

February 2018 Black Dirt Region Trip Count

Cross Bronx Expressway, Bronx, New York, US
Feb 17, 2018 8:15 AM

Stopped in traffic, on way up to Wallkill, we noticed the following:

Protocol: Incidental

Comments: FHAS trip to Wallkill NWR.

3 species

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) (*Columba livia* (Feral Pigeon)) X

Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) 1 Noticed two nests on tall poles/lights off the Expressway. One bird, holding stick, sitting on side of, then entering nest.

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) X

Wallkill River NWR--HQ, Sussex, New Jersey, US
Feb 17, 2018 10:00 AM - 12:12 PM

Protocol: Traveling

1.25 mile(s)

Comments: Four Harbors Audubon Society Field Trip, John Turner leader

18 species (+1 other taxa)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) 8

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) 9

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 5

hawk sp. (*Accipitridae* sp. (hawk sp.)) 3 Too distant to ID

Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) 2

Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) 1

Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) 3

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) 13

Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) 9

Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*) 4

White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) 3

Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) 1

Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) 2 2, possibly 2 others

American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) 3

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) 1

Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) (*Junco hyemalis hyemalis/carolinensis*) 5

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) 3

Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) 1

American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) 5

Wallkill River NWR--Wood Duck Trail, Sussex, New Jersey, US
Feb 17, 2018 12:28 PM_- 1:07 PM

Protocol: Traveling

0.3 mile(s)

Comments: Four Harbors Audubon Society Field Trip. John Turner, Leader. Also seen here: tree with Pileated Woodpecker feeding holes, beaver dam, and evidence of beaver presence (recently gnawed trunks)

4 species

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) 14

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 2

Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) 1 FO

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) 1

Wallkill River NWR--Liberty Marsh (NY), Orange, New York, US

Feb 17, 2018 1:25 PM - 2:09 PM

Protocol: Stationary

Comments: Birded overlook at Liberty Loop Trail on Oil City Road. FHAS trip led by John Turner.

5 species (+1 other taxa)

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) 43 FO

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) 4

Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*) 3 2 f, 1 m

Accipiter sp. (*Accipiter* sp.) 1 possible Cooper's

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 2

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) 96

Shawangunk Grasslands NWR , Ulster, New York, US

Feb 17, 2018 3:28 PM - 5:30 PM

Protocol: Traveling

2.0 mile(s)

Comments: FHAS trip led by John Turner. Very cold, started snowing about 5:25 p.m.

Walked trail, stopping at two of the blinds.

4 species

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) 220 FO

Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) 1

Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*) 4 at least 4

Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) 1