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To All of our Birdathon Sponsors:

Thank you! We held our 2005 Birdathon on May 14, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Migration Count for Forest County. The migration count is always held on the second Saturday in May. Complete results will be published in *Pennsylvania Birds*, the publication of the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology. Seneca Rocks Audubon Birdathon results will be published in our newsletter, the *Drummer*.

We appreciate your sponsorship! This is Seneca Rocks' main fundraiser. As we have traditionally, we will send a portion of the funds to Audubon Pennsylvania. Our other projects include Audubon Adventures provided to the elementary schools, Maine Audubon camp, a local conservation camp, and the Beaver Creek Project. This year we add the new State Gamelands at Mt. Zion to the projects that we support.

It was a great day for birds, weather-wise. (Not so great for humans). It was overcast and drizzly all day, which seems to keep the birds active and singing. So, because of the weather, some persistence, and a lot of luck, we had 99 species, 5 more than our previous high! We saw/heard a total of 1,051 birds, or 129 more than ever before. We drove 133 miles, walked about 2 miles, and birded almost continuously from 5:45 am until 10:00 pm.

Now for the birds! We started our day with yard birds, and were rewarded with all of our usual birds, including Pine Siskins, which haven't been here for the migration count since 2000. The "misses" - species that we've had every year since 1999 - were Common Merganser and Pileated Woodpecker. But we added eight new species to the list - Least Sandpipers and Cape May Warblers at Buzzard Swamp, a Black-billed Cuckoo at Red Brush, an Acadian Flycatcher at Nebraska Bridge, a Carolina Wren at the Tionesta Outflow, a Brown Creeper at Kellettsville, a Vesper Sparrow on German Hill, and 6 Winter Wrens (these little guys were everywhere!). The most memorable sighting of the day was an adult Bald Eagle perched atop a snag near Tionesta Creek. A quick stop at Beaver Meadows was pure luck - we found six species there that we didn't find anywhere else: Wood Duck, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Spotted Sandpipers, Canada Warbler, Veery, and Red-breasted Nuthatch. We ended our day "owling", where we netted no owls, but were happy to hear a Whip-poor-will calling in the rain.

Not all of these species are migrants, but most of them wintered in Central or South America, and a few are still on their way to their breeding grounds farther north. Here is a complete list of species:

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Ruffed Grouse
Wild Turkey
Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Broad-winged Hawk
American Kestrel
Killdeer
Lesser Yellowlegs

Spotted Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Black-billed Cuckoo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Blue-headed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Tree Swallow
N Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren

House Wren
Winter Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Blue-winged Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Ovenbird
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Canada Warbler
Scarlet Tanager

Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Rose-br Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
Purple Finch
House Finch
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow