

2015 Schoodic Point SeaWatch Migration Monitoring Results

Monitoring migratory waterbirds at Schoodic Point is one of the most exciting projects of the Institute's Bird Ecology Program. Seabirds are counted during autumn. Data collection provides vital baseline information on avian populations moving through this region. We rely heavily on the participation of skilled volunteers and welcome the contributions of novice and serious bird watchers alike. The following summary depicts some vital statistics from the autumn 2015 SeaWatch effort.

Observation timeframe: September 10 to November 19.

17 observation days produced 37.75 total hours of observation.

Daily average observation duration: 2.22 hrs.

Daily observation clock time: 6:30 to 8:30 AM

Principle Observer (Seth Benz)

Total number of birds tallied = 10,250

Total migratory species identified = 28

Select Species Statistics and Peak Day

Double-crested Cormorant = 3,537

Seen on 17 of 17 observation days

Peak Count date: Nov. 3 (1,582)

Common Loon = 279

Seen on 17 of 17 observation days

Peak Count date: Oct. 20 (54)

Northern Gannet = 434

Seen on 16 of 17 observation days

Peak Count date: Sept. 10 (81)

Common Eider = 3,004

Seen on 15 of 17 observation days

Peak Count date: Nov. 3 (818)