

Memorandum

To: Chuck Tirone Conservation Administrator
From: Dave Williams, Trail Committee Member

Date: October 9, 2024

RE: Natural succession

Below is the list of birds I saw in the Reading Town Forest on Monday, Aug. 12 from 6:15 - 8:30am. I have **boldfaced** the birds I observed in the clearing behind the old council ring. Without the clearing of these old Red Pines which had created a monoculture there, I would never have seen these birds in this area. The observation of these species was during a 10 minute period while standing on the trail. The Pokeberry bush and other new plants/weeds/shrubs were being frequented by the birds as were some of the young Oak trees now flourishing. These birds were foraging on the fruit, nectar, and/or insects attracted to these plants/weeds/shrubs.

Wood Duck 1	Black-capped Chickadee 11
Mourning Dove 7	Tufted Titmouse 10
Chimney Swift 17	Tree Swallow 3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 2	Barn Swallow 16
Herring Gull (American) 2	White-breasted Nuthatch 8
Double-crested Cormorant 1	Carolina Wren 5
Black-crowned Night Heron 1	Gray Catbird 4
Great Egret 1	American Robin 3
Great Blue Heron 4	Cedar Waxwing 6
Belted Kingfisher 2	American Goldfinch 10
Downy Woodpecker 7	Chipping Sparrow 1
Hairy Woodpecker 1	Song Sparrow 1
Northern Flicker 1	Baltimore Oriole 3
Eastern Wood-Pewee 4	Red-winged Blackbird 1
Eastern Phoebe 3	Common Grackle 2
Great Crested Flycatcher 2	Black-and-white Warbler 1
Eastern Kingbird 1	Pine Warbler 2
Warbling Vireo 1	Northern Cardinal 5
Blue Jay 4	

Sincerely,

Dave Williams