# Additions to the Birds of Delaware County, PA

by Nick Pulcinella, June 2024

In 1999 the Birding Club of Delaware County published *Birds of Delaware County, Pennsylvania*. That publication listed 317 species that had occurred in Delaware County up to that time. An additional seven species were included in a Hypothetical Category which included species that may have occurred in Delaware County but documentation was considered insufficient or absent to allow for inclusion.

Since that publication in 1999, thirty-one additional species have been documented. One species, Greater White-fronted Goose, is added because a sighting of this species was overlooked at the time of the original publication. Cackling Goose is added as a result of the American Ornithologist Union split of Canada Goose and Wild Turkey is added as it is moved from the hypothetical list.

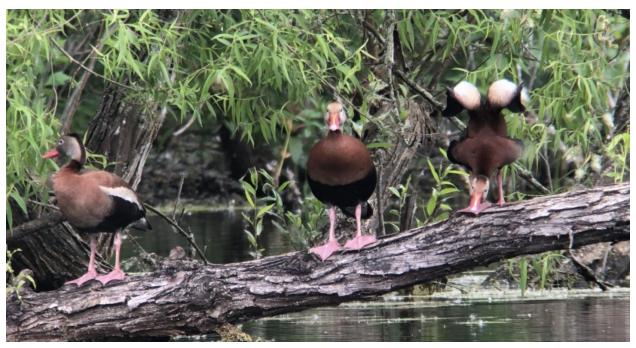
A large number of these additions resulted from the many hours of dedicated observation along the Delaware River especially during the passage of tropical storm systems. This dedicated field work has not only added new species but has also added new knowledge of the status of many waterbirds and shorebirds that were thought to be uncommon or rare.

Other factors contributing to adding new species to the Delaware county avifauna is the quality of documentation with use of digital photography, sophisticated monitoring of night migrants and careful written descriptions.

The current Delaware County Bird List stands at 346 species as of June 2024. New additions as follows:

# Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 6/2/2020 John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge (N.W.R.)

Four birds were present on Hoy's Pond in the Delaware Co. portion at John Heinz N.W.R. 6/2/20. This was a long-overdue occurrence as this species has been found in several localities within PA and nearby NJ and DE. There are two additional Delaware Co. sightings, that of ten birds at Gov. Printz Park, Tinicum Twp. and three at John Heinz N.W.R. 7/30/22. One bird was also present in the Philadelphia Co. section of John Heinz N.W.R. 7/29/23-7/31/23.



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 6/2/2020 John Heinz N.W.R., PA (Brian Quindlen)



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck 6/15/2022 Gov. Printz Park, Tinicum Twp., PA (Rob Fergus).

### **Ross's Goose**

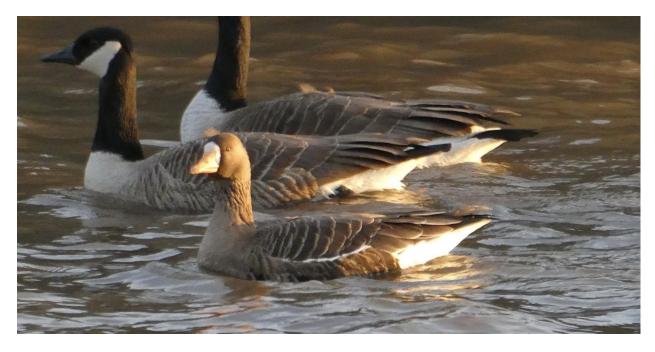
A rare, regular and increasing migrant in Delaware Co. It was first noted 3/8/2009 as it was migrating north within a flock of Snow Geese in Middletown Twp. by Al Guarente. There have been three additional Spring Migration reports of birds seen with migrating Snow Geese 3/14/2009; 3/10/2020; 3/26/2020. There is one Fall Migration report of one bird also with Snow Geese at John Heinz N.W.R. 11/22/2011 by Todd Fellenbaum.

Greater White-fronted Goose (overlooked from original list)

11/4/1979

**Springton Reservoir** 

When "The Birds of Delaware County Pennsylvania" was published in 1999 this species was overlooked. The first occurrence in Delaware Co. was from Springton Res. on 11/4/1979 by Al Guarente. Since then there have been only three additional sightings which is unusual considering the continuing uptick of reports from surrounding counties and states. Additional sightings include another at Springton Res. 11/19/1992 by Al Guarente one on the Delaware River at Marcus Hook 12/23/2020-12/30/2020 by Rob Fergus and Al Guarente and another in Glen Mills 12/13/2021 by Brian Quindlen and Ross Gallardy. The Glen Mills bird was most likely the same individual which had been frequenting the nearby Westtown School property in Chester Co., PA



Greater White-fronted Goose 12/30/2020 Delaware River at Marcus Hook (AI Guarente).

Tundra Bean-Goose 12/16/2020-12/20/2020 Springton Reservoir

An unbelievable find by Rob Fergus at Springton Res. Initially seen at a distance and then in flight with Canada Geese it was identified as a Pink-footed Goose. Rob got the word out quickly and it was found later in the day by Jason Horn on the grounds of a nearby middle school a favorite feeding area for the local Canada Geese. With a longer, closer look he was able to identify it as a Tundra Bean-Goose. After comparing photos with a Tundra Bean-Goose that had recently been in Ontario, last observed 11/22/20, the pattern of orange and black on the bill, combined with two unique white spots on the bird's face showed it was the same bird. It was seen and photographed by hundreds of birders

from many states while in Delaware County. This species is very rare in North America with most records coming from Alaska and along the west coast. Incredibly, after it left Delaware Co., it was found associating with Canada Geese in multiple locations near the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia Co. 1/9-21-1/31/21. An added bonus was that it was recorded on the Glenolden CBC 12/19/20 and the Philadelphia mid-Winter Bird Census 1/9/21.



Tundra Bean-Goose 12/16/2020 Springton Lake Middle School (Debbie Beer)



Tundra Bean-Goose 12/16/2020 Springton Lake Middle School, Media, PA (Rob Fergus).

12/16/2021-12/17/2021

One spent two days at Brinton Lake, Thornbury Twp. Found and photographed by Brian Quindlen and then seen and photographed the next day by Brian Byrnes. This goose may have been the same bird that was on the Westtown School Campus in nearby Chester Co. 12/11/21-12/15/21. An additional Barnacle Goose was present in Delaware Co. at Springton Res. and vicinity 1/14/22-1/16/22 and seen and photographed by many.



Barnacle Goose 12/16/2021 Brinton Lake, Chadds Ford, PA (Brian Quindlen).



Barnacle Goose 1/16/2022 Springton Lake Middle School, Media, PA (Kristen Johnson).

In 2004 The American Ornithologist Union recognized this diminutive goose as a distinct species from its well known relative, the Canada Goose, based on genetic differences. Birders in Delaware Co. had been documenting the occurrence of this species for many years prior in anticipation of this potential split. It was first documented at Springton Res. on 1/25/1997 when one was seen within a flock of Canada Geese. Since then there have been upward of sixty documented occurrences. It is considered to be a rare, but regular migrant and winter visitor in Delaware Co. and should be looked for wherever flocks of Canada Geese winter.



Cackling Goose 1/25/1997 Springton Reservoir, Media, PA (Nick Pulcinella).



Cackling Goose 12/20/2023 Bethel Springs Elementary School, Bethel, PA (Brian Quindlen).



Cackling Goose 1/6/2022 Springton Lake Middle School, Media, PA (Adrian Binns).

# Wild Turkey 1992 Moved from Hypothetical List

When *The Birds of Delaware County Pennsylvania* was published in 1999, Wild Turkey was listed as Hypothetical based on one reported sighting in Wawa 8/13/1988. At the time, it was unknown whether this bird was wild or had escaped from a farm. Beginning in the late 1990's and early 2000's there was an upsurge in sightings throughout the county. Wild Turkeys were not only being seen in the open areas in the western part of the county, but also a few were seen in residential areas of Media, Drexel Hill, Aston and Chadds Ford to name a few. A few were even noted walking the shoreline of Little Tinicum Island in the Delaware River. Though numbers have declined somewhat, they can usually be seen in the Chadds Ford or Ridley Creek S.P. areas.



Wild Turkey 1/24/2018 Chadds Ford Marsh, Chadds Ford, PA (Derek Stoner).

# Eared Grebe 3/23/2007 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

The only Delaware County report is of one bird seen on the Delaware River from Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. 3/23/2007 by Al Guarente. Eared Grebe is a regular, rare migrant in the mid-Atlantic and should occur again.

# **Rufous Hummingbird**

11/17/2002

**Marple Township** 

The first Rufous Hummingbird for Delaware County was an immature female that visited a private residence in Marple Twp. 11/17/2002-12/13/2002. It was captured, identified in the hand and banded on 12/8/2002. Since that sighting, there have been six additional Rufous Hummingbirds documented. The most recent was 10/21/2023. Rufous Hummingbirds continue to be a rare and regular migrant and winter visitor in Pennsylvania and surrounding states and by keeping hummingbird feeders available during late fall and early winter to assist with their southbound migration it is inevitable that there will be more occurrences.



Rufous Hummingbird 11/17/2007 Swarthmore, PA (Nick Pulcinella).



Rufous Hummingbird 10/23/2023 Media, PA (Debbie Beer).

## Allen's Hummingbird

12/9/2020-12/19/2020

**Springfield** 

This western hummingbird was present in the yard of Debbie Beer and Adrian Binns in Springfield 12/9/20-12/19/20. The bird was trapped, measured and banded on 12/11/20 by hummingbird bander Sandra Lockerman. It was noted to be an adult female and established the sixth Pennsylvania record. Both Allen's and Rufous Hummingbirds are rare and regular migrants to the east in Fall with the occurrence of Rufous far outnumbering Allen's. Separation and identification of the two species is difficult without in-hand measurements and especially measurements and shape of the 2nd and 5th rectrices. This same individual was later discovered in Philadelphia on 1/6/21 and once again trapped by Sandra Lockerman and the leg band number verified as the same bird. It remained at this Philadelphia location until 1/22/21. Another highlight for this bird was that it was recoded on both the Glenolden CBC 12/19/20 and the Philadelphia mid-Winter Bird Census 1/9/21.



Allen's Hummingbird 12/15/2020 Springfield, PA (Adrian Binns).



Allen's Hummingbird 12/19/2020 Springfield, PA (Jay McGowan).

## American Oystercatcher 10/30/2012 Delaware River at Marcus Hook

A surprising storm bird deposited by *Hurricane Sandy* along the Delaware River at Marcus Hook 10/30/2012. Even more surprising are four additional non-storm related sightings of single birds feeding on a tidal mudflat along the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. These sightings occurred on 4/15/2018; 6/2/2018; 3/24/2020; 3/29/2020. The March and April reports fall within the species' spring arrival period along the Atlantic Coast.



American Oystercatcher 10/30/2012 Delaware River at Marcus Hook, PA (Doug Gochfeld).



American Oystercatcher 6/2/2018 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp., PA (Al Guarente).



American Oystercatcher 3/24/2020 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp., PA (Rob Fergus).

# Red Phalarope 9/2/2006 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

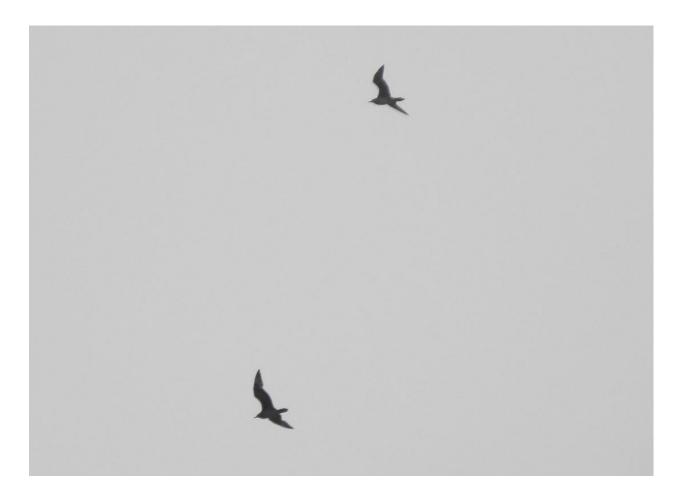
All sightings of Red Phalaropes in Delaware County are storm related birds seen on the Delaware River between Marcus Hook and Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. Single birds were noted on 9/2/2006 following *Hurricane Ernesto* and up to 40 birds were seen during *Hurricane Sandy* 10/30/2012. Phalaropes are frequently displaced by tropical storms and should be looked for again both along the Delaware River and further inland at Springton Res.

# Parasitic Jaeger 10/30/2012 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

During the passing of *Hurricane Sandy*, Al Guarente observed a Parasitic Jaeger chasing a Ring-billed Gull along the Delaware River at Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. This remains the only sighting for Delaware County.

# Pomarine Jaeger 10/30/2012 Delaware River at Marcus Hook

While storm birding along the Delaware River in Chester during *Hurricane Sandy*, Jeff and Amy Davis had two groups of Pomarine Jaegers totaling 19 birds. Jaegers are frequently seen during tropical storms and it is likely this species will accompany another storm into Delaware County.



Pomarine Jaeger 10/30/2012 Delaware River at Chester, PA (Jeff Davis).

### South Polar Skua

8/4/2020

Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

While watching for storm driven birds from *Hurricane Isaias* along the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp., Jason Horn spotted a large, bulky gull-shaped bird as it appeared out of the wind driven rain. He was able to alert the ten nearby birders who were also manning this location in hopes of finding storm waifs. Several of the birders were experienced with South Polar Skua and were able to identify it quickly. Ross Gallardy was able to obtain a few distant but identifiable images of the bird. Unlike terns, gulls, storm-petrels, jaegers and shorebirds that are easily displaced by tropical storms, South Polar Skua is a strong powerful flyer and not really thought of as a species that is normally caught up in these weather scenarios which makes this sighting all the more outstanding. Links to the various write-ups of this event and the distant photos can be found here <a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S72120545">https://ebird.org/checklist/S72120545</a> and https://ebird.org/checklist/S72120546.

### Sabine's Gull

# 9/6/2006 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

The first record of this rare gull for Delaware County was of two immatures seen by Al Guarente flying along the Delaware River from Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. following *Hurricane Ernesto* 9/6/2006. An adult Sabine's Gull was seen from this same location 9/24/2023 by storm watchers Jason Horn, Steve Schmit, Ethan Kang and John Zygmunt following the passage of *Hurricane Ophelia*.



Sabine's Gull 9/24/2023 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp., PA (John Zygmunt).

#### Black-headed Gull

1/16/2017

John Heinz N.W.R.

A Black-headed Gull spent the winters of 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 at John Heinz N.W.R. During these winters it moved back-and-forth between Delaware and Philadelphia Cos. and was seen and photographed by many birders. Rare and regular in the mid-Atlantic in winter, it should be looked for to occur again.



Black-headed Gull 12/27/2016 John Heinz N.W.R., PA (Nick Pulcinella).

# Common Gull 2/1/2020 Ridley Municipal Marina, Ridley Twp.

An outstanding find by Samuel Neat at the Ridley Marina along Darby Creek in Ridley Twp. After reviewing his photos Sam noticed some differences in this bird compared to the nearby Ring-billed Gulls with which it was roosting. He sent the photos WhatBird Forum Page and it was confirmed as a Common Gull probably a Kamchatka Gull which is the Asian form of Common Gull. Interestingly, a Kamchatka Gull was identified at Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) Park in Philadelphia Co. 1/23/20 most likely the same individual.



Common Gull 2/1/2020 Ridley Twp. Municipal Marina, Ridley Twp., PA (Samuel Neat).

# White-winged Tern10/8/2017 John Heinz N.W.R.

This Eurasian "marsh" tern was first spotted by Adrian Binns during the BIG SIT being held at John Heinz N.W.R. 10/8/2017. The bird remained in the area until 10/9/2017. During this time it was seen to cross Darby Creek and enter Delaware Co. This species was probably not on the radar of many birders because of its sporadic occurrence in the mid-Atlantic. Pennsylvania's first White-winged Tern occurred about two months before the Delaware Co. sighting, when a bird was present in Tioga Co. 8/10/2017-8/13/2017.



White-winged Tern 10/8/2017 John Heinz N.W.R., PA (Brian Quindlen).



**Arctic Tern** 

All sightings of this oceanic tern in Delaware County are storm related. Up to six were seen on the Delaware River from Hog Island Rd, Tinicum Twp. by Jason Horn and Al Guarente during the passing of Hurricane Ernesto. Another was seen from this same location by Al Guarente 8/28/2011 during Hurricane Irene. On 5/14/2022 there was a large incursion of Arctic Terns in the mid-Atlantic and the northeast due to several days of persistent northeast winds and two were seen again from this location by Tom Johnson, Kristy Eleftheriou, Rob Fergus and John Zygmunt.

#### Leach's Storm-Petrel

10/30/2012

Delaware River at Chester.

A total of nine Leach's Storm-Petrels were seen by several observers along the Delaware River between Hog Island Rd. in Tinicum Twp. and Chester during the passing of Hurricane Sandy. One bird was attacked and killed by a Peregrine Falcon. This species is frequently displaced by Atlantic Tropical Storms and should be watched along the Delaware River or Springton Res. by storm birders.



Leach's Storm-Petrel 10/30/2012 Delaware River at Chester, PA (Tom Johnson)

A surprise find by Rob Fergus as it was flying up the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. He noted the long pointed sulid wings and beak, white belly, brown chest and upper body of an adult with flashes of white underwing linings when banking occasionally. Since this sighting there have been two additional reports. One was seen loafing on the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. after the passage of *Tropical Storm Elsa* 7/9/2021. The bird remained on the water for about thirty minutes and was seen by many observers. Distant photos were obtained. The bird was flushed by the passing of two large ships and it was seen to dive once and then continued to fly away. An additional sighting at the same location on 8/30/23 again by Rob Fergus was of two juvs. flying upriver. There have been four sightings of this species from nearby Philadelphia Co. including a bird that was photographed as it was perched on a ramp tower at the Philadelphia Airport 7/23/18 https://ebird.org/checklist/S47371043.



Brown Booby 7/9/2021 Delaware River at Gov. Printz Park, Tinicum Twp., PA (Rob Fergus)

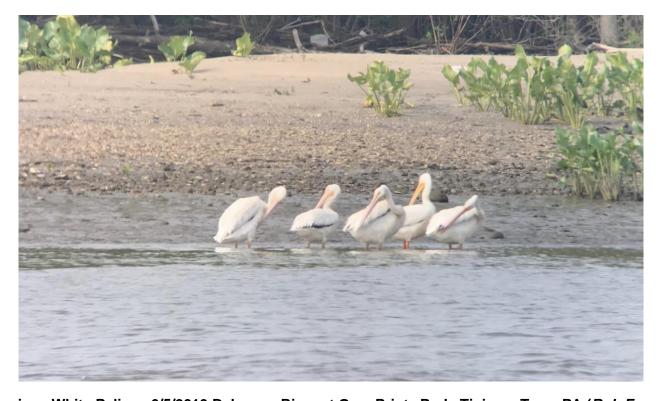
# American White Pelican 6/4/2019-6/5/2019 Haverford College and Delaware River at Gov. Printz Park.

While watching for northbound migrating shorebirds at the Haverford College athletic fields, Kristen and Sheryl Johnson were happily surprised by a fly-by flock of five American White Pelicans 6/4/19. The birds were in a steady flight heading south. The next day five American White Pelicans were found loafing on the Delaware River opposite Governor Printz Park, Tinicum Twp. by Rob Fergus. These were most likely the same birds. Word of this sighting was put out to the birding community and several birders were able to see the birds before they continued on their journey. There is one

additional Delaware Co. sighting of American White Pelican on 6/26/23 in Glen Mills by Ethan Kang as it flew over his yard. Go to <a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S142783092">https://ebird.org/checklist/S142783092</a> to see the extraordinary video of this sighting.



American White Pelican 6/4/2019 Haverford College, Haverford, PA (Kristen Johnson).



American White Pelican 6/5/2019 Delaware River at Gov. Printz Park, Tinicum Twp., PA (Rob Fergus).



American White Pelican 6/26/2023 Glen Mills, PA (Ethan Kang).

# Roseate Spoonbill 7/29/2023-7/30/2023 Calcon Hook Rd & John Heinz N.W.R.

This bird was first seen by Jim McConnell and Deb Hansen as it flew out of John Heinz N.W.R. across Darby Creek into the Calcon Hook Rd. area where herons and egrets are known to roost. Several birders were able to see the bird that day before nightfall and more birders happily got the bird the next day as it flew from the Calcon Hook Rd. roost. The summer of 2023 was a good summer for dispersing Roseate Spoonbills with a second Pennsylvania bird in Luzerne Co., PA 7/29-8/19/23 and two in nearby New Castle Co., DE at Thousand Acre Marsh 9/2-10/13/23.



Roseate Spoonbill 7/20/2023 John Heinz N.W.R., PA (Debbie Beer).

# Swallow-tailed Kite 9/24/2008 Tyler Arboretum and nearby Middletown Twp.

One was noted in flight over Tyler Arboretum, Middletown Twp. 9/24/2008 and another was observed in the vicinity of Penncrest High School and Tyler Arboretum also in Middletown Twp. 7/30/2021-8/18/2021. The latter bird was very cooperative offering many observers great looks and photographs. This species is a rare and irregular migrant in the mid-Atlantic more frequent in Spring and should be looked for to occur again.



Swallow-tailed Kite 7/30/2021 Tyler Arboretum, Middletown Twp., PA (Adrian Binns).

### Swainson's Hawk 10/8/2000 Rose Tree Park Hawkwatch

An immature was seen flying over the Rose Tree Park Hawkwatch 10/8/2000 by Al Guarente, John D'Amico and Jim Lockyer. Another immature was seen at the same location 10/13/2008 by Jim Lockyer and Charles Smith. This species is a rare, irregular fall migrant in the east and was somewhat expected to occur at the Rose Tree Park Hawkwatch. It should be looked for to occur again.

### Ash-throated Flycatcher 12/22/2023-1/16/2024 John Heinz N.W.R.

Discovered in the Philadelphia Co. portion of John Heinz N.W.R. 12/15/23. The bird moved frequently across Darby Creek into Delaware Co. being first noted in Delaware Co. on 12/22/23. Last reported in Delaware Co. 1/16/24 and last reported in Philadelphia Co. 1/22/24. Fortunately, it stayed around long enough to be recorded on the Glenolden CBC 12/16/23



Ash-throated Flycatcher 1/13/2024 John Heinz N.W.R., PA (Kristen Johnson).

### Cave Swallow 10/31/2012 John Heinz N.W.R.

One was present within a flock of Tree Swallows at John Heinz N.W.R. 10/31/12. The bird was noted moving between Delaware and Philadelphia Cos. Cave Swallow is a rare and regular late fall migrant in the mid-Atlantic, sometime in double-digit numbers, and will probably occur again.

# Bicknell's Thrush 5/3/2012 Swarthmore

This rare migrant was seen at close range by Jim McConnell while birding along Crum Creek in Swarthmore on May 3, 2012. A link to his extensive description can be found here https://ebird.org/checklist/S41424138. Three birds were recorded as overhead calling night migrants by Rob Fergus as they passed over his yard in Wallingford 5/21/2020-5/25/2020. Links to his sonograms can be seen here <a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S70886329">https://ebird.org/checklist/S70886329</a> and https://ebird.org/checklist/S71055753.

One found by Al Guarente at The Darlington Tract, Middletown Twp.1/25/2009 remained until 2/28/2009 and was seen and photographed by many birders. This species is a rare, irregular fall migrant and winter visitor and should be looked for to occur again.



LeConte's Sparrow 1/31/2009 Darlington Tract, Middletown Twp., PA (Adrian Binns).

### **Hermit Warbler**

### 11/25/2022-12/7/2022

#### **Aston**

A surprise backyard find by Teresa Pegan and Eric Gulson in Aston Twp. This western warbler was then refound in the same neighborhood on 11/26/22 and seen by many observers through 12/7/23. Hermit Warbler is casual in the east in late fall.



Hermit Warbler 11/29/2022 Aston, PA (Barry Blust).

9/6/2003

An unidentified tanager was seen 9/6/2003 on the grounds of Haverford College by Sheryl Johnson. Upon reviewing her notes regarding this sighting on 2/24/2024, she realized that her description in that notebook fit the identification of Western Tanager. The September date falls within the early portion of the Fall Occurrence Window for this species in the mid-Atlantic. An additional Western Tanager was present at John Heinz N.W.R. 4/13/2008-4/14/2008. During this two day stay, the bird made frequent forays across Darby Creek into Delaware Co.



Western Tanager 4/13/2008 John Heinz N.W.R., PA (Jay McGowan).

### Additions to HYPOTHETICAL LIST

The Hypothetical List contains species that may have occurred in Delaware County but which there is no definitive documentation (specimen, photograph, video or audio) to support the identification.

# Harlequin Duck 7/9/2021 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

Totally unexpected both for location and date, this female was seen flying south along the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp., PA. Unfortunately, a photographed was not obtained.

# Calliope Hummingbird 9/17/2020 Taylor Memorial Arboretum

This tiny western female/immature hummingbird was perched on a small tree at the Taylor Memorial Arboretum in Wallingford. Calliope Hummingbirds were also recorded in Fall 2020 in nearby New Castle Co., DE 11/19/20-11/21/20 and in York Co., PA 10/23/20-12/15/20.

### Sandwich Tern 9/2/2006 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

The only record of this coastal tern is a non-breeding adult seen on the Delaware River from Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. during the passage of *Hurricane Ernesto* 9/2/2006

# California Gull 12/31/2020 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

A 2nd cycle bird was reported as it sat on a mudflat in the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd. This species is rare and irregular in the mid-Atlantic in winter and should be looked for to occur again.

# Violet-green Swallow 10/29/2020 Delaware River at Hog Island Rd.

One was noted within a flock Tree Swallows that were flying along the Delaware River opposite Hog Island Rd., Tinicum Twp. The bird were seen during weather that consisted of intermittent heavy rain and sustained 20mph N/NW winds. This weather was associated with the recent passing of *Tropical Storm Zeta*.

These four species were originally listed in *The Birds of Delaware County Pennsylvania* as having occurred in the county. After careful consideration, they were moved to the Hypothetical List since there is no definitive documentation (specimen, photograph, video or audio) to support their inclusion.

**Whooping Crane -** reported to have occurred in Delaware County in Poole 1964 but no details were given.

Audubon's Shearwater - one was reported without details from the Delaware River August 2, 1953.

**Passenger Pigeon -** William Bailey in *Birds of Haverford* reports single birds over Haverford 1/25/1883 and 4/25/1883 but without any further details.

**Red-cockaded Woodpecker -** reported as rare in 1862 and extirpated in 1900 (Poole 1964). No further details.

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I want to thank Sheryl Johnson and Al Guarente for reviewing previous drafts of this article. ~Nick Pulcinella