

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. Just after the New Year someone dumped dry wall scraps near a gate in the Penn Forest area. Nothing was present to suggest a suspect. Maintenance did clean the area the same day.
2. In December I found two men inside the fence at the Wild Creek reservoir. They had been fishing and did not think it was a "big deal" to be inside the fence. The men received citations for trespassing and were told they are not allowed on Bethlehem Authority property anymore. Should they be on the property again they will be arrested for trespassing.
3. I spoke with a trapper who has been having some success this year. This day he had caught a Fisher. Fisher season was a few days away, so he had to release the animal. As the trapper released the Fisher from the trap the Fisher turned, bit his right hand and ran off. The injury was minor with only a few punctures. The trapper performed his own first aid.
4. We purchased portable thermal printers for writing citations in the field. The state is not having anyone print Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations anymore which caused the need for the purchase. The printers are the same brand and type used by the city and are proven to be reliable. All digital forms for the citations are made available to us through the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts website.
5. The Audubon Christmas Bird count took place between Christmas and New Year's Day. The attached list consists of birds identified in Beltzville State Park, Wild Creek, and Penn Forest areas.

2024 Christmas Bird Count

435 Canada Goose	50 Common Merganser	2 Red-tailed Hawk
249 Snow Goose	1 Breasted Merganser	2 Great Horned Owl
2 Mute Swan	214 Ruddy Duck	2 Belted Kingfisher
125 Mallard	190 Rock Pigeon	5 Red-bellied Woodpecker
44 American Black Duck	15 Mourning Dove	3 Downy Woodpecker
2 Green Winged Teal	2 Bonaparte's Gull	2 Hairy Woodpecker
19 Canvasback	1 Ring-billed Gull	1 Pleated Woodpecker
19 Ring-necked Duck	1 Horned Grebe	11 Blue Jay
1 Lesser Scaup	1 Common Loon	50 American Crow
2 Long Tailed Duck	1 Sharp-shinned Hawk	13 Common Raven
6 Bufflehead	1 Coopers Hawk	21 Black-capped Chickadee
38 Hooded Merganser	10 Bald Eagle	7 Tufted Titmouse
4 Golden-crowned Kinglet	1 Brown Creeper	3 Carolina Wren
5 White-breasted Titmouse	168 European Starling	2 Northern Mockingbird
21 Eastern Bluebird	1 Hermit Thrush	66 American Robin
23 Cedar Waxwing	3 House Finch	3 Purple Finch
2 American Goldfinch	4 Field Sparrow	3 American Tree Sparrow
59 Dark-eyed Junco	11 White-throated Sparrow	10 Song Sparrow
16 Northern Cardinal		

Exotic:

1 Ring-necked Pheasant

Hybrid:

1 Mallard X American Black Duck

Additional Taxa:

5 Mallard/American Black Duck