

BIRD OBSERVATIONS SEYMOUR TOWNSHIP, S.E. ONTARIO

Number of days on which a species is seen each month

**Common nighthawk**

Data compiled 08 August 2024

Chart 1998-2024, 26 years (1999-2023 complete, 25 years)

1998 notes : based on short visit on 05 June, and then on observations 24 August onwards

Species

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Notes
1998													0	
1999					2		1	1					4	21 May - 13 Aug
2000					3	2	1	1					7	21 May - 25 Aug
2001						1	1						2	07 Jun - 23 Jul
2002					3	4	2	2					11	21 May - 25 Aug
2003													0	
2004					1		1						2	13 May - 15 Jul
2005													0	
2006													0	
2007													0	
2008						2							2	08 Jun - 27 Jun
2009													0	
2010													0	
2011													0	
2012													0	
2013													0	
2014													0	
2015									?				0	1st week of September : report on 5 Sept of 4 birds seen S of town
2016													0	
2017													0	
2018													0	
2019													0	
2020													0	
2021													0	
2022													0	
2023													0	None seen since 2008
2024													0	Third-party report: 2015
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
	0	0	0	0	9	9	6	4	0	0	0	0	28	

Bird strikes at home - none

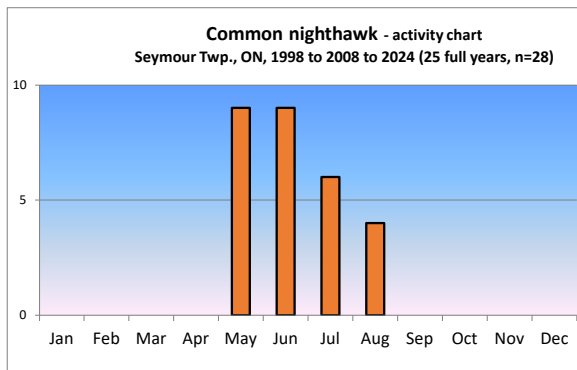
Note: the nighthawk is heard more than seen, giving its signature "peent" call as it patrols its aerial beat, scooping up insects. It is heard most often at dusk and in the evenings, and commonly just one or two are located on a given occasion, cf. the chimney swift, which, like swallows, is commonly seen in flocks.

Source:

[www.turnstone.ca/birdlist.htm](http://www.turnstone.ca/birdlist.htm)

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Sightings updated to 10 August 2024



Bird identification, Cornell Lab of Ornithology:

visit [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common\\_Nighthawk/](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Nighthawk/)

Common nighthawk, local summary:

<http://www.turnstone.ca/nhcs.htm>

The decline of the local nighthawk population has been far more precipitous than that of the chimney swift. It seems that the swift is limited in nest sites to uncapped brick chimneys, but one would think that flat roofs might be well suited for the nighthawk. The iconic calls of the nighthawk remain a magical feature of warm nights across much of southern Ontario and adjacent states, including downtown Toronto, less than 200 km to the west. The reasons for its local decline are uncertain.