

## Other birds included

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| 5 snow geese   |                          |
| 1 blue goose   |                          |
| 1 snow goose hybrid (black in scapular area of back) |                          |
| 12 Franklin gulls                                    |                          |
| 4 cormorants   | kingfisher 2             |
| 15 Herring gulls? sp.                                | dowitcher 8-18-14        |
| 2 great blue heron                                   | goldpate 6               |
| 35 pied-bill grebes                                  | redwing ♂ 16             |
| 6 heelder  | phoebe (at razed bridge) |
| 18 lesser yellow-leg                                 | wilson snipe 1           |
| 2 greater yellow-legs                                |                          |
| 1 stilt sandpiper                                    |                          |
| 30 Baird sandpiper                                   |                          |
| 18 Pectoral sandpiper                                |                          |
| 8 Least sandpipers?                                  |                          |
| 2 black crown night heron                            |                          |
| 1 pheasant   |                          |
| 5 eared grebe.                                       |                          |

Watched at close range a black crowned heron capture a *Rana pipiens* (about 3" body length). The heron readjusted the frog in bill first with the frog in a position with legs spread and the posterior part of body being mangled. The frog was then rotated and the anterior part of body was softened with the bills. There was no shaking of the frog but just a constant operation of the bill of the bird to either keel the frog or soften it. The skin was not punctured. After 10 minutes the frog was eaten head first with back legs and feet the last to disappear.

At one point 8 ♂ bluewing teal alighted and immediately formed a close order group with head higher than usual. Occasionally one would chase the others in the group. There was considerable movement of the head. No female was present in this group.

The phoebe was at the old razed bridge where it was obviously concerned but there was no possible position for a nest.

Left this area about 1:00 p.m. and continued east to new road (not completed) that turns S to dam area. Made complete bird census along this route. 54.5 start, 55.0 turkey vulture. 55.4 bridge. 57.4 2 bluejays. 58.4 2 crows 59.0 6 turkey vultures. 59.9 meadowlark. 61.7 bridge from this bridge could see approx 300 <sup>lesser</sup> scaup, 80 coati