

CHEP Bird Monitoring 2024

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We visited the 5 station points on three separate occasions this season, early June, mid-June and again in mid-July. The mid-June outing was abruptly cut short due to an unexpected downpour thus the later trip in July.

Each visit was relatively expected in terms of species seen and/or heard with no exceptions. As has been typical the Red-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo and Ovenbird were the predominant species in terms of vocalization. Warblers were few in number and there were no unexpected species noted. We did have an exciting encounter with some Barred Owls during our first visit – at least three and possibly a fourth were seen. The adults were making an enormous fuss trying to drive us away vocalizing the full gamut of warning calls. They were seen at Station 4 among a dense stand of hemlock in the same location as spotted in previous years.

We recorded 33 species in 2024, 27 in the first session, 17 in the second (July) session; 12 species were present in both sessions.

The weather in June was warm (70°F) and extremely buggy, in July warmer (73°F), less buggy.

In addition, we have added the Meadows to our observation list at the direction of Vermont Family Forests. I am including date for this as well.

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* details on temperature and species counts added by Sandra Murphy after reviewing data sheets, 4/11/25.