







### Brandwein Institute Search for Eagles - Sunday, 10 January 2021

The season's second Brandwein Field Trip, Search for Eagles took place in the Delaware Valley Sunday, January 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The temperature at the start was 22 degrees and at the finish 32 degrees. It was a pleasant sunny day that began with watching feeder birds including Hairy Woodpeckers, Dark-eyed Junco, Blue Jays, and Pileated Woodpecker among others. Sixteen participants, wearing face covering and social distancing logged 151 miles in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Upper Delaware Scenic River from PEEC to the Bushkill Access and the trip's conclusion at the headwaters of the Lackawaxen River.

Jack Padalino, president emeritus of the Brandwein Institute and PEEC a partner with the National Park Service, led the search that included seeing 31 species of birds: 24 Bald Eagles (BE), 8 Red-tailed Hawks, 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk and 3 Common Ravens. Previous Search for Eagles Reports are on the Brandwein website: [www.brandwein.org](http://www.brandwein.org).

Our first BE sighted was perched above the shale bank at Tom's Creek where we heard the cackling of a second BE but were unable to locate it. At the Bushkill Access a

juvenile BE flew from down river and landed in NJ across from us. We then spotted an adult BE up river perched on the PA side of the river.

Approaching the Eshback Access a Common Raven soared above. At the river we found a perched adult BE down river in NJ. En route to the Dingmans Ferry Access we located a number of perched Red-tailed Hawks. No BE at Dingmans or Route 209 mile marker 16 nest. Two adult BEs were perched above the ridge at mile marker 17. No BE at the shale pit nest. Here is where we had a Sharp-shinned Hawk fly by.

No luck at Milford Beach. From the river road we spotted two adult BEs soaring high above Montague, NJ.

We were joined by additional participants at the parking area of the north entrance to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, mile marker 20.

We checked the BE nest near the Pierce House, no BE present.

North of Cummings Road a Common Raven was soaring above the ridge. We checked behind the Delaware Valley High School, no BE present.

At the River View Restaurant near where PA, NJ, and NY converge, Mallards, Common Mergansers, and Canada Geese but no BE. We added a pit stop at the PA Welcome Center.

The Laurel Grove Cemetery overlook above the tri-state monument is where we checked an active BE nest. No BE present.

The Eddy Farm Resort overlook was quiet, no new species added.

By noon we were at the Hawks Nest historical marker. Checked the whitewash on the cliff, no Peregrine Falcon; however, two Common Ravens soared high above.

From the Indian Head Canoe livery station we spotted an adult BE in flight. As we watched, a third year BE entered the area. At Pond Eddy on the PA side we spotted a perched adult BE in a Pine Tree. This location is where in past there was an active BE nest. The nest is no longer there; however, this is an area that BEs frequent. We added a perched BE high above on the ridge at Pond Eddy. We continued to the Mongaup Falls Observation Blind. A juvenile BE was perched then flew above our caravan en route. Two Common Mergansers and a raft of Black Ducks were on the water. Two adult BEs were perched on the same tree limb near the nest high on the ridge along Plank Road.

No BEs at the Rio Reservoir Dam.

We returned to the Delaware and traveled up river to the Lackawaxen. At the Minisink Observation Blind a juvenile BE was in flight. An adult BE flew into the area. By the time we reached the confluence of the Lackawaxen and the Delaware we had observed 19 BEs.

We added five BEs along the Lackawaxen. In the vicinity of Appert Road is where we found them. Last search, January 3, within 100 yards of Appert Road we observed 20 BEs, perched, in flight, and feeding. We are monitoring two BE nests along the Lackawaxen.

We concluded our field trip at 3:30 p.m.

Future Searches for Eagles:

Sundays, February 7 & 14, 2021

Sundays, March 7 & 14, 2021

TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEARCH FOR EAGLES FIELD TRIP

PHONE: 845.325.0536 AND INDICATE WHICH SEARCH YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

Or eMail: [jackpeec@aol.com](mailto:jackpeec@aol.com) and leave a message.

Meet 8:00 a.m. at the PEEC parking lot OR Meet 10:00 a.m. at the DWGNRA North Entrance Parking Area, Route 209 South @ mile marker 20, Milford, PA - just south of the Milford Bridge

WEATHER PERMITTING. - Dress warmly, bring binoculars, field guides, and a lunch.  
THERE IS NO CHARGE

An Eagle identification field guide and a "Search for Eagles" hand-out will be provided for participants by the Paul F-Brandwein Institute.

Join us to Search For Eagles

Birds seen on the December 13, 2020 Search for Eagles

Canada Goose

Mallard

Black Duck

Common Merganser

Ring-billed Gull

Black Vulture

Bald Eagle

Red-tailed Hawk

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Pileated Woodpecker

Blue Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

Tufted Titmouse

Black-capped Chickadee

White-breasted Nuthatch

American Robin

European Starling

Dark-eyed Junco

Northern Cardinal

Song Sparrow

White-throated sparrow

Purple Finch

American Goldfinch