

The festival committee would like to thank everyone for another successful Festival of the Birds! We had a wonderful turnout with many new faces! Our Sunday lunch bird tally ended with a species count of 162!

PIA offered scholarships to students in grades 3-12 living in Erie or Crawford counties to attend the festival this year. We hope to continue this for future festivals as it is wonderful to see such eager and enthusiastic younger birders joining us!

Our wonderful sponsors help make this event a success! We would like to thank each of them for their continued support!

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The Festival committee deserves a round of applause for their dedication in all of the planning, preparing and volunteering for this event! Thank you, Carolyn Sturtevant, Brian Miller, Julie Leonard, Jennifer Ferrick, Lisa Danko, Sue Stush, Asher Whitney, Michele Franz, Tess Wilson, Sarah Sargent, Laura-Marie Koitsch, and Mary Birdsong!

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Special thanks to our DCNR friends for helping throughout planning for this event as well as offering additional hikes over the weekend! Thank you, Emily Pritchard, Anne Desarro, Brian Gula and John Lasko!

The committee will have their wrap up meeting over the next week, but we are already looking ahead to Festival of the Birds 2025! Mark your calendars for May 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup> of 2025!!

We are always looking for volunteers and committee members to help with planning and tasks! You can reach out to me at:

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