

**Common Nighthawk Watch**  
**Frank Melville Park – Stone Bridge**  
**2018**

August 27<sup>th</sup> – **68 nighthawks, 141 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Luci Betti-Nash, Joanna Watson, Joan DeRosa, Elaine Maas, Emily Runnels, Kathleen Coyle, others. Overcast skies with slight breeze. Birds came from all directions. Toward the end birds came from the north. Many Chimney Swifts and, interestingly, several dozen Laughing Gulls flew over feeding on insects.

August 28<sup>th</sup> – **71 nighthawks, 131 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Elaine Maas, Kathleen Coyle, Joanna Watson, Georgia Turner. Slight breeze but mostly still.

August 29<sup>th</sup> – **74 nighthawks, 139 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Luci Betti-Nash, Byron Young, Tony Phillips. 5-10 mph breeze out of the west.

August 30<sup>th</sup> – **28 nighthawks, 127 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Kathleen Coyle, Tony Phillips, Georgia Turner. Mostly sunny, hot, no discernible breeze.

August 31<sup>st</sup> – **18 nighthawks, 128 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Luci Betti-Nash, Steve Betti-Nash, Mickey Cashman, Ellen (Sandra's friend), Bob Adamo. Cooler with mixed clouds, slight breeze out of the west.

September 1<sup>st</sup> – **211 nighthawks, 213 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Carl Safina, Patricia Paladines, Arie Gilbert, Ken and Carol Brand, Michael Schrimpf, Emily Runnels

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – **106 nighthawks, 118 minutes** – Patrice Domeischel, others listed in 9/2 e-mail.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – **141 nighthawks, 130 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Georgia Turner, Maurice and Karen Kernan

September 4<sup>th</sup> – **56 nighthawks, 130 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Kathleen Coyle, Luci Betti-Nash, Eileen Schwinn, Mike Higginston.

September 5<sup>th</sup> – **178 nighthawks, 126 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Mickey Cashman, Steve Heintze, Joe Kelley

September 6<sup>th</sup> – **5 nighthawks, 27 minutes** – Patrice Domeischel. Heavy rain with thunder and lightning!!

September 7<sup>th</sup> – **23 nighthawks, 108 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Doug Futuyma, Ed Becher, Mickey Cashman, Carl Safina, Vanessa Rickerby. Weather was cloudy with a steady but light breeze coming out of the North.

September 8<sup>th</sup> - **23 nighthawks, 106 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Joyann Cirigliano. Raining lightly but steadily. Breeze out of the north.

September 9<sup>th</sup> – **18 nighthawks, 100 minutes** - John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Maurice Kernan. Light and steady rain. Breeze out of the north.

September 10<sup>th</sup> - **0 nighthawks, 65 minutes** – John Turner, Michael Schrimpf. Light and steady rain. Breeze out of the north. Interesting that 30+ chimney swifts were actively feeding over both ponds.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – **306 nighthawks, 105 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Noelle DeLorenzo, Luci-Betti Nash. Sky was overcast with some pockets of clearing; slight breeze from the north.

September 12<sup>th</sup> – **57 nighthawks, 98 minutes** - John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa, Vanessa Rickerby. Light rain at first, then damp overcast skies with no discernable wind.

September 13<sup>th</sup> – **36 nighthawks, 106 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Georgia Turner, Jim DeRosa, Luci-Betti Nash, Carol and Ken Brand. Overcast sky with occasional pockets of blue.

September 14<sup>th</sup> – **16 nighthawks, 105 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Carl Safina, Joe Derosa, Michael and Lynn Schiebel, Doug Futuyma, Georgia Turner. Weather was sunny and clear with no breeze.

September 15<sup>th</sup> – **71 nighthawks, 71 minutes** – Carl Safina, Patricia Paladines. Clear and slightly breezy.

September 16<sup>th</sup> – **77 nighthawks, 105 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Carl Safina, Patricia Paladines, Shai Mitra, Pat Lindsay, John Gluth, Michael Schrimpf, Emily Runnels, Lisa Prowant, Georgia Turner. Weather was clear with no discernable breeze.

September 17<sup>th</sup> – **65 nighthawks, 94 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Carol and Ken Brand, Vanessa Rickerby, Mitch Horowitz, Doug Futuyma. Clear with no breeze.

September 18<sup>th</sup> – **114 nighthawks, 100 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Tony Phillips. Rainy at first and then clearing with a double rainbow!

September 19<sup>th</sup> – **80 nighthawks, 97 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Georgia Turner, Luci-Betti Nash, Richard Haines, Michael Schrimpf, Emily Runnels, Lisa Prowant. Clear sky with cumulus clouds.

September 20<sup>th</sup> – **97 nighthawks, 85 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Luci Betti-Nash, Michael Schrimpf, Carl Safina, Pete Palumbo, Doug Futuyma. Gray clouds with scattered patches of blue; light breeze.

September 21<sup>st</sup> - **19 nighthawks, 97 minutes** – Patrice Domeischel, Kathleen Coyle, Jim LaRosa. Overcast with slight breeze.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – **5 nighthawks, 100 minutes**- John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Karen and Maurice Kernan, Joe Kelly, Jim LaRosa. Cooler with mixed clouds with a slight breeze from the north.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – **5 nighthawks, 97 minutes** - John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Doug Futuyma. Cloudy sky and storm clouds but no rain or wind.

September 24<sup>th</sup> - **0 nighthawks, 88 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, David Manoli. Mixed clouds with a moderate breeze. Winds were out of the southeast/east

September 25<sup>th</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 25 minutes** – John Turner, Craig Turner, Patrice Domeischel. Torrential Rain.

September 26<sup>th</sup> – **19 nighthawks, 78 minutes** – John Turner, Craig Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Carl Safina, Jim LaRosa, Joy Cirigliano.

September 27<sup>th</sup> – **10 nighthawks, 90 minutes** – Kathleen Coyle

September 28<sup>th</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 90 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa. Overcast with heavy clouds; no rain.

September 29<sup>th</sup> – **16 nighthawks, 90 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa, Mickey Cashman. Clear blue sky with very slight breeze.

September 30<sup>th</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 85 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa, others. Bright and sunny with scattered clouds; no breeze.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – **3 nighthawks, 83 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 69 minutes** - Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa. Overcast with no breeze.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – **2 nighthawks, 80 minutes** – Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa

October 4<sup>th</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 64 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel. Overcast with sprinkles.

October 5<sup>th</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 75 minutes** – John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Kathleen Coyle, Jim LaRosa, Vanessa Rickerby, Joanna Watson

October 6<sup>th</sup> – **0 nighthawks, 75 minutes** - John Turner, Patrice Domeischel, Jim LaRosa, Steve & Lise Hintze, Carol Brand, Georgia Turner.

**Final Totals for 2018 Season:**

**2018 birds**

**4041 minutes**

**41 Days**

**.499 birds per minute**