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CHEP Bird Monitoring
Colby Hill/Bancroft Woods

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Glenn Lower (22 June)

Our monitoring this year closely mirrored that of 2022 in terms of species and quantities. Both days were clear and quiet with no unexpected species noted. As has been the pattern since I have been doing this the dominant species were Red-eyed Vireo, Ovenbird and eastern wood-pewee. There were few warblers heard this year other than the Ovenbird, namely the Black-throated Blue, Common Yellowthroat, Black and White as well as a Northern parula which I do not recall hearing in my tenure doing this. Noticeably absent were the Black-throated Green, Great-crested Flycatcher, Hairy Woodpecker and Downy Woodpecker.

On both visits I walked up from Station 1 to the edge of the meadow, each time the sun had warmed all and there were many active birds at the wood/meadow edge. We heard several Woodcock calling, several Grouse drumming as well as the following species: Indigo Bunting, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Chestnut-sided warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Barn Swallows, Goldfinch, Blackburnian warbler, Brown Creeper, red-winged Blackbird, Northern harrier patrolling the field and we also spotted a Philadelphia vireo singing.

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* Researchers recorded 26 species in 2023, 20 in the first session, 19 in the second, 12 in both.