



Loyan Beausoleil Wed, Apr 13, 6:18 AM (7 days ago)

to Gabriella, Charlie, Saint, Washington

Hello all,

It was bitter-sweet going back to Graniteville Tree Swamp to do a second survey after the partial deforestation of the area. It was hard to see that so many trees had been removed and also good to see that the tree the Great-horned Owls use for nesting is outside of the fenced construction area and that part of the forest still exists.

Here is a comparison of the two visits:

April 24, 2021 list: <https://ebird.org/atlasny/checklist/S86384085>

25 species

78 individuals

7 species exhibiting breeding behaviors

April 10, 2022 list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S106693889>

20 species (incl Great-horned owl, which is not included in the eBird list)

109 individuals (incl 3 Great-horned owl, which is not included in the eBird list)

5 species exhibiting breeding behaviors

As you can see from the comparison we observed fewer species but greater abundance. We observed two less species breeding.

Things to consider:

1. The second survey was done 14 days earlier than the first.
2. The Great-horned Owls family was observed in the same tree (2022). The youngster is older than the young observed in 2021. The species is not yet added to the eBird list yet, to avoid harassment by curious humans.
3. Three species were observed using the deforested area: European Starling, American Robin and Killdeer

These are the species we saw on April 10, 2022 (* also seen in 2021)

Killdeer (this species likely seen because of the opening of the forest)

Turkey Vulture*

Osprey

Great-horned Owl*

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*

Red-bellied Woodpecker*

Downy Woodpecker*

Northern Flicker*

Eastern Phoebe

Blue Jay*
American Crow
Carolina Wren
European Starling (this species likely seen because of the opening of the forest)
Hermit Thrush*
American Robin*
White-throated Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird*
Brown-headed Cowbird (this species likely seen because of the opening of the forest)
Common Grackle
Palm Warbler*

Warm regards,
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