHEP Bird Monitoring Data

<u>Point</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>06-03-08</u>	<u>06-19-08</u>
1	Pileated Woodpecker	1	
	Yellow-shafted Flicker		1
	Blue Jay	2	
	American Crow		1
	Black-capped Chickadee	1	1
	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1
	Brown Creeper		1
	Winter Wren		1
	Veery	2	1
	Hermit Thrush	1	1
	American Robin	2	
	Red-eyed Vireo		1
	Black-throated Blue Warbler		1
	Blackburnian Warbler	1	
	Ovenbird	3	2
	Canada Warbler		1
	Scarlet Tanager	1	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	
2	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	1
	Eastern Wood Pewee	1	
	Blue Jay	2	
	Black-capped Chickadee	1	
	Veery	1	1
	Hermit Thrush	2	
	Wood Thrush	2	2
	American Robin	1	1
	Red-eyed Vireo	1	1
	Black-throated Blue Warbler		1
	Black-throated Green Warbler		1
	Blackburnian Warbler	1	
	American Restart	1	
	Ovenbird	3	2
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	
3	Pileated Woodpecker	1	
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	1
	Eastern Wood Pewee		1
	Least Flycatcher	1	
	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	
	Veery	2	1

	Wood Thrush	1	1
	American Robin	1	4
	Red-eyed Vireo	1	1
	Magnolia Warbler	1	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler		1
	American Redstart	1	
	Ovenbird	2	2
	Scarlet Tanager	1	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	
4	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1
	Hairy Woodpecker		
	Downy Woodpecker	1	
	Blue Jay		1
	Veery	2	
	Hermit Thrush	1	1
	Wood Thrush	1	
	American Robin	2	1
	Red-eyed Vireo		1
	Black-throated Green Warbler	3	1
	American Redstart		1
	Ovenbird	2	4
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	1
5	Eastern Wood Pewee		1
	Wood Thrush	1	
	American Robin	3	3
	Blue-headed Vireo	1	
	Ovenbird	2	1