PHENOLOGY – SKYTOP LODGE

 (Monroe & Pike Counties, PA)

 March 1989 to December 2010

All data is from Skytop Lodge & Resort’s 5,500 acres, located in Monroe and Pike Counties, northeastern Pennsylvania. In most cases, the species noted represent their earliest seasonal records for each year (permanent resident, non-migratory birds such as woodpeckers and chickadees are mostly excluded except for occasionally noting their earliest singing/drumming and nesting activities of the season). Also noted are unusually late and/or off-season dates and large numbers, as well as sightings of uncommon species. The footprints made by various mammals in the snow (snowshoe hare, weasel, mink, otter, bobcat, coyote, etc.) were often seen in winter, but these are not included here.

 by John Serrao, Naturalist, 1989-2010

 1989

Mar 21 – song sparrow

Apr 14 – Compton tortoise shell and comma butterflies

Apr 18 – common loon, broad-winged hawk, eastern phoebe, pine warbler, ruby-crowned kinglets

Apr 19 – belted kingfisher, chipping sparrows

Apr 20 – swamp & white-throated sparrows, northern flicker

Apr 25 – eastern towhee, Louisiana waterthrush, hermit thrush, winter wren, blue-headed vireo, American robins, rusty blackbird

May 4 – American toads breeding; common yellowthroat, American redstart, yellow warbler, barn swallow, green heron, blue-gray gnatcatchers; eastern garter snake; red trillium in bloom

May 25 – dwarf ginseng, starflower in bloom; caught 16-in., 31 lb. snapping turtle in stream

May 31 – great crested flycatcher, least flycatcher, field sparrow, veery, eastern wood pewee, scarlet tanager, cedar waxwings; gray tree frogs calling

Jun 8 – luna moth; Acadian flycatcher, Blackburnian warbler

Jun 12 – pink lady slipper in bloom; mourning cloak butterflies

Jun 13 – golden-winged warbler

Jun 14 – rhododendron in bloom; watched black bear sniffing around a hidden fawn on West Mtn.

Jun 29 – red-spotted purple butterflies; partridge berry in bloom

Jul 1 – luna moth; blue-headed vireos building nest in rhododendron at eye-level – later accepted flies & gypsy moths from my fingers to feed nestlings

Jul 2 – long-tailed weasel; severe gypsy moth defoliation

Jul 3 – white admiral butterfly

Jul 7 – family of ruffed grouse (10 chicks); family of dark-eyed juncos

Jul 10 – 100s of tiny American toadlets

Jul 17 – ring-necked duck and spotted sandpiper on lake

Jul 18 – pearl eye and common wood nymph butterflies

Jul 24 – 2 male dobsonflies

Jul 26 – great spangled fritillary

Aug 15 – true katydids calling loudly

Aug 17 – mink along stream

Aug 21 – dark fishing spiders (Dolomedes tenebrosus) with egg sacs

Aug 31 – flock of eastern phoebes

Sep 26 – flock of 150 Canada geese migrating

Sep 27 – witch hazel in bloom; brown creeper

Sep 29 – question mark & mourning cloak butterflies

Oct 7 – 2 common ravens

Oct 10 – northern harrier, Wilson’s snipe at Goose Pond

Oct 11 – golden-crowned kinglets, yellow-rumped warblers

Oct 12 – 22 baby eastern milk snakes under rocks together

Oct 18 – flocks of American robins and cedar waxwings eating tupelo fruits

Nov 1 – great horned owl hooting; 67 white-tailed deer on golf course

Nov 7 – 2 buffleheads & 2 lesser scaup on lake

Nov 18 – I climbed small ornamental spruce near lodge to get face to face with mink

Nov 27 – mink eating dead deer in stream; 50 pine siskins

Dec 2 – great blue heron

Dec 9 – evening grosbeaks

Dec 23 – golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, dark-eyed juncos

Dec 30 – short-tailed shrew trying to pull white-footed mouse by its tail into burrow along stream

 1990

Feb 22 – flock of 100 migrating Canada geese

Feb 23 – flock of red crossbills in Norway spruces along lake

Mar 9 – pine siskins

Mar 15 – male eastern bluebird, many American robins; wood frogs breeding; eastern screech owl calling

Mar 16 – eastern phoebes, song sparrow, belted kingfisher, northern flicker, red crossbill; speckled alder and red maple in bloom; spotted salamanders and spring peepers breeding

Apr 5 – turkey vulture, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, fox sparrow, dark-eyed juncos; bufflehead, common mergansers on lake; porcupine; 2 great horned owls hooting

Apr 25 – red trillium in bloom; Louisiana waterthrush, chipping sparrow, blue-headed vireo

Apr 26 – American toads breeding; northern water snake, eastern garter snake; hermit thrush, yellow-rumped warbler

May 1 – red admiral butterfly; blue-gray gnatcatcher, great crested flycatcher; wood anemone in bloom; gypsy moth eggs hatching

May 9 – yellow-throated vireo, eastern kingbird, cedar waxwings, yellow warbler; gray tree frog calling

May 15 – spotted sandpiper, American goldfinch, ruby-throated hummingbird, scarlet tanager, eastern towhee, gray catbirds, rose-breasted grosbeak, wood thrush, red-eyed vireo, field sparrow, ovenbird, common yellowthroat, chestnut-sided warbler, American redstart, golden-winged warblers (many at Goose Pond)

May 17 – fringed polygala, starflower in bloom; veery, least flycatcher, common nighthawk; 10 common loons on lake

May 22 – Acadian flycatcher, eastern wood pewee, Blackburnian & black-throated green warblers

May 24 – broad-winged hawk carrying eastern chipmunk; 2 coyotes at Goose Pond – one (solid black) acted aggressively to me, coming very close, barking – possibly trying to protect the smaller brown one

Jun 5 – painted turtle digging nest

Jun 6 – yellow-billed cuckoo

Jun 8 – newborn white-tailed fawn

Jun 9 – snapping turtle nesting; wild turkey with chicks

Jun 11 – sheep laurel in bloom, mountain laurel almost in bloom

Jun 12 – brown creeper

Jun 15 – purple finch

Jun 28 – adult bald eagle; American woodcock; red-spotted purple butterflies; red admirals on oak sap

Jul 2 – rhododendron and partridge berry in bloom; osprey

Jul 5 – black bear tearing apart dead log; white-throated sparrow (breeding); black bear with 3 cubs eating ripe blueberries on Goose Pond Rd. – I didn’t see them until I almost ran into them; then the mother exploded out of the bushes and raced after me for 100 meters until I stopped to turn & confront her – she curled back her lips, bared her teeth, and chopped her jaws together, lunging toward me as I yelled, waved my arms, and jumped up & down; she finally slowly walked back to her cubs, which had climbed the tallest pitch pine tree.

Jul 10 – great spangled fritillary, American lady, red-spotted purple; family of golden-winged warblers; fledgling hermit thrushes

Jul 14 – blue-headed vireo on nest in witch hazel at eye-level

Jul 18 – many butterflies feeding on leaking white oak sap: Compton tortoise shell, pearly eye, red admiral, and mourning cloak butterflies (unusually abundant species this season)

Jul 20 – wood lily in bloom

Aug 1 – timber rattlesnake (yellow)

Aug 18 – dark fishing spider with egg sac along lake

Aug 29 – red fox running along route 390

Aug 31 – flock of American robins eating sassafras fruits

Sep 15 – black bear with large cub in huckleberry bushes on Goose Pond Road

Sep 27 – 27 small eastern milk snakes under adjacent rocks (15 under same rock)

Oct 2 – many flocks of migrating Canada geese

Oct 4 – common loon on lake

Oct 7 – masked shrew

Oct 10 – ruby-crowned kinglets, white-throated sparrows, yellow-rumped warblers; peak autumn colors; red fox on golf course

Oct 17 – northern flicker, dark-eyed juncos, American robins

Oct 18 – golden-crowned kinglets

Oct 25 – 2nd autumn color peak (interrupted by 2 weeks of Indian Summer warmth)

Nov 1 – tamarack trees in peak color at Goose Pond

Nov 7 – brown creeper, golden-crowned kinglets, hermit thrush, American woodcock

Nov 24 – evening grosbeaks

Dec 12 – winter wren

 1991

Jan 9 – snowshoe hare

Jan 19 – mink along lake

Jan 20 – golden-crowned kinglets

Feb 5 – spring peepers calling (temps in high 50s several days in row)

Feb 9 – porcupine up in willow tree

Feb 10 – 2 turkey vultures, eastern screech owl (reddish morph)

Feb 15 – 2 red-breasted nuthatches

Feb 17 – snow scorpionfly, snowfleas

Feb 21 – resident birds singing

Mar 9 – American woodcock, red-breasted nuthatch

Mar 14 – porcupine still in willow tree (since Feb 9); 5 ring-necked ducks in lake

Mar 21 – flocks of American robins; pair of common mergansers on lake

Mar 23 – fox sparrow

Mar 26 – sharp-shinned hawk

Apr 6 – mourning cloak butterfly, eastern garter snake

Apr 8 – bufflehead, ruddy duck, 9 common loons on lake

Apr 9 – painted turtles, 6 ring-necked ducks on lake; pine warbler, blue-gray gnatcatcher, ruby-crowned kinglets, golden-crowned kinglets, eastern phoebe, song sparrow, northern flicker; red maple in bloom; American toads & spring peepers calling

Apr 11 – pied-billed grebe, buffleheads, great blue heron on lake; porcupine in willow again

Apr 13 – yellow-bellied sapsucker, dark-eyed juncos; spotted salamander egg masses; spicebush in bloom

Apr 18 – 52 common loons on lake on overcast morning – all gradually flew toward north as skies cleared; also osprey, beaver on lake; Louisiana waterthrushes, blue-headed vireos, hermit thrushes, yellow-rumped warblers; marsh marigold in bloom

Apr 19 – pair of wood turtles mating in stream

Apr 20 – red trillium in bloom

Apr 22 – black bear with 2 cubs on golf course

Apr 25 – cliff swallows, chipping sparrows; smooth green, red-bellied, & northern water snakes; spring azures on coyote droppings

Apr 30 – ovenbird, black & white and Blackburnian warblers, northern waterthrush, eastern towhee, broad-winged hawk, barn swallows; hobblebush in bloom

May 2 – American redstart; wood anemone and bluets in bloom

May 4 – yellow warblers

May 7 – fringed polygala, scrub oak in bloom; yellow-throated vireo, great crested flycatcher

May 9 – veery, red-eyed vireo, ovenbird, black-throated blue & northern parula warblers, purple finch, wood thrush, spotted sandpiper

May 11 – scarlet tanager, eastern kingbird, common yellowthroat, gray catbird, rose-breasted grosbeak, least flycatcher, ruffed grouse; American toads calling very loudly; sassafras, fire cherry, choke cherry in bloom

May 14 – chestnut-sided, blue-winged, golden-winged, Wilson’s warblers; painted trillium in bloom

May 21 – eastern wood pewee; black bear with 2 cubs; spotted salamander eggs hatching

May 23 – mountain maple, sheep laurel in bloom; cedar waxwings, indigo bunting, Canada warbler; tiger swallowtail, American lady, mourning cloak butterflies

May 25 – newborn fawn; yellow-billed cuckoo, American woodcock, willow flycatcher, Nashville warbler, white-throated sparrow

May 26 – Canada mayflower, starflower, mountain holly, wild geranium, deerberry, pink lady slipper, pinkster azalea in bloom; common loon on lake; mallard with 10 chicks; magnolia warbler

May 30 – painted turtles nesting; mountain laurel & tulip-tree in bloom

Jun 4 – Acadian flycatcher, golden-crowned kinglet (singing); American redstarts on nest, about 15 feet up in crotch of birch; northern red salamander in stream

Jun 6 – red-spotted purple butterflies feeding on coyote scat and puddling; ruffed grouse with chicks

Jun 8 – luna moth; American redstarts feeding nestlings (see Jun 4)

Jun 15 – baby eastern screech owl

Jun 26 – early lowbush blueberries ripening

Jul 2 – wood lily in bloom

Jul 4 – dobsonfly

Jul 5 – rhododendron in spectacular bloom

Jul 6 – tiger & spicebush swallowtails, mourning cloak, pearly eye, great spangled fritillary, American lady, red-spotted purple, monarch

Jul 10 – bald eagle attacked by crows; Milbert’s tortoise shell, variegated fritillary; pair of broad-winged hawks

Jul 13 – wild turkey with 14 chicks

Jul 21 – trees losing leaves and plants wilting from record-breaking heat and drought

Jul 23 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 24 – dark fishing spider with egg sac; northern red salamander in stream

Jul 30 – hairy-tail mole under log

Jul 31 – smooth green snake, eastern garter snake, 4 red-bellied snakes under rocks

Aug 3 – American woodcock

Aug 6 – purple finch; black bear eating huckleberries on West Mountain

Aug 13 – long-tailed weasel

Aug 15 – gray fox

Aug 17 – baby amphibians: wood frogs, American toads, spring peepers, spotted salamander

Aug 31 – wood turtle

Sep 1 – red fox

Sep 18 – yellow-bellied sapsucker, red-breasted nuthatch, winter wren

Oct 1 – barred owl

Oct 5 – spectacular fall colors; witch hazel in bloom

Oct 14 – dark-eyed juncos, migrating Canada geese

Oct 18 – golden-crowned kinglets, American robins

Oct 26 – 100s of American robins

Oct 29 – 2 brant on lake; tamarack trees in peak color at Goose Pond

Nov 2 – brown creeper, osprey, cedar waxwings

Nov 6 – 20 common mergansers on lake

Nov 7 – flock of 80 cedar waxwings

Nov 13 – buffleheads, wood ducks, mallards on lake; 40 snow geese overhead

Dec 3 – common goldeneye, black duck, ring-billed gull, 20 mergansers on lake

Dec 30 – golden-crowned kinglets, belted kingfisher

 1992

Jan 2 – 12 cedar waxwings

Jan 30 – adult bald eagle

Feb 16 – millions of snowfleas

Feb 20 – masked shrew; cedar waxwings eating privet fruits; cardinals singing

Feb 27 – Canada geese, mallards, lesser scaup, hooded merganser on lake

Mar 2 – 5 ring-necked ducks on lake

Mar 10 – American woodcock, song sparrow, American robins, dark-eyed juncos

Mar 12 – 1 pair of wood ducks, 4 pairs of hooded mergansers on lake

Mar 14 – turkey vultures, red-tailed hawks, white-throated sparrows

Apr 1 – common loon on lake

Apr 7 – wood frogs calling; eastern phoebe; mourning cloak butterfly

Apr 11 – northern flicker; red-bellied snake; 100s of American robins

Apr 12 – spotted salamander spermatophores (no eggs yet); yellow-rumped warblers

Apr 14 – southern flying squirrel

Apr 18 – many common loons on lake

Apr 24 – osprey

Apr 27 – cliff swallows

Apr 28 – Louisiana waterthrush, hermit thrush, broad-winged hawk

May 2 – pine, black & white warblers, American redstart, chipping sparrow; spring azures

May 7 – yellow warbler

May 11 – American toads breeding; Baltimore oriole, whip-poor-will, rose-breasted grosbeak, least flycatcher, common yellowthroat, chestnut-sided, northern parula warblers, ovenbird, field sparrow, gray catbird, yellow-throated vireo; 10 ring-necked snakes, 7 eastern milk snakes, 1 red-bellied snake under rocks

May 12 – great crested flycatcher, veery, scarlet tanager, Nashville, black-throated green warblers, eastern towhee, dark-eyed juncos, brown-headed cowbird, wood thrush

May 14 – golden-winged warbler, solitary sandpiper, ruby-throated hummingbird; leatherleaf in bloom

May 19 – fringed polygala in bloom; mourning cloak butterflies

May 21 – large, patterned eastern hognose snake; luna moth, tiger swallowtail; red-eyed vireo

May 23 – newborn fawns; Acadian flycatcher, Blackburnian warbler

May 28 – hooded warbler; northern red salamander in stream

Jun 6 – gray tree frogs, green frogs, bullfrogs all calling

Jun 13 – ovenbird nest with 4 eggs

Jun 27 – blue-headed vireos feeding babies

Jul 1 – magnolia warbler (singing male)

Jul 3 – black bear ran across route 390; Appalachian mountain sandwort in bloom

Jul 7 – rhododendron in bloom

Jul 8 – pair of Blackburnian warblers feeding fledglings

Jul 14 – black bear with 4 cubs on West Mtn.; Indian pipes in bloom

Jul 16 – bobcat; 3 baby chimney swifts fell down chimney into Lodge

Jul 20 – red-back vole; highbush blueberries ripe

Jul 22 – wood lily in bloom

Jul 29 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 24 – true katydids calling

Sep 9 – mountain holly fruits ripe

Sep 12 – eastern hognose snake; 5 smooth green, 3 northern ribbon, 1 eastern garter snake under rocks

Oct 4 – witch hazel in bloom; white-throated sparrows, winter wren

Oct 10 – peak fall colors; golden-crowned kinglets

Oct 31 – brown creeper, American robins

Dec 27 – immature bald eagle

 1993

Jan 9 – 4 ruffed grouse, brown creeper

Jan 16 – snowfleas abundant

Feb 15 – flock of dark-eyed juncos

Mar 2 – turkey vultures, purple finch; about 1500 snowfleas per square foot on snow

Mar 8 – 25 cedar waxwings; cardinal singing

Apr 3 – eastern phoebe

Apr 12 – 28 common loons on lake

Apr 15 – 2 buffleheads on lake

Apr 16 – black bear with 2 cubs on West Mountain

Apr 22 – northern goshawk flying over golf course

Apr 27 – pine warbler; 6 smooth green, 1 northern ribbon, 2 eastern garter, 2 ring-necked, 3 red-bellied, 3 northern water snakes under rocks

Apr 29 – spotted salamander egg masses; yellow-rumped and black & white warblers, spring azures

May 1 – blue-headed vireo, Louisiana waterthrush, black-throated green warbler

May 3 – American toads calling

May 9 – ovenbird, American redstart, red-eyed vireo, scarlet tanager, veery

May 10 – great crested and least flycatchers, brown thrasher, gray catbird, wood thrush, common yellowthroat, Canada, golden-winged, chestnut-sided, yellow, prairie warblers, field sparrow, white-throated sparrow; fringed polygala in bloom; 52-inch yellow timber rattlesnake, eastern milk snake

May 15 – solitary sandpiper, lots of golden-winged & chestnut-sided warblers (Goose Pond); sassafras, wild geranium, scrub oak, marsh marigold, wild strawberry in bloom; black bear guarding base of tall white pine with 2 cubs up in branches on Trout Stream Trail – she later climbed up to join them

May 16 – Swainson’s thrush, ruby-throated hummingbird, warbling vireo, eastern wood pewee, eastern kingbird, house wren, magnolia warbler

May 29 – doe with newborn fawn; Acadian flycatcher

Jun 9 – gray tree frogs calling

Jun 12 – spring salamanders in stream

Jun 14 – purple finch

Jun 19 – rhododendron in bloom

Jun 26 – Appalachian mountain sandwort in bloom; family of ruffed grouse

Jun 28 – brown creeper in nest

Jul 5 – dark fishing spider with egg sac; red-breasted nuthatches; tiny American toadlets

Jul 12 – highbush blueberries ripe; pearly eye butterflies

Jul 17 – golden-crowned kinglets

Jul 21 – winter wren, dark-eyed juncos

Jul 27 – mourning cloak, question mark, red admiral butterflies

Jul 28 – blue-gray gnatcatcher family

Aug 2 – true katydids calling

Aug 10 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 25 – yellow-bellied sapsucker

Aug 30 – flock of 12 ruffed grouse

Sep 14 – mountain holly fruits ripe

Sep 25 – monarch butterflies migrating; common raven, yellow-rumped warblers

Oct 3 – ruby-crowned kinglets

Oct 5 – black bear up in red oak along lake all day

Oct 10 – white-throated sparrows

Oct 11 – peak autumn colors

Oct 15 – 2 queen white-faced hornets hibernating under same log

Oct 16 – blue-headed vireo, black-throated green warbler, dark-eyed juncos, American robins

Oct 19 – hermit thrush, winter wren

Oct 28 – red-bellied woodpecker; white-footed mouse with 6 babies under rock

Nov 6 – golden-crowned kinglets

Nov 8 & 9 – snow bunting (male)

Nov 28 – bobcat in pine tree along Trout Stream Trail

Dec 2 – 16 buffleheads in lake

Dec 21 – mink with big fish at lake

Dec 24 – short-tailed shrew ran into hole

Dec 29 – hermit thrush in multiflora rose

 1994

Jan 9 – 2 ruffed grouse exploded out of separate snow burrows

Jan 24 – 2 common redpolls

Feb 15 – common raven

Feb 21- millions of snowfleas

Feb 24 – winter scorpionfly

Feb 25 – sharp-shinned hawk

Mar 6 – winter stoneflies

Mar 10 – turkey vultures, red-tailed hawk, mallards

Mar 12 – eastern chipmunk

Mar 13 – American robins in apple tree

Mar 15 – great blue heron, Canada geese, American kestrel

Apr 7 – Louisiana waterthrush, wood ducks; spotted salamander spermatophores

Apr 14 – broad-winged hawk; wood turtle in stream

Apr 16 – blue-headed vireo; spotted salamander egg masses; wood frogs & spring peepers calling

Apr 21 – pine warbler, blue-gray gnatcatcher, brown-headed cowbird; spring azures; 4-toed salamander; smooth green, ring-necked, red-bellied, eastern milk, northern water snakes under rocks; porcupine

Apr 24 – whip-poor-will on Goose Pond Road

Apr 26 – ovenbird, black & white and yellow-rumped warblers, purple finch, hermit thrush, eastern towhee; painted turtles; American toads calling

Apr 30 – wood anemone, red trillium in bloom; rose-breasted grosbeak, American goldfinches

May 2 – brown creeper; common loon in lake

May 3 – white-crowned sparrow, common yellowthroat, gray catbird, yellow warbler, white-throated sparrows, solitary sandpiper; ruffed grouse drumming; blackflies abundant; large ring-necked snake under same rock 3 years in a row at same season

May 5 – American redstart

May 7 – black-throated green warbler; spotted salamander eggs ready to hatch

May 8 – field sparrow

May 10 – ruby-throated hummingbird

May 12 – Baltimore orioles, veeries

May 16 – American toad tadpoles

May 19 – fringed polygala, starflower in bloom; chestnut-sided & golden-winged warblers

May 23 – scarlet tanager, red-eyed vireo, black-throated blue warbler

Jun 1 – luna moth

Jun 3 – tiger swallowtail; prairie warbler; wild turkey with chicks

Jun 6 – hermit thrush nest with 3 nestlings & 1 egg; dark-eyed juncos on nest; least flycatcher, eastern wood pewee, yellow-bellied sapsucker, yellow-throated vireo; pink wood sorrel in bloom

Jun 13 – gray tree frogs calling

Jun 16 – lots of red-spotted purples

Jun 19 – Acadian flycatcher, Blackburnian warbler; white admiral butterfly

Jun 27 – cedar waxwing singing to another road-killed cedar waxwing for 2 hours on entrance road

Jul 2 – golden-crowned kinglets, magnolia warbler, blue-gray gnatcatcher; ruffed grouse with 6 chicks

Jul 3 – rhododendron in bloom

Jul 9 – Appalachian mountain sandwort in bloom

Jul 11 – wood lily in bloom

Jul 12-16 – 3 more hermit thrush nests with eggs

Jul 14 – wood turtle eating mushrooms; 2 sharp-shinned hawks in pines; comma & pearly eye butterflies on white oak sap

Jul 16 – Compton tortoise shell butterfly

Jul 18 – American woodcock; common merganser on lake

Jul 20 – baby wood frogs and toads

Jul 21 – broad-winged hawk attacked by several species of songbirds

Jul 26 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 27 – 5 ribbon, 1 red-bellied, 1 ring-necked, & 4 eastern garter snakes under rocks

Aug 2 – 3 luna moths

Aug 16 – northern harrier; 4 smooth green snakes under rocks; huge timber rattlesnake (yellow morph)

Aug 20 – 2 red-shouldered hawks, 2 sharp-shinned hawks

Aug 30 – eastern coyote running on Goose Pond Road

Sep 2 – bobcat; black bear with cubs on Beaver dam Trail

Sep 10 – 5 smooth green, 1 eastern garter, 10 eastern milk & 1 northern water snake under rocks

Sep 13 – mountain holly berries ripe

Sep 17 – wood turtle in stream

Oct 4 – ruby-crowned kinglets, yellow-rumped warblers

Oct 6 – great horned owl hooting and pack of coyotes howling at Goose Pond at dusk

Oct 9 – American robins, big flock of cedar waxwings

Oct 11 – peak autumn colors

Oct 15 – white-throated sparrows

Oct 25 – hermit thrushes & American robins eating dried blueberries and wild grapes

Oct 30 – question mark butterfly

Nov 3 – monarch butterfly; 2 white-tailed bucks fighting

Nov 9 – fox sparrows, red-breasted nuthatches, golden-crowned kinglets; 6 ruffed grouse on road

Nov 29 – 25 cedar waxwings eating mountain ash fruits

Dec 20 – brown creeper

Dec 22 – southern flying squirrel

Dec 26 – American goldfinches eating birch seeds

 1995

Feb 18 – cardinal singing, woodpeckers drumming; snowfleas abundant

Feb 20 – eastern chipmunk; 10 cedar waxwings eating mountain ash fruits

Feb 22 – golden-crowned kinglets

Feb 23 – American robin eating mountain ash fruits

Mar 7 – flocks of migrating Canada geese

Mar 12 – purple finch

Mar 18 – brown creeper, eastern phoebe, turkey vulture, American robins

Mar 25 – wood frogs breeding

Mar 30 – several American woodcock; wood ducks, great blue heron; spring peepers calling

Apr 22 – hermit thrush, pine & yellow-rumped warblers, belted kingfisher, northern flicker, blue-gray gnatcatcher; wood turtle, eastern milk and eastern garter snakes

Apr 23 – blue-headed vireo, ruby-crowned kinglet, winter wren, osprey, brown-headed cowbird

Apr 25 – smooth green snake, ribbon snake; broad-winged hawk, cliff swallow

Apr 27 – American toads breeding; marsh marigold in bloom

Apr 29 – black & white warbler, red-breasted nuthatch; spicebush in bloom

May 1 – Louisiana waterthrush

May 2 – porcupine ran into rock crevice (Beaver Dam Trail); sharp-shinned hawk, eastern towhee; buffleheads on lake; red-spotted newts eating spotted salamander eggs

May 4 – yellow warbler, white-throated sparrows, barn swallows

May 6 – American redstart, red-eyed vireo, yellow-throated vireo, gray catbird, chipping sparrow, common yellowthroat, ovenbird, black-throated green warbler; tiger swallowtail, spring azure

May 7 – Baltimore oriole, warbling vireo, veery

May 9 – rose-breasted grosbeak; gray tree frog calling

May 11 – river otter eating mussels in lake; scarlet tanager, great crested flycatcher, chestnut-sided warbler, 2 white-crowned sparrows; dwarf ginseng, wood anemone in bloom

May 16 – wood thrush, black-throated blue warbler; luna moth

May 19 – newborn fawn

May 22 – 33 snakes under rocks: 19 eastern milk, 3 eastern garter, 6 smooth green, 5 ring-necked (\*including same large one, 4 years in a row); also, Nashville & golden-winged warblers

May 25 – fawn lying in open on golf course – I picked it up to remove it to safety and it started crying – mother doe ran out of woods right over to me so I placed fawn on ground & they both walked away

Jun 1 – eastern wood pewee, least flycatcher, Canada warbler; baby porcupine at Goose Pond

Jun 7 – sheep laurel in bloom; small wood turtle at Indian Ladder Falls

Jun 11 – yellow-bellied sapsucker; eastern wood pewee attacking female brown-headed cowbird

Jun 17 – mountain laurel in peak bloom

Jun 18 – black-billed cuckoo; family of ruffed grouse

Jun 24 – red-spotted purple butterflies

Jun 27 – cerulean warbler; Indian pipes in bloom

Jun 28 – golden-crowned kinglets

Jul 1 – pack of coyotes howling at Goose Pond

Jul 10 – wood lily, rhododendron in bloom

Jul 12 – 2 pine voles under big rock; monarch, great spangled fritillary on common milkweed

Jul 15 – highbush blueberries ripe

Jul 20 – question mark butterfly ovipositing on nettles

Jul 26 – cardinal flower in bloom; sharp-shinned hawk carrying small songbird

Jul 29 – snowshoe hare at Goose Pond; mourning cloak, viceroy

Aug 7 – family of coyotes howling at Goose Pond – kept coming closer every time I imitated them until only 15 feet away, but they remained hidden in dense blueberry bushes

Aug 9 – marbled salamander (new record)

Aug 15 – bald eagle; dark fishing spider with babies

Aug 28 – porcupine eating wooden boat at Goose Pond

Sep 2 – red squirrel cutting down evergreen cones

Sep 12 – 12 common mergansers in lake

Sep 16 – Cooper’s hawk, American kestrel

Sep 27 – northern harrier at Goose Pond; gray fox; mourning cloak, Compton tortoise shell

Oct 28 – brown creeper, golden-crowned kinglets

Nov 7 – evening grosbeaks; common goldeneye, bufflehead, blue-winged teal in lake

Nov 25 – beaver in stream

Dec 28 – ruffed grouse in snow burrow; winter cranefly

 1996

Jan 20 – mink in stream

Jan 30 – beaver at lodge

Feb 13 – herd of 54 white-tailed deer on golf course

Feb 20 – flock of 20 wild turkeys

Mar 10 – turkey vultures

Mar 14 – Compton tortoise shell butterfly

Mar 26 – American woodcock; black ducks, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, mallards in lake

Mar 30 – winter stoneflies

Mar 31 – winter wren, brown creeper, 2 Compton tortoise shell butterflies

Apr 4 – buffleheads, common mergansers in lake; bald eagle

Apr 14 – Louisiana waterthrush, eastern phoebe; spring peepers calling; spotted salamander egg masses

Apr 18 – osprey, sharp-shinned hawk

Apr 20 – spring azures; northern flicker, palm warblers; 4-toed salamander, smooth green and northern water snakes

Apr 23 – wood frog egg masses; hermit thrush, barn swallows, ruby-crowned kinglets, dark-eyed juncos, eastern towhee; trailing arbutus in bloom; American toads breeding; eastern milk & eastern garter snakes; same 18-inch ring-necked snake under rock for 5th year in a row; mourning cloak

Apr 27 – black & white warbler

May 3 – blue-headed vireo

May 4 – chestnut-sided, yellow warblers, gray catbird, ovenbird, white-throated sparrows

May 8 – black-throated green, black-throated blue, pine, northern parula warblers, American redstart, veery, red-eyed vireo

May 13 – scarlet tanager, American goldfinches, blue-gray gnatcatcher

May 15 – prairie, Tennessee warblers, common yellowthroat, broad-winged hawk

May 21 – spring salamander under log along stream

May 22 – eastern wood pewee, great crested and least flycatchers, rose-breasted grosbeak, yellow-throated vireo, golden-winged warbler; 6 ribbon & 5 smooth green snakes under rocks; bullfrogs calling

May 26 – swamp sparrow

Jun 1 – monarch butterfly; hermit thrush nest with 3 nestlings

Jun 7 – 6 painted turtles digging nests; snapping turtle nest; spicebush & tiger swallowtails

Jun 8 – pink corydalis, mountain laurel in bloom

Jun 22 – female eastern box turtle on Skytop Mtn. Road (new record?)

Jul 3 – northern waterthrush

Jul 7 – cedar waxwings, yellow-bellied sapsucker, swamp sparrow

Jul 14 – great spangled fritillary, pearly eye

Jul 17 – wood lily, Indian pipes in bloom

Jul 22 – family of wood ducks

Jul 31 – lots of red efts, several slimy & mountain dusky salamanders

Aug 11 – 2 river otters in Goose Pond; eastern milk snake under rock- regurgitated red-bellied snake

Aug 19 – luna moth

Sep 7 – golden-crowned kinglets

Oct 2 – masked shrew on Lake Trail – caught by hand, photographed, & released it

Oct 14 – peak autumn colors; \*moose on Trout Stream (several sightings in Poconos this month)

Oct 16 – baby black racer; winter wren, ruby-crowned kinglets

Nov 3 – tamarack colors at peak at Goose Pond

Nov 7 – dark-eyed juncos, American robins

Nov 9 – 3 hermit thrushes eating fruits of silky dogwood

Nov 16 – new beaver lodge at Upper Falls

Dec 12 – snow bunting on entrance road

 1997

Jan 20 – golden-crowned kinglets, common raven

Jan 28 – pair of great horned owls hooting

Feb 15 – millions of snowfleas

Feb 17 – brown creeper

Feb 19 – cardinal singing

Feb 23 – red-bellied woodpecker

Mar 8 – turkey vultures; winter stoneflies; river otter

Mar 10 – pair of wood ducks, Cooper’s hawk

Apr 6 – yellow-bellied sapsucker

Apr 8 – hermit thrush; spotted salamander egg masses; spring peepers calling

Apr 13 – wood frogs breeding; Louisiana waterthrush

Apr 15 – northern flicker, sharp-shinned hawk, dark-eyed juncos; bluets in bloom

Apr 17 – pine warbler, osprey, fish crows; wood frog tadpoles; great horned owl nestling on ground below nest in white pine grove, with very agitated, vocal parent in trees – remains of prey on ground: feathers of woodcock, wild turkey, junco, flicker, and half a carp!

Apr 19 – common loons, buffleheads in lake

Apr 22 – pickerel frogs calling; ring-necked and eastern garter snakes; blue-headed vireo, blue-gray gnatcatcher, brown-headed cowbird; trailing arbutus in bloom

Apr 27 – yellow-rumped warblers, ruby-crowned kinglets, white-throated sparrows

May 1 – American toad egg masses; 7 smooth green, 3 eastern garter, I eastern milk snake under rocks; spotted sandpiper; blackflies abundant

May 2 – American woodcock

May 3 – black & white, yellow warblers, gray catbird, barn swallows, eastern towhee, swamp sparrow

May 4 – rose-breasted grosbeak, American goldfinches, chipping sparrows, cliff swallows, American redstart, broad-winged hawk, Blackburnian warbler

May 9 – ovenbird

May 14 – least flycatcher, northern parula warbler, common yellowthroat

May 19 – red-eyed vireo, chestnut-sided & golden-winged warblers, brown thrasher; coyotes howling

May 24 – eastern wood pewee, black-throated green warbler; hermit thrush on nest; newborn fawn

May 28 – common raven, great crested flycatcher, scarlet tanager

May 29 – black-throated blue, prairie warblers, wood thrush, yellow-throated vireo; fringed polygala, columbine, mountain sandwort, wild geranium, pale corydalis in bloom

Jun 3 – beaver in lake; pink lady slipper in bloom

Jun 7 – Canada warbler, cedar waxwings, American woodcock; green frogs & bull frogs calling

Jun 19 – red-breasted nuthatch; dozens of red-spotted newts in stream

Jun 21 – sheep laurel & mountain laurel in bloom; painted turtles nesting

Jul 2 - American toadlets abundant

Jul 3 – red-spotted purple butterflies

Jul 5 – snowshoe hare ran into spruce forest at Goose Pond

Jul 11 – rhododendron in bloom

Jul 14 – Acadian flycatcher; pearly eye butterflies

Jul 21 – great spangled fritillary butterflies on common milkweed

Jul 26 – American bittern at Goose Pond

Aug 10 – adult black racer near lake

Aug 11 – northern red salamander in stream

Sep 6 – marbled salamander; many migrating monarchs

Sep 13 – eastern hognose snake (black morph) on route 390 near Dutch Hill Road

Oct 11 – peak autumn colors

Oct 12 – yellow-rumped warblers, dark-eyed juncos, white-throated sparrows; mourning cloak butterfly

Nov 5 – bald eagle; buffleheads in lake

Nov 16 – migrating snow geese

Nov 18 – red-tailed hawk eating deer carcass

Dec 6 – cedar waxwings

Dec 18 – immature golden eagle soaring overhead for 10 minutes

Dec 24 – 2 common ravens

 1998

Feb 2 – 2 common ravens; millions of snowfleas

Mar 3 – red-winged blackbirds

Mar 7 – American robins, turkey vultures

Mar 11 – found mother black bear with 4 cubs in winter den (brush pile on golf course)

Mar 17 – coltsfoot in bloom; house finches singing

Mar 20 – red-shouldered hawk

Mar 21 – American woodcock

Mar 28 – mourning cloak butterfly; eastern phoebe, hermit thrush, wood ducks; spring peepers calling; red-bellied snake

Mar 29 – wood frogs breeding; eastern garter snake

Mar 30 – red maple in bloom

Apr 16 – osprey, belted kingfisher, buffleheads in lake; sugar maple in bloom

Apr 18 – eastern milk snake, 3 ring-necked snakes

Apr 21 – common loons in lake

Apr 22 – newborn painted turtle; pickerel frogs calling; American toad eggs; 5 smooth green & 6 eastern milk snakes under rocks

Apr 25 – yellow-bellied sapsucker

Apr 26 – lots of spotted salamander egg masses; trailing arbutus in bloom

Apr 28 – blue-winged teal & great blue heron in lake; toad eggs hatched

May 1 – 100s of American toads crossing road toward lake in light rain

May 2 – ring-necked duck, pied-billed grebe in lake; gray catbird, eastern towhee, blue-gray gnatcatcher, northern flicker, common yellowthroat, black & white, yellow, chestnut-sided, pine, yellow-rumped warblers, evening grosbeaks; ruffed grouse drumming; blackflies abundant

May 3 – Baltimore oriole, chipping sparrow, tree & barn swallows, spotted sandpiper, rose-breasted grosbeak, American goldfinches, blue-headed vireo, ovenbird, Louisiana waterthrush, ruby-crowned kinglets; red-breasted nuthatch pair at nest hole; great horned owl chased by crows

May 9 – fringed polygala in bloom; American redstart, least flycatcher

May 13 – scarlet tanager; white oak leaves budding out

May 14 – great crested flycatcher, black-throated blue warbler

May 16 – spotted salamander eggs hatching; pink lady slipper, starflower in bloom

May 23 – veery, red-eyed vireo; tiger swallowtails

May 24 – 2 common loons in lake; snowshoe hare at Goose Pond

May 26 – sheep laurel, mountain laurel & mountain sandwort in bloom

May 31 – eastern wood pewee; great crested flycatcher bringing dead leaves into tree cavity with garter snake’s shed skin hanging out

Jun 1 – eastern kingbird, Blackburnian warbler

Jun 4 – rhododendron in bloom (very early)

Jun 10 – newborn fawn; red-spotted purple butterfly

Jun 11 – hermit thrush feeding brown-headed cowbird fledgling

Jun 15 – cedar waxwings

Jun 27 – eastern milk snake (found under rock) regurgitated 7 baby Sorex shrews

Jul 2 – family of ruffed grouse

Jul 3 – lots of baby wood frogs; mountain dusky salamander

Jul 4 – Indian pipes in bloom; yellow-bellied sapsucker

Jul 8 – common wintergreen in bloom

Jul 13 – highbush blueberries ripe; spring salamander in stream; pearly eye butterflies

Jul 18 – woodland jumping mouse at Goose Pond

Jul 19 – luna moth, dobsonfly

Jul 20 – group of 10 ruffed grouse feeding in huckleberry bushes; great spangled fritillaries

Jul 22 – several whip-poor-wills and 3 American woodcock at Goose Pond in evening

Jul 26 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 1 – great egret (Goose Pond)

Aug 3 – fledgling turkey vulture running along Skytop Mtn. Rd. – I caught & released it into woods

Aug 8 – big black bear on Goose Pond Road

Aug 9 – cedar waxwings

Aug 22 – flock of 12 common nighthawks; great horned owl at Goose Pond

Aug 24 – hairy-tailed mole

Oct 3 – migrating Canada geese; sassafras in peak fall colors

Oct 7 – lots of migrating American robins

Oct 12 – peak autumn colors; yellow-rumped warblers, 2 red-bellied woodpeckers

Oct 13 – eastern milk snakes emerging from eggs

Nov 22 – flock of cedar waxwing eating mountain holly berries

Dec 13 – golden-crowned kinglets, 2 common ravens

Dec 29 – young porcupine on Beaver Dam Trail; dark-eyed juncos

 1999

Jan 12 – 3 eastern bluebirds

Jan 17 – short-tailed shrew; lots of snowfleas

Jan 30 – dead porcupine (scabies) on Skytop Mountain

Feb 13 – another dead porcupine (same one as live one on 12/29/98)

Feb 15 – Cooper’s hawk

Feb 16 – turkey vultures, eastern chipmunks

Feb 18 – 20 cedar waxwings

Feb 26 – immature bald eagle

Mar 2 – common grackles

Mar 20 – white-footed mouse with 3 newborn babies; winter stoneflies

Mar 21 – cardinals and house finches singing

Mar 27 – wood ducks

Apr 6 – eastern phoebe, northern flicker; spring peepers calling

Apr 8 – question mark butterfly; pine warbler

Apr 10 – eastern garter snake; spotted salamander egg masses; 2 common loons, buffleheads in lake

Apr 12 – belted kingfisher, Louisiana waterthrush, hermit thrush; 10 loons in lake

Apr 15 – winter wren

Apr 17 – chipping sparrows

Apr 20 – osprey

Apr 21 – ruby-crowned kinglets, white-throated sparrows, swamp sparrow, palm warblers, dark-eyed juncos, barn & tree swallows

Apr 24 – yellow-bellied sapsucker; trailing arbutus in bloom

Apr 25 – broad-winged hawk

Apr 27 – red-backed vole, long-tailed weasel at Goose Pond; pickerel frogs calling; 6 smooth green & 2 northern water snakes under rocks; eastern towhee

Apr 28 – yellow-rumped warblers, blue-headed vireo, brown-headed cowbird, field sparrow

May 5 – snowshoe hare at Goose Pond; American toads breeding; black & white, Blackburnian, yellow warblers, American redstart, common yellowthroat, rose-breasted grosbeak, least flycatcher, solitary sandpiper, American goldfinches

May 8 – ovenbird, blue-gray gnatcatcher; 20 common loons in lake

May 10 – black-throated blue warbler, wood thrush, great crested flycatcher, gray catbird; fringed polygala in bloom; red-bellied snake

May 12 – black-throated green, cerulean, blackpoll warblers, scarlet tanager, ruby-throated hummingbird, red-eyed vireo; ruffed grouse drumming; male wild turkey displaying

May 17 – American woodcock with chick at Goose Pond; chestnut-sided warbler, Baltimore oriole, veery

May 18 – prairie warbler, eastern wood pewee; gray tree frogs calling

May 19 – spotted sandpiper, cedar waxwings; dark-eyed juncos singing

May 22 – willow flycatcher, yellow-throated vireo; 8 tiger swallowtails puddling

May 29 – Philadelphia vireo; newborn fawn

May 30 – bald eagle; spicebush swallowtails

May 31 – golden-winged warbler; bull frogs and green frogs calling; baby painted turtle

Jun 9 – green heron at Goose Pond

Jun 12 – mountain laurel in bloom

Jun 23 – red-spotted purple butterflies; warbling vireo

Jun 26 – ruffed grouse with 4 chicks; ruby-throated hummingbird & 2 yellow-bellied sapsuckers at same sap holes

Jun 28 – Canada warbler

Jul 3 – rhododendron in bloom

Jul 4 – great spangled fritillaries, American ladies, tiger & spicebush swallowtails on milkweed

Jul 5 – adult, patterned eastern hognose snake at Upper Falls Trail

Jul 8 – highbush blueberries ripe

Jul 16 – 4-toed salamander

Jul 21 – red-shouldered hawk

Jul 22 – lots of red efts, 6 slimy salamanders, 5 mountain dusky salamanders in swamp

Jul 31 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 16 – olive-sided flycatcher

Aug 17 – baby eastern hognose snake on Upper Falls Trail

Aug 21 – mink in stream

Aug 26 – American goldfinch with nestling; cecropia moth larva

Aug 27 – 4 marbled salamanders in swamp

Aug 29 – coyote at Goose Pond

Sep 1 – black bear eating huckleberries on Skytop Mtn.; red-backed vole; marbled salamander with eggs under log; 4-toed salamander

Sep 17 – gray fox, striped skunk, southern flying squirrel

Sep 20 – pair of great horned owls at Goose Pond

Sep 21 – 6 large spring salamanders in stream

Sep 29 – barred owl roosting on Pine Trail

Oct 11 – white-crowned sparrow, ruby-crowned kinglets, yellow-rumped warblers; 5 ribbon, 5 ring-necked, 1 red-bellied, 1 smooth green, 1 eastern garter snake under rocks

Oct 12 – peak autumn colors

Oct 17 – big flocks of common grackles and dark-eyed juncos

Oct 23 – brown creeper

Nov 14 – red-shouldered hawk

Nov 16 – common mergansers, buffleheads in lake

Nov 24 – barred owl on Pine Trail

Dec 12 – common ravens

 2000

Jan 23 – red-shouldered hawk, common raven

Feb 21 – winter stoneflies, winter cranefly, winter gnats, snowfleas

Mar 21 – wood frogs breeding

Mar 25 – spring azure butterflies; turkey vultures, sharp-shinned hawk

Mar 26 – spotted salamander egg masses; eastern phoebe; mourning cloak; dark-eyed juncos singing

Apr 2 – red maple in bloom

Apr 4 – 1 spring, 2 slimy, 3 four-toed, 12 mountain dusky, several 2-lined & northern dusky, many red-backed salamanders, several red efts; hermit thrush, winter wren, northern flicker, song sparrow

Apr 8 – question mark butterfly; trailing arbutus in bloom

Apr 25 – broad-winged hawk

Apr 26 – yellow-rumped warblers, yellow-bellied sapsucker

Apr 30 – blue-headed vireo, palm & black & white warblers; tiger swallowtail; American toads breeding; 6 smooth green, 3 eastern milk, 1 northern water snake under rocks

May 1 – ruby-crowned kinglets, Nashville, yellow warblers, red-breasted nuthatch, yellow-bellied sapsucker, purple finch, chipping & white-throated sparrows, cliff & tree swallows, brown-headed cowbird, American goldfinch; wood ducks, common merganser, buffleheads in lake; blackflies abundant

May 6 – chestnut-sided & prairie warblers, eastern towhee, ruby-throated hummingbird

May 7 – ovenbird, scarlet tanager, red-eyed vireo

May 8 – mosquitoes in unbelievable numbers; eastern wood pewee, great crested flycatcher, veery, yellow-throated vireo, eastern kingbird, black-throated green, magnolia warblers, common yellowthroat, rose-breasted grosbeak, swamp sparrow, Baltimore oriole

May 10 – spotted turtle (Goose Pond – new record); 38-inch eastern garter snake along lake

May 14 – fringed polygala, pink corydalis in bloom; American redstart

May 15 – ruffed grouse drumming; black-throated blue, blue-winged, golden-winged, cerulean warblers

May 17 – Blackburnian warbler

May 22 – least flycatcher, gray catbird, northern waterthrush; 2 scarlet tanagers mating; pink lady slipper in bloom

May 24 – 4 ring-necked, 3 ribbon snakes under rocks; spicebush swallowtail, ringlet butterfly; blackpoll & worm-eating warblers; 9 big slimy salamanders; luna moth; picked 40 ticks off me

May 27 – wild turkey with 10 chicks

May 29 – cedar waxwings; green frogs and bull frogs calling; painted turtle nesting; mountain sandwort in bloom; timber rattlesnake

May 30 – gray tree frogs calling; Canada warbler

Jun 7 – sheep laurel in bloom; red admiral & mourning cloak butterflies

Jun 14 – red-backed salamander with eggs under log

Jun 17 – mountain laurel in peak bloom

Jun 28 – baby wood frogs and spring peepers emerging from water

Jul 1 – baby American toads emerging from water; red-spotted purple, great spangled fritillary

Jul 3 – 5 pileated woodpeckers in a group

Jul 5 – big northern red salamander in stream

Jul 9 – pearly-eye butterflies

Jul 10 – green heron & 2 great blue herons on lake

Jul 24 – highbush blueberries ripe

Aug 6 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 9 – winter wren singing; luna moth caterpillar

Aug 14 – eastern box turtle on Trout Stream Trail; buck moth caterpillar on entrance road

Aug 16 – dark fishing spider with babies

Aug 26 – ringlet butterfly; gray tree froglets emerging from water; red-spotted purple on coyote scat

Aug 27 – mourning cloak under plywood

Aug 28 – 2 black bears eating blueberries on Goose Pond Road (one bent branches down w/paw)

Aug 29 – mother black bear with 3 cubs at Leavitt Falls; cecropia moth larva

Sep 6 – white admiral butterfly

Sep 10 – common raven

Oct 5 – trees full of migrating warblers and ruby-crowned kinglets

Oct 15 – peak autumn colors

Oct 16 – red-bellied woodpecker

Oct 19 to 21 – 13 saw-whet owls trapped in mist nets on Rhododendron Trail

Oct 22 – 30 saw-whet owls trapped in mist nets

Oct 23 – woodland jumping mouse on Trout Stream Trail

Oct 29 – 2 snow buntings on Skytop Mountain Road; mourning cloak butterfly

Oct 30 – cedar waxwings

Nov 8 – flocks of common grackles

Dec 24 – common ravens

Dec 28 – golden-crowned kinglets

 2001

Jan 18 – 30 cedar waxwings

Mar 10 – turkey vultures

Mar 28 – fox sparrow, 4 red-breasted nuthatches, dark-eyed juncos, American goldfinches

Apr 21 – yellow-rumped warblers, northern flicker, belted kingfisher; wood frog and spotted salamander egg masses; 9 smooth green, 6 red-bellied, 2 ring-necked, 1 eastern milk, I ribbon snake under rocks

Apr 28 – broad-winged hawk

Apr 29 – yellow-bellied sapsucker

May 2 – 2 common loons in lake; eastern phoebe, eastern kingbird, least flycatcher, tree & barn swallows, blue-gray gnatcatcher, warbling vireo, pine & yellow warblers, common yellowthroat, American redstart, brown-headed cowbird, Baltimore oriole, chipping sparrow; American toads breeding

May 5 – eastern towhee, field sparrow, chestnut-sided warbler, gray catbird; blackflies unbearable

May 6 – black-throated green warbler, yellow-throated vireo; American lady butterfly

May 7 – marsh marigold, wood anemone in bloom

May 9 – great crested flycatcher, red-eyed vireo, ovenbird, scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak, black & white warbler, swamp sparrow

May 12 – luna moth

May 13 – starflower, fringed polygala in bloom

May 14 – Nashville warbler; ruffed grouse drumming

May 16 – eastern wood pewee, black-throated blue warbler, Canada warbler, indigo bunting; beaver in lake; American woodcock with 4 chicks

May 23 – magnolia warbler, veery

May 30 – alder flycatcher

Jun 4 – painted turtles nesting; 2 beavers in Goose Pond; cedar waxwings

Jun 5 – tiger & spicebush swallowtail butterflies puddling; red admiral, mourning cloak, cecropia moth

Jun 6 – yellow-billed cuckoo

Jun 9 – several species of warblers probably breeding in Norway spruces along lake: Blackburnian, magnolia, yellow-rumped

Jun 23 – rhododendron in bloom

Jun 24 – comma butterfly

Jun 26 – ruffed grouse with chicks; polyphemus moth

Jun 27 - red-spotted purple butterflies, promethea moth; caught hairy-tail mole by hand on Trout Stream Trail – when put back on ground it burrowed out of sight within seconds

Jun 30 – eastern hognose snake

Jul 3 – great spangled fritillary butterflies on milkweed; great horned owl mobbed by crows; river otter in Goose Pond; gray tree frog tadpoles

Jul 4 – marbled salamander; luna moth

Jul 5 – several comma butterflies

Jul 7 – pearly eye butterflies

Jul 11 – wood frog tadpoles transforming into froglets

Jul 14 – 3 common ravens

Jul 15 – both red-spotted purple and white admiral butterflies

Jul 16 – 2 families of ruffed grouse (2 adults and 13 chicks)

Jul 17 – mourning cloak caterpillars on willow; pearly eye butterflies, monarchs

Jul 24 – thousands of baby wood frogs and American toads in wet forests

Jul 29 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 30 – marbled salamander; red-backed vole

Aug 5 – dark fishing spider with egg sac along lake

Aug 15 – bald eagle; buck moth caterpillar on scrub oak on Skytop Mountain

Aug 19 – beaver in Goose Pond; 4-toed salamander

Sep 15 – two 4-toed salamanders, 3 red-bellied snakes

Sep 21 – musk turtle on Skytop entrance road (new record)

Sep 29 – large numbers of migrating warblers

Oct 5 – 4 spring salamanders in stream

Oct 8 – beaver in lake, and new beaver lodge along shore

Oct 13 – nest of white-footed mice: mother with several newborn babies; American woodcock, white-throated sparrows; newborn smooth green, eastern garter, and northern water snakes

Oct 15 – peak autumn colors

Oct 24 – flocks of American robins and dark-eyed juncos

Dec 10 – golden-crowned kinglets, great horned owl, common raven

Dec 16 – torpid northern red bat on poison ivy vine on tree trunk

Dec 29 – red-backed vole under plywood on Beaver Dam Trail

 2002

Jan 20 – snow scorpionfly, winter gnat

Feb 20 – 20 cedar waxwings eating crab apples; flock of dark-eyed juncos

Feb 22 – belted kingfisher

Feb 24 – bald eagle

Feb 28 – pair of great horned owls hooting; golden-crowned kinglets

Mar 1 – mink along stream

Mar 4 – Cooper’s hawk

Mar 9 – wood frogs and spring peepers calling

Mar 10 – spotted salamander spermatophores

Mar 16 – American robins on golf course

Mar 30 – mourning cloak butterfly

Apr 3 – common loon in lake

Apr 5 – eastern phoebe, northern flicker

Apr 7 – hermit thrush; lesser scaup in lake

Apr 13 – red-backed vole; Louisiana waterthrush, yellow-bellied sapsucker

Apr 16 – ruby-crowned kinglets, blue-headed vireo; ruffed grouse drumming; American toads breeding; spring azure butterflies; eastern garter snake

Apr 17 – wood turtle in stream; pine & yellow-rumped warblers; wood duck, 10 buffleheads in lake

Apr 20 – eastern towhee; trailing arbutus in bloom

Apr 23 – broad-winged hawk

Apr 27 – ring-necked snake, eastern milk snake

Apr 29 – great crested flycatcher; 7 common mergansers in lake

Apr 30 – osprey, tree swallows, red-bellied woodpeckers (pair), blue-gray gnatcatcher, common yellowthroat, chipping sparrow, white-throated sparrows, American goldfinches

May 5 – 3 spring salamanders in stream

May 6 – smooth green & red-bellied snakes; fringed polygala in bloom; black & white warbler; 15 mountain dusky salamanders in old well

May 7 – chestnut-sided & prairie warblers, ovenbird, rose-breasted grosbeak, veery, red-eyed vireo, gray catbird

May 14 – black-throated blue, Canada, Blackburnian warblers, American redstart, scarlet tanager, purple finch

May 20 – pink lady slipper, columbine, pale corydalis in bloom; indigo bunting

May 21 – brown thrasher, Baltimore oriole, ruby-throated hummingbird (doing “pendulum flight”)

May 27 – cedar waxwings, wood thrush; painted turtle nesting; blackflies abundant; American toads migrating to breeding ponds for 2nd time this spring (see Apr 16)

May 28 – eastern wood pewee, least flycatcher, warbling vireo, swamp sparrow

Jun 8 – mountain laurel & sheep laurel in bloom; eastern box turtle on Skytop Mtn.; mink near lake

Jun 9 – 2 marbled salamanders under same rock

Jun 10 – gray tree frog calling

Jun 22 – timber rattlesnake; red-spotted purple butterflies on coyote droppings

Jun 23 – rhododendron in bloom

Jul 2 – northern dusky salamander with eggs under moss near Leavitt Falls

Jul 6 – great spangled fritillary & common wood nymph butterflies

Jul 8 – bull frog calling; 100s of newly metamorphosed wood frogs

Jul 10 – pearly eye butterflies

Jul 14 – two 4-toed salamanders

Jul 20 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 28 – highbush blueberries ripe

Aug 3 – big brown bat inside lodge

Aug 4 – 2 newly metamorphosed spotted salamanders

Aug 10 – several ringlet butterflies; cedar waxwings

Aug 12 – another northern dusky salamander with eggs under rock at Leavitt Falls

Aug 13 – tulip-tree silk moth caterpillar

Oct 5 – huge spring salamander in stream

Oct 6 – yellow-rumped warblers

Oct 13 – several big slimy salamanders

Oct 14 - ruby-crowned kinglets, black-throated blue warbler

Oct 19 – flocks of dark-eyed juncos

Nov 2 – American woodcock

Nov 9 – great horned owls hooting

Nov 18 – golden-crowned kinglets; 6 common mergansers, 2 common goldeneyes on lake

Dec 29 – dark-eyed juncos, red-bellied woodpecker; snowfleas

 2003

Jan 3 – pileated woodpecker roosting in tree cavity with head sticking out

Jan 26 – pair of common ravens

Jan 29 – pair of great horned owls hooting & flying around on Pine Trail

Feb 8 – tufted titmouse singing

Feb 16 – red-breasted nuthatch

Feb 19 – wild turkeys in trees eating buds

Feb 20 – winter stoneflies, snowfleas

Mar 1 – 2 white-tailed deer killed and eaten by coyotes off Trout Stream Trail

Mar 9 – pileated woodpecker drumming; turkey vultures

Mar 12 – saw-whet owl roosting in pines all day on Pine Trail – scolded by black-capped chickadees

Mar 15 – common grackles, red-shouldered hawk

Mar 16 – large migrating flocks of snow geese and Canada geese

Mar 17 – American robins

Mar 22 – brown-headed cowbirds; American woodcock calling and displaying at Trout Stream

Mar 24 – mourning cloak butterfly; eastern phoebe

Apr 9 – golden-crowned kinglets, song sparrows, hermit thrush; common mergansers in lake

Apr 10 – common loon, buffleheads in lake

Apr 12 – winter wren; spotted salamander egg masses; wood frogs breeding

Apr 13 – 4-toed salamander

Apr 16 – pine warbler; 2 smooth green snakes; spring peepers; spring azure butterflies

Apr 19 – trailing arbutus in bloom; Louisiana waterthrush, osprey

Apr 20 – short-tailed shrew and 4 red-backed voles caught in live-traps along Trout Stream

Apr 22 – ring-necked snake

Apr 28 – eastern towhee; porcupine in sassafras tree on Skytop Mountain

Apr 29 – yellow-rumped, black & white warblers, ruby-crowned kinglets, yellow-bellied sapsuckers, northern flickers, belted kingfisher, ruby-throated hummingbird, chipping sparrow, blue-headed vireo; flocks of migrating double-crested cormorants

May 3 – American toads breeding

May 4 – Cooper’s hawk; two 4-toed salamanders, marbled salamander

May 6 – barn swallow, gray catbird, American goldfinch, white-throated sparrows, Baltimore oriole

May 10 – chestnut-sided and yellow warblers; northern water snake

May 11 – ovenbird

May 12 – veery, wood thrush, magnolia warbler; eastern milk snake

May 13 – black-throated blue warbler, American redstart, common yellowthroat, purple finch, red-eyed vireo

May 14 – solitary sandpiper, yellow-throated vireo, black-throated green warbler, house wren

May 19 – fringed polygala, starflower in bloom

May 20 – scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak, great crested flycatcher, sharp-shinned hawk; pair of ovenbirds mating; nesting dark-eyed juncos

May 25 – prairie warbler

May 26 – eastern kingbird

May 27 – common loon in lake; olive-sided flycatcher (caught bumblebee), cedar waxwings, eastern wood pewee, least flycatcher, green heron; ribbon snake, marbled salamander

Jun 2 – white-tailed doe with fawn

Jun 9 – ringlet butterflies; gray tree frogs calling

Jun 28 – red-spotted purple butterflies

Jun 29 – partridge berry in bloom

Jul 10 – caught 4 white-footed mice, 2 red-backed voles, 1 short-tailed shrew in live-traps (Trout Stream)

Jul 12 – highbush blueberries ripe

Jul 14 – thousands of wood froglets emerging from water

Jul 22 – 8 slimy, 7 mountain dusky, 1 marbled, several red-backed salamanders & red efts

Jul 26 – pearly eye butterflies

Jul 27 – northern red bat flying at Goose Pond

Aug 5 – 2 black bears feeding in huckleberry bushes on Skytop Mountain

Aug 18 – timber rattlesnake (yellow morph)

Aug 19 – mourning cloak and question mark butterflies

Aug 26 – cedar waxwings

Aug 27 – 4-toed salamander under small log

Sep 13 – 4 marbled salamanders under fallen bark; Cooper’s hawk

Sep 17 – 6 eastern garter snakes at old well (Goose Pond)

Sep 21 – mountain holly berries

Oct 7 – 4 spring salamanders in stream

Oct 8 – 3 ring-necked, 6 smooth green, 6 ribbon, 4 eastern garter, I northern water, 1 red-bellied, 7 eastern milk snakes under rocks

Oct 11 – hermit thrushes

Oct 13 – peak autumn colors

Oct 18 – dark-eyed juncos

Nov 1 – ruby-crowned kinglets, American goldfinches; 2 big brown bats flying over lake

Nov 8 – 2 American woodcock on White Birch Trail

Nov 10 – common mergansers, common goldeneyes in lake

Nov 23 – caught meadow vole in live-trap

Dec 7 – adult bald eagle; common raven

Dec 30 – lots of snowfleas

 2004

Jan 2 – flocks of dark-eyed juncos

Jan 3 – adult bald eagle

Jan 25 – pair of great horned owls hooting on Pine Trail

Feb 14 – long-tailed weasel on Skytop Mtn.

Feb 18 – little brown bat inside hotel

Mar 25 – American robins

Mar 27 – wood frogs breeding

Mar 28 – mourning cloaks; lots of spotted salamander & wood frog egg masses; 4 buffleheads in lake

Apr 4 – eastern phoebe

Apr 11 – yellow-bellied sapsucker, red-breasted nuthatch

Apr 12 – Louisiana waterthrush

Apr 17 – hermit thrush, belted kingfisher, ruby-crowned kinglet, song sparrow, northern flicker, yellow-rumped warbler, tree swallow; 2 smooth green, 2 red-bellied, 2 northern water, 1 eastern garter snake under rocks; spring azure butterflies

Apr 18 – mourning cloak butterfly; American toads breeding

Apr 19 – blue-headed vireo; trailing arbutus in bloom

Apr 21 – common loon in lake

Apr 24 – rusty blackbird in Rhododendron Swamp; four 4-toed salamanders

Apr 27 – winter wren, black & white warbler, dark-eyed juncos, white-throated sparrows

May 2 – black-throated blue warbler, common yellowthroat; spicebush in bloom

May 4 – ovenbird, swamp sparrow, chipping sparrow; black swallowtail butterfly

May 8 – eastern towhee, field sparrow, yellow-throated vireo

May 9 – scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak

May 10 – chestnut-sided warbler

May 11 – red-eyed vireo, eastern wood pewee, worm-eating & prairie warblers, American goldfinch, great crested flycatcher, least flycatcher, house wren, Baltimore oriole

May 18 – orchard oriole (Goose Pond – new record), chimney swifts, gray catbird, veery

May 23 – pink lady slipper in bloom

May 25 – indigo bunting, cedar waxwings; ovenbird nest with 6 eggs; 4 ring-necked snakes

May 29 – bald eagle

May 30 – golden-winged warbler, olive-sided flycatcher, eastern kingbird, yellow-billed cuckoo, black-billed cuckoo, all at Goose Pond; ringlet butterflies; green frogs calling

Jun 8 – broad-winged hawk carrying chipmunk in flight

Jun 12 – red-spotted purple and white admiral butterflies

Jun 23 – wild turkey with chicks

Jun 26 – hermit thrush nest with 2 eggs

Jun 27 – eastern screech owl; question mark butterfly on coyote droppings

Jun 29 – 3 fledgling red-breasted nuthatches being fed by adult; 18-inch ring-necked snake

Jul 2 – 3 woodcocks (Goose Pond)

Jul 3 – magnolia warbler; butterflies feeding on white oak sap: mourning cloak, comma, pearly eye, red-spotted purple, red admiral butterflies

Jul 5 – baby wood frogs emerging from water

Jul 7 – Indian pipes in bloom; 2 northern red salamanders in stream

Jul 13 – black-billed cuckoo at Goose Pond (very vocal)

Jul 19 – 1 marbled, 4 slimy, 6 mountain dusky, several red-backed salamanders & red efts

Jul 21 – highbush blueberries ripe; many black swallowtails, also monarchs, common wood nymphs

Jul 26 – several fresh red-spotted purple butterflies

Jul 28 – dark fishing spider with egg sac along lake

Aug 8 – common buckeye butterfly on golf course (new Skytop record)

Aug 15 – 3 male marbled salamanders; 8 common ravens; big timber rattlesnake

Aug 21 – 12 mountain dusky, 4 marbled, 6 slimy, many red-backed salamanders & red efts

Aug 24 – 7 marbled salamanders

Aug 28 – masked shrew under plywood on Beaver Dam Trail

Sep 1 – 42-inch eastern milk snake

Sep 4 – mosquitoes and blackflies unbelievably abundant

Oct 9 – little brown bat hiding under rock (Beaver Dam Trail)

Oct 16 – peak autumn colors

Oct 31 – northern red bat over lake; Cooper’s hawk, dark-eyed juncos, hermit thrush

Nov 3 – 12 fox sparrows on Pine Trail; 3 buffleheads, 10 common mergansers in lake

Nov 7 – comma butterfly

Nov 10 – golden-crowned kinglets, brown creepers

Nov 20 – 10 wood ducks in lake

Nov 21 – mink along stream – kept peeking at me in & out of log along stream

Nov 22 – several muskrats in lake

Nov 26 – 3 red-backed voles under plywood on Beaver Dam Trail & new beaver work along upper stream

Dec 29 – millions of snowfleas

Dec 30 – barred owl; 50 cedar waxwings & many American robins in crab apple trees

 2005

Jan 30 – pair of red-bellied woodpeckers

Feb 5 – brown creeper

Feb 7 – millions (billions?) of snowfleas – estimated 2 million in a single human footprint!

Feb 19 – mink and beaver in stream

Feb 20 – 2 pairs of river otter tracks side by side along stream

Feb 21 – winter scorpionfly, winter stoneflies (2 species), winter craneflies; porcupine in white pine on Upper Falls Trail; golden-crowned kinglets, dark-eyed juncos

Feb 23 – red-breasted nuthatch

Feb 26 – mallards, black ducks in lake

Mar 12 – porcupine still in white pine (Feb 21)

Mar 30 – mourning cloak butterfly; mink running along lake – I attracted it very close by imitating rabbit squeals, then captured it in my T-shirt & photographed, released later (sprayed musk)

Apr 5 – wood frogs breeding

Apr 9 – turkey vultures, hermit thrush; eastern garter snake

Apr 16 – Louisiana waterthrush, yellow-bellied sapsucker, solitary vireo; spring azures; spotted salamander egg masses

Apr 17 – 4-toed and mountain dusky salamanders

Apr 18 – northern water snakes

Apr 20 – brown-headed cowbird, pine warbler

Apr 25 – 6 common loons in lake; great blue heron

Apr 26 – spring peepers calling; wood duck; eastern milk, eastern garter, ribbon, red-bellied snakes

Apr 27 – barn swallows; American toads breeding at lower elevations but not yet Skytop

Apr 28 – watched 3 coyotes chasing each other along Upper Falls Trail

Apr 30 – osprey, eastern towhee

May 6 – ruby-throated hummingbird

May 10 – American redstart, ovenbird, yellow-rumped, black-throated blue, black & white warblers, red-eyed & yellow-throated vireos, white-throated sparrows; wild turkey defending nest; American toads breeding

May 12 – scarlet tanager

May 17 – newborn fawn; gray catbird, yellow, prairie, chestnut-sided, cerulean warblers, rose-breasted grosbeak, common yellowthroat, field sparrow

May 21 – tiger swallowtail; eastern wood pewee; fringed polygala, starflower in bloom

May 23 – active pileated woodpecker and yellow-bellied sapsucker nesting holes

May 24 – veery, common raven

May 25 – Baltimore oriole; pink lady slipper in bloom; 7 smooth green, 5 red-bellied, 2 ribbon, I ring-necked, I eastern garter snake under rocks

Jun 3 – 6 spring salamanders in stream

Jun 8 – several Milbert’s tortoise shell butterflies along stream below Skytop (Canadensis)

Jun 10 – gray tree frogs calling

Jun 11 – pair of Cooper’s hawks

Jun 18 – red-spotted purple butterflies; colony of buck moth caterpillars on scrub oak on Skytop Mtn.; gypsy moth defoliation worst since 1989

Jun 19 – broad-winged hawk dive-bombing turkey vulture; caterpillar of white admiral

Jun 25 – magnolia and Blackburnian warblers

Jun 26 – snapping turtle laying eggs

Jul 1 – baby toadlets emerging from lake

Jul 2 – yellow-billed cuckoo; porcupine in rock crevice on Beaver Dam Trail

Jul 4 – long-eared bat roosting on outside wall of lodge; fresh adult mourning cloak butterfly

Jul 5 – adult gypsy moths and first egg masses

Jul 6 – great spangled fritillaries, monarchs, tiger & black swallowtails; caught & weighed snapping turtle from stream – 35 pounds

Jul 9 – northern red salamander in stream

Jul 10 – baby wood frogs emerging from water; millions of gypsy moths

Jul 16 – highbush blueberries ripe

Jul 19 – pearl eye butterflies

Jul 20 – 2 separate northern dusky salamanders with egg masses under rocks along stream; 3 timber rattlesnakes – one big yellow, one small black, one huge black: 53 inches long, 8 inches circumference, 10 rattles!

Jul 23 – another timber rattlesnake along Trout Stream

Jul 25 – red-bellied snake gave birth to 8 babies

Jul 27 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 30 – large female black timber rattlesnake

Aug 6 – ringlet butterflies

Aug 7 – buck moth caterpillar on Skytop Mtn.; white admiral, common wood nymph butterflies

Aug 10 – marbled, slimy, mountain dusky, red-backed, 2-lined, northern dusky salamanders

Aug 16 – cecropia moth caterpillar on Stable Trail; winter wren

Aug 22 – another cecropia moth caterpillar on Trout Stream Trail

Aug 31 – 114 red efts, 10 slimy, 8 mountain dusky, 1 marbled, 1 two-lined, 10 red-backed salamanders

Sep 11 – pair of red-bellied woodpeckers

Oct 1 – ruby-crowned kinglets

Oct 23 – golden-crowned kinglets

Oct 24 – immature red-headed woodpecker; 37 cedar waxwings eating crab apples

Nov 5 – dark-eyed juncos, brown creeper, eastern bluebirds

Nov 6 – mourning cloak and monarch butterflies

Nov 28 – 2 common mergansers on lake

Dec 18 – porcupine in rock crevice on Trout Stream Trail

Dec 28 – bald eagle

Dec 31 – meadow vole on Beaver Dam Trail

 2006

Jan 8 – adult bald eagle

Feb 18 – American goldfinches

Feb 19 – sharp-shinned hawk

Feb 24 – several pitch pines on Skytop Mtn. de-barked by porcupines

Mar 4 – mink along stream

Mar 22 – flocks of American robins on golf course

Mar 24 – song sparrow; 2 buffleheads on lake

Apr 2 – mourning cloak butterfly; winter wren, yellow-bellied sapsucker, hermit thrush; common merganser on lake; at least 350 wood frog egg masses & 150 spotted salamander egg masses in vernal pond, with red-spotted newts (at least 30) trying to eat eggs

Apr 5 – pied-billed grebe in lake

Apr 10 – pine warblers; ring-necked duck at Goose Pond; spring azure butterflies; pickerel frogs & spring peepers calling

Apr 12 – 4 smooth green, 2 ribbon, 2 red-bellied, 3 eastern garter snakes under rocks; swamp sparrow

Apr 15 – hooded & common mergansers, black ducks in Goose Pond; northern flicker, ruby-crowned kinglets; trailing arbutus in bloom; 2 pairs of American toads mating

Apr 16 – porcupine in pine tree-Skytop Mtn.; 2 black vultures (new record), Cooper’s hawk, blue-headed vireo, eastern towhee, eastern phoebe, brown-headed cowbird, broad-winged hawk, tree swallows

Apr 19 – chipping sparrows, osprey

Apr 24 – white-throated sparrows; beaver on lake

May 1 – 9 smooth green, 6 ribbon, 4 red-bellied, 2 eastern milk snakes (1 milk 39 in. long) under rocks

May 3 – gray catbird

May 6 – scarlet tanager, veery, ovenbird, American redstart, black-throated green warbler, red-eyed vireo, American goldfinch; wood anemone, fringed polygala in bloom

May 7 – Baltimore oriole, blue-gray gnatcatchers (pair), wood thrush; American toads breeding in lake; red trillium in bloom; immature bald eagle

May 14 – great crested flycatcher

May 15 – painted turtles nesting; yellow & chestnut-sided warblers

May 17 – gray fox in Rhodo.Swamp; rose-breasted grosbeak, common yellowthroat, yellow-billed cuckoo

May 27 – eastern wood pewee, least flycatcher, indigo bunting, magnolia, prairie, hooded, Blackburnian warblers; painted trillium, starflower, pink lady slipper in bloom

May 28 – 3 timber rattlesnakes (all dark morphs); gray tree frogs and green frogs calling; Canada & cerulean warblers, whip-poor-will, common nighthawk; wild geranium, mountain sandwort in bloom

May 29 – purple finch, pine siskins, blackpoll warbler, red-shouldered hawk

May 31 – promethea moth

Jun 4 – yellow-billed cuckoo

Jun 5 – fledgling great horned on ground near Trout Stream – I walked within 1 foot & sat down to photograph it as it spread its wings, clacked its bill loudly, and opened it talons

Jun 18 – red-spotted purple butterflies

Jun 25 – nesting families of red-eyed vireos, American redstarts, black & white warblers

Jul 1 – 2 young great horned owls perched low in trees (same area as Jun 4)

Jul 3 – northern red bat; 2 northern red salamanders in seepage area at old Ice House

Jul 4 – yellow-morph timber rattlesnake

Jul 5 – great spangled fritillary, monarch butterfly

Jul 8 – baby wood frogs emerging from water

Jul 9 – mourning cloak butterfly

Jul 14 – 2 timber rattlesnakes – one huge, 54-inches long (yellow); white admiral butterfly; mosquitoes extremely abundant

Jul 15 – big black racer on Skytop Mtn.

Jul 19 – pair of broad-winged hawks bathing in puddle

Jul 22 – small dark timber rattlesnake & large yellow one; small eastern hognose snake

Jul 23 – marbled salamander

Jul 24 – highbush blueberries ripe

Aug 1 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 3 – 3 great egrets at lake

Aug 5 – ringlet butterfly; 2 large eastern milk snakes

Aug 19 – family of ruffed grouse

Sep 8 – Milbert’s tortoise shell butterfly; big marbled salamander

Sep 27 – 15 smooth green, 12 ribbon, 1 eastern milk, 2 northern water, 2 red-bellied, 6 eastern garter snakes under rocks

Sep 30 – ruby-crowned kinglets, dark-eyed juncos

Oct 9 – long-eared bat under rock (same place as 2 years ago!); masked shrew; mourning cloak

Oct 17 – pied-billed grebe in lake

Oct 18 – big flocks of migrating turkey vultures

Oct 21 – American robins

Oct 27 – 3 ruddy ducks in lake (new record)

Oct 30 – golden-crowned kinglets, white-throated sparrows, palm warbler

Nov 3 – buffleheads in lake

Nov 6 – winter wren, common raven; Compton tortoise shell butterfly

Nov 14 – river otter and muskrat in lake

Nov 15 – 12 goldeneyes, 8 buffleheads, 5 ruddy ducks in lake

Nov 27 – red-breasted nuthatch

Dec 17 – 2 northern red salamanders in stream

Dec 30 – white-throated sparrows, dark-eyed juncos

 2007

Jan 3 – 4 ring-necked ducks in lake

Jan 9 – pair of common mergansers in lake; mink along lake

Jan 13 – adult bald eagle

Jan 14 – 2 eastern bluebirds; river otter in lake

Feb 11 – cardinal singing

Mar 3 – billions of snowfleas

Mar 30 – song sparrow, American robins

Mar 31 – mourning cloak butterflies; eastern phoebe

Apr 1 – winter wren

Apr 2 – 9 common mergansers in lake

Apr 6 – common loon in lake

Apr 7 – hermit thrush; wood frog egg masses

Apr 8 – 2 common ravens, Louisiana waterthrush, pair of pileated woodpeckers

Apr 9 – palm warblers, ruby-crowned kinglets

Apr 14 – yellow-bellied sapsucker, pine warblers, brown creeper; spotted salamander egg masses

Apr 17 – golden-crowned kinglets, purple finch, osprey, northern flicker

Apr 22 – spring azure butterflies

Apr 23 – yellow-rumped warblers

Apr 24 – two 4-toed salamanders under log; 7 eastern garter, 2 eastern milk, 1 northern water, 1 ring-necked, 8 ribbon, 5 smooth green, 5 red-bellied snakes under rocks; eastern towhee

Apr 25 – blue-headed vireo

Apr 28 – porcupine in basswood tree on Raven Trail; trailing arbutus in bloom; American kestrel

Apr 29 – black-throated green warbler

Apr 30 – broad-winged hawk

May 2 – bufflehead ducks in lake; common yellowthroat, white-throated sparrows

May 5 – great crested flycatcher, swamp sparrow, black & white warbler

May 6 – yellow-throated vireo, immature bald eagle

May 7 – ovenbird

May 8 – cliff swallows, house wren

May 12 – scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak; wood anemone, fringed polygala in bloom

May 13 – American toads breeding; Cape May warbler, red-headed woodpecker

May 15 – Baltimore oriole

May 20 – starflower in bloom

May 21 – cerulean warbler

May 23 – large timber rattlesnake (dark morph); gray catbird, eastern wood pewee, yellow, prairie, chestnut-sided warblers; newborn fawn; green frogs calling

May 26 – baby porcupine in rhododendron at eye-level on Trout Stream Trail; pink lady slipper in bloom; black-throated blue warbler

May 27 – American redstart, cerulean warblers, yellow-billed cuckoo, wood thrush, red-eyed vireo

Jun 2 – indigo bunting, field sparrow; luna moth; colony of buck moth caterpillars (Skytop Mtn.); little wood satyr & ringlet butterflies

Jun 3 – gray tree frogs calling; yellow-bellied sapsucker tapping on metal building

Jun 9 – marbled, mountain dusky, slimy, red-backed salamanders and red efts

Jun 15 – giant ichneumon wasps ovipositing on dead sugar maple on Dutch Hill Road

Jun 16 – partridge berry in bloom

Jun 19 – wild turkey with chicks

Jun 23 – red-spotted purple & red admiral butterflies; rhododendron in bloom

Jun 28 – ovenbird nest with 4 eggs

Jul 3 – black-billed cuckoo, pair of dark-eyed juncos

Jul 7 – dobsonfly

Jul 8 – white admiral butterfly; buck moth caterpillars

Jul 11 – baby wood frogs emerging from water; great spangled fritillary, monarch, common wood nymph, American lady, black swallowtail butterflies

Jul 15 – American woodcock; pearly eye butterfly

Jul 16 – mink in stream; hooded warbler

Jul 22 – cedar waxwings in sassafras tree

Aug 2 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 11 – eastern garter snake gave birth to 36 babies

Aug 22 – 3 marbled, 2 slimy, 3 mountain dusky, several red-backed salamanders and red efts

Aug 26 – adult bald eagle

Sep 3 – many monarch butterflies

Sep 8 – promethea moth caterpillar on sassafras

Sep 16 – baby Jefferson salamander under log on Upper Falls Trail (new record)

Sep 18 – broad-winged hawk carrying big garter snake

Sep 22 – 2 queen white-faced hornets hibernating under same log

Sep 25 – winter wren, dark-eyed juncos

Sep 26 – mountain holly berries ripe

Oct 3 – variegated fritillary, many monarch butterflies; many buck moths flying on Skytop Mtn.

Oct 20 – autumn colors at peak; eastern milk snake over 3 feet long

Oct 21 – white-throated sparrows

Oct 30 – brant in lake (new record)

Nov 11 – tamarack trees in peak autumn color at Goose Pond

Nov 19 – 12 goldeneye & 12 buffleheads in lake

Dec 6 – 20 eastern bluebirds feeding in Asiatic bittersweet vines

Dec 16 – golden-crowned kinglets, brown creeper

Dec 24 – many snowfleas

 2008

Feb 3 – great horned owl on Pine Trail

Feb 23 – winter scorpionfly, winter cranefly

Feb 24 – white-breasted nuthatch singing

Mar 1 – winter stoneflies, snowfleas; golden-crowned kinglets

Mar 2 – turkey vultures

Mar 10 – American robins on golf course

Mar 23 – song sparrows, 2 adult bald eagles

Mar 29 – wood frogs in ice-covered vernal pond (Pine Trail)

Apr 2 – common loon, great blue heron in lake

Apr 5 – eastern bluebird, eastern phoebe, immature bald eagle, northern flicker; buffleheads in lake; spring peepers calling; spotted salamander spermatophores

Apr 7 – spotted salamander and wood frog egg masses; fish crow

Apr 10 – yellow-bellied sapsucker, hermit thrush, 4 common mergansers in lake; painted turtle basking

Apr 12 – eastern garter snake; blue-headed vireo, belted kingfisher, pine warblers, Louisiana waterthrush

Apr 13 – ruby-crowned kinglets, palm warblers, brown creeper

Apr 26 – American toads breeding; 4-toed salamander; chipping sparrow

May 3 – scarlet tanager, Baltimore oriole, eastern towhee, black & white, chestnut-sided, black-throated blue, yellow-rumped warblers, ovenbird; eastern milk, ribbon, ring-necked snakes

May 5 – porcupine below Leavitt Falls; red-eyed vireo; blackflies extremely abundant

My 10 – huge timber rattlesnake (dark morph); American redstart

May 11 – fringed polygala in bloom

May 24 – cerulean, yellow warblers, yellow-throated vireo, eastern wood pewee, least flycatcher; pair of broad-winged hawks mating in dead tree; dwarf ginseng, painted trillium in bloom

May 28 – wild turkey sitting on 12 eggs on West Mtn.; 2 timber rattlesnakes (both dark morphs); eastern milk, 9 ribbon, 3 smooth green snakes under rocks; mountain sandwort in bloom

Jun 2 – American woodcock on Trout Stream Trail

Jun 7 – yellow-billed cuckoo

Jun 8 – mountain laurel in bloom; American lady butterfly ovipositing on pearly everlasting

Jun 9 – purple finch; red-spotted purple, mourning cloak, tiger swallowtail, spicebush swallowtail, monarch butterflies

Jun 15 – eastern hognose snake and timber rattlesnake; dark-eyed junco & hermit thrush fledglings

Jun 18 – 11 species of birds close together in Norway spruce grove on Skytop Mtn./route 390: Blackburnian, black & white warblers, American redstart, common yellowthroat, ovenbird, brown creeper, red-eyed vireo, veery, song sparrow, red-breasted nuthatch, black-capped chickadee

Jun 24 – giant ichneumon wasps on dying beech tree on Raven Trail; Indian pipes, partridge berry in bloom; family of common ravens; pair of killdeer

Jun 28 – baby wood frogs emerging from water

Jun 29 – rhododendron in bloom

Jun 30 – many species of birds feeding babies, visiting nests, or traveling in family groups: yellow-bellied sapsucker, downy woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch, black-capped chickadee, eastern wood pewee, great crested flycatcher, veery, hermit thrush, red-eyed & yellow-throated vireos, blue-gray gnatcatcher, eastern towhee, dark-eyed junco, chipping & field sparrows, scarlet tanager, Carolina & house wrens, blue jay, American redstart, common yellowthroat, ovenbird, chestnut-sided, black & white, black-throated blue warblers

Jul 6 – wood lily in bloom

Jul 12 – Compton tortoise shell butterfly

Jul 14 – cedar waxwings; cardinal flower in bloom; highbush blueberries ripe; wood turtle in stream; common wood nymph & pearly eye butterflies

Jul 15 – pair of winter wrens below Leavitt Falls

Jul 16 – great spangled fritillary and monarch butterflies on common milkweed

Aug 18 – black bear in blueberry bushes on Beaver Dam Trail; narrow-leaf gentian in bloom

Aug 19 – dead snowshoe hare on Pine Trail

Aug 23 – 41-inch eastern milk snake

Aug 24 - family of pileated woodpeckers

Aug 31 – family of woodland jumping mice under rocks downstream from Leavitt Falls

Sep 8 – big black bear in blueberry bushes on Raven Trail

Sep 19 – 6 ruffed grouse on Beaver Dam Trail

Sep 25 – witch hazel in bloom; eastern hognose snake (dark morph)

Sep 29 – barred owl, yellow-rumped warblers, dark-eyed juncos, American goldfinches, wood ducks

Oct 8 – buck moth caterpillar on Skytop Mtn.; ruffed grouse displaying

Oct 10 – Compton tortoise shell butterfly

Oct 12 – peak autumn colors

Oct 13 – mink in stream; gray fox on Beaver Dam Trail; ruby-crowned kinglets

Oct 15 – 2 smooth green snakes

Oct 18 – 18 inches of snow in Tobyhanna, PA

Nov 1 – flocks of American robins, dark-eyed juncos, eastern bluebirds

Nov 3 – 120 pine siskins eating grit & fallen birch seeds from road; 5 cedar waxwings eating tupelo

Nov 10 – yellow-bellied sapsucker

Nov 17 – 10 fox sparrows, 3 red-breasted nuthatches, brown creeper, 3 red-tailed hawks; orange sulphur butterfly; 5 black bears (including mother with 3 cubs) eating fallen pignut hickory nuts on West Mtn.

Nov 22 – immature bald eagle, 2 common ravens & several common crows eating a road-killed deer

Nov 23 – great horned owl mobbed by crows

Dec 3 – 20 cedar waxwings eating crab apples

Dec 14 – American goldfinches & pine siskins feeding in birches

 2009

Jan 3 – 2 snow buntings feeding with dark-eyed juncos on golf course

Jan 4 – white-throated sparrows

Jan 5 – 7 American robins on golf course

Jan 10 – yellow-bellied sapsucker; winter scorpionflies

Jan 17 – porcupine in hemlock tree on Beaver Dam Trail

Jan 31 – red-shouldered hawk

Feb 16 – turkey vulture

Feb 17 – pine siskins

Feb 19 – winter stoneflies, snowfleas

Feb 21 – porcupine in hemlock again (see 1/17); tracks in snow or feeding signs of 19 different animals

Mar 4 – American robins

Mar 15 – dark-eyed junco singing; porcupine in hemlock tree on Upper Falls Trail

Mar 16 – 2 killdeer

Apr 4 – 10 common mergansers in lake

Apr 5 – wood frog egg masses, spotted salamander spermatophores; two 4-toed salamanders; eastern garter snake; brown creeper, yellow-bellied sapsucker, eastern phoebe, pine siskins; common loon in lake; coltsfoot in bloom

Apr 8 – long-tailed duck in lake (new record)

Apr 18 – spotted salamander egg masses; ruby-crowned kinglets, hermit thrush

Apr 19 – 2 porcupines up in neighboring trees on White Birch Trail (1 sassafras, 1 hemlock); pine warblers; spring azures

Apr 22 – blue-headed vireo, Louisiana waterthrush, northern flicker, chipping sparrow, osprey, sharp-shinned hawk; red-backed vole; 2 smooth green snakes & large eastern milk snake

Apr 26 – eastern towhee, white-throated sparrows

Apr 27 – American toads breeding; wood turtle in stream; common mergansers, buffleheads, green heron in lake; 2 ribbon snakes

Apr 29 – meadow jumping mouse under tarp at lake (new record); yellow and black & white warblers

May 2 – chestnut-sided warbler, gray catbird, great crested flycatcher

May 3 – scarlet tanager, yellow-throated vireo, field sparrow, yellow-rumped, Tennessee, cerulean warblers, blue-gray gnatcatcher

May 4 – painted trillium in bloom; 2 American bitterns & green heron at Goose Pond; rose-breasted grosbeak

May 6 – swamp sparrow

May 9 – male wild turkey courting female; marbled salamander; 12 ribbon, 9 eastern milk (one- 41 inches long), 1 red-bellied, 1 smooth green, 2 eastern garter, 2 ring-necked snakes under rocks

May 10 – ovenbird

May 12 – newborn fawn; starflower, pink lady slipper in bloom

May 18 – veery, magnolia warbler, common yellowthroat; porcupine on Goose Pond Road

May 20 – eastern wood pewee, American redstart, nesting yellow-bellied sapsucker (Raven Trail)

May 25 – 17 ribbon snakes (14 under same cover object); painted turtle nesting; yellow-billed cuckoo

May 26 – 5 timber rattlesnakes (4 dark, 1 yellow); buck moth caterpillars on Skytop Mtn.

May 31 – starflower, Canada Mayflower in bloom

Jun 1 – sheep laurel in bloom; 4-toed salamander; male cerulean warbler singing (Stable Trail)

Jun 2 – indigo bunting

Jun 6 – mountain sandwort in bloom

Jun 7 – Blackburnian warbler

Jun 8 – mountain laurel in bloom; mourning cloak and ringlet butterflies; buck moth caterpillars on scrub oak on Skytop Mtn.; gray tree frogs calling

Jun 9 – 2 immature bald eagles in top of huge white pine downstream from Leavitt Falls

Jun 16 – 2 large, dark timber rattlesnakes

Jun 20 – chimney swifts at Goose Pond, possibly nesting in old chimney at ruins; 60-inch shed skin of timber rattlesnake

Jun 22 – red-spotted purple butterflies; 2 timber rattlesnakes (1 dark, 1 yellow); flock of cedar waxwings

Jun 23 – purple finch singing; 3 painted turtles nesting; woodland jumping mouse on Skytop Mtn.

Jun 30 – golden-winged warbler singing (Goose Pond); 2 dark timber rattlesnakes; 3 ring-necked, 1 smooth green, 2 eastern garter, 2 eastern milk, 1 red-bellied, 5 ribbon snakes under rocks; great spangled fritillary

Jul 1 – rhododendron in bloom

Jul 4 – giant ichneumon wasps on same dying beech tree as past years on Raven Trail

Jul 6 – 10 ruffed grouse in lowbush blueberry bushes on Skytop Mtn. (berries abundant this year)

Jul 8 – large black racer, large eastern hognose snake, small timber rattlesnake, eastern garter snake, red-bellied snake

Jul 13 – luna moth; 35 snakes under rocks, including 19 ribbon & 6 ring-necked snakes

Jul 14 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 15 – eastern meadowlark along Dutch Hill Rd. (new record?)

Jul 18 – immature bald eagle

Jul 20 – wood lily in bloom; huge black racer

Jul 22 – 3 gravid red-bellied snakes under same rock along lake; highbush blueberries ripe; American chestnut tree in flower on Goose Pond Road

Jul 25 – promethea moth & 2 large buck moth caterpillars on Skytop Mtn.

Jul 27 – small, brown eastern hognose snake on Beaver Dam Trail

Jul 28 – another promethea moth on Skytop entrance road

Aug 3 – small black bear at Goose Pond

Aug 8 – cardinal flower in bloom; woodland jumping mouse on Raven Trail

Aug 10 – dark timber rattlesnake

Aug 12 – 2 river otters in stream, near great blue heron – watched 15 minutes from 3 feet away

Aug 26 – 2 marbled salamanders & 2 mountain dusky salamanders

Oct 6 – tupelo tree with fruit filled with birds: American robins, cedar waxwings, northern flicker, dark-eyed juncos, chipping sparrows, tufted titmouse, red-bellied woodpecker, black-throated green warbler

Oct 10 – red-backed vole under plywood on Beaver Dam Trail

Oct 11 – peak autumn colors; large northern red salamander

Oct 14 – thousands of migrating Canada geese

Oct 15 to 16 – 6 inches of snow

Oct 17 – newborn eastern hognose snake

Oct 31 – ruby-crowned kinglet, dark-eyed juncos, American woodcock

Nov 2 – brown creeper

Nov 7 – northern goshawk pursuing ruffed grouse on Raven Trail

Nov 16 – new beaver lodge and dam on Beaver Dam Trail

Nov 22 – bald eagle

Nov 28 – Cooper’s hawk

Dec 2 – 150 cedar waxwings eating fruits on ornamental pear trees

Dec 14 – millions of snowfleas

Dec 31 – winter scorpionflies

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Jan 9 – porcupine in pitch pine tree on Beaver Dam Trail

Jan 11 – cedar waxwings and European starlings on privets along route 390

Jan 18 – pair of pileated woodpeckers feeding on fruits of crab apple tree

Jan 19 – pileated woodpecker eating wild grapes

Feb 8 – male hooded merganser in lake

Feb 15 – adult bald eagle; short-tailed shrew; 25 American robins

Feb 16 – winter stoneflies

Feb 21 – turkey vultures

Feb 27 – great horned owl hooting near Pine Trail

Mar 7 – saw-whet owl roosting in small white pine, harassed by chickadee on Upper Falls Trail

Mar 9 - fish crows, eastern bluebirds, common grackles; flocks of migrating snow geese

Mar 10 – song sparrow, sharp-shinned hawk

Mar 11 – buffleheads in lake; house finches singing

Mar 12 – pair of common mergansers in lake

Mar 15 – pair of hooded mergansers in lake

Apr 3 – spotted salamander egg masses; spring azure butterflies; pine warblers; coltsfoot in bloom

Apr 4 – wood frog egg masses; American woodcock

Apr 5 – painted turtle basking

Apr 6 – spicebush in bloom; beaver in stream; blue-headed vireo, northern flicker, yellow-bellied sapsucker

Apr 9 – Louisiana waterthrush, hermit thrush, wood ducks

Apr 10 – trailing arbutus in bloom; ruby-crowned kinglets

Apr 14 – osprey

Apr 17 – red trillium in bloom

Apr 18 – spring peepers calling

Apr 21 – eastern towhee, white-throated sparrows, yellow-rumped and black & white warblers

Apr 24 – green heron at Goose Pond; 10 smooth green, 2 eastern milk, 1 eastern garter, 1 northern water, 5 red-bellied snakes under rocks; ticks abundant

Apr 28 – barn and cliff swallows

May 1 – American toad eggs and tadpoles; house wren, field sparrow; fringed polygala in bloom

May 2 – ovenbird; starflower in bloom

May 8 – scarlet tanager, red-eyed vireo

May 10 – veery

May 12 – indigo bunting

May 15 – Baltimore oriole; pink lady slipper in bloom; red admiral butterflies

May 20 – prairie and chestnut-sided warblers, American redstart, common yellowthroat, wood thrush; mountain sandwort in bloom; painted turtles nesting

May 22 – huge, black timber rattlesnake: 52 inches long, 7 inches in circumference – no rattles (exactly where large shed skins were 2 years in a row)

May 25 – eastern wood pewee

May 26 – Acadian flycatcher, black-throated green warbler

May 29 – green frogs calling; mountain laurel in bloom; giant ichneumon wasps (2 species) on same dying beech tree as past several years on Raven Trail

May 30 – big rattlesnake still at same place as May 22 (getting ready to shed)

Jun 11 – least flycatcher; common gallinule at Goose Pond (new record)

Jun 12 – large, black eastern hognose snake

Jun 13 – polyphemus moth; baby porcupine on Pine Trail – caught it in my T-shirt to show group – removed 75 quills from shirt

Jun 17 – sora at Goose Pond – probably nesting (very vocal & actively “attacking” kayak; new record); willow flycatcher, chimney swift, cedar waxwings, purple finch; red-spotted purple butterflies

Jun 20 – rhododendron in bloom

Jun 26 – red-shouldered hawk; great spangled fritillary

Jun 30 – Blackburnian, black & white warblers, black-throated green warblers, and red-breasted nuthatches in Norway spruces along lake

Jul 6 – Aphrodite fritillary on common milkweed

Jul 7 – northern dusky salamander with eggs under rock along stream

Jul 12 – cardinal flower in bloom

Jul 13 – ringlet butterflies

Jul 14 – dead hairy-tailed mole on Trout Stream Trail

Jul 20 - about 100 red efts along Beaver Dam Trail; 3 gravid red-bellied snakes under same rock; 2 black timber rattlesnakes together – one 52 inches long

Jul 22 – another dead hairy-tailed mole on Skytop Mountain

Jul 25 – dead masked shrew; dark-eyed junco doing broken-wing act; brown creeper

Jul 29 – many monarch butterflies, dark female tiger swallowtail

Aug 1 – cardinal flower in bloom

Aug 3 – another dead hairy-tailed mole, on Trout Stream Trail (3rd one); family of red-tailed hawks; 20 red efts under one log on Raven Trail (very dry weather); mother black bear and cub, Raven Trail

Aug 20 – male eastern hognose snake (patterned morph) mating with dead black female morph (bloody gashes on body) on Trout Stream Trail!

Aug 25 – flocks of cedar waxwings; marbled, 4-toed, slimy, red-backed, mountain dusky salamanders and 100s of red efts; black bear at Goose Pond

Sep 1 – 2 solitary sandpipers

Sep 6 – many buck moths flying on Skytop Mountain; several adult timber rattlesnakes with 4 or 5 newborn babies all together(1st babies seen in 22 years or more)- several adults possibly pregnant

Sep 8 – bald eagle; black bear eating white oak acorns on Goose Pond Road; timber rattlesnake

Sep 18 – dark fishing spider with egg sac along lake

Sep 28 – 100s of red efts, after heavy rains broke long drought

Oct 2 – white-crowned sparrow at Goose Pond

Oct 9 – sharp-shinned hawk

Oct 10 – flocks of migrating American robins and common grackles

Oct 11 – 10 common mergansers in lake; black bear on Skytop Mountain

Oct 13 – peak autumn colors; brown creeper, golden-crowned kinglets, blue-headed vireo

Nov 2 – 25 saw-whet owls banded in Rhododendron Swamp

Nov 6 – hermit thrush, dark-eyed juncos

Nov 10 – fox sparrow

Nov 17 – 20 fox sparrows along Goose Pond Road

Nov 22 – 6 common mergansers, kingfisher in lake; wood turtle basking on rock in lake

Nov 29 – snow bunting on golf course

Dec 13 – 2 adult bald eagles eating dead deer on frozen lake

Dec 18 – barred owl roosting in tree along golf course

Dec 27 – pair of pileated woodpeckers

Dec 28 – brown creeper