

98th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 26, 2021

The 98th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count found 110 species on Sunday December 26, 2021. Our average is 116 species.

Highlights included Greater White-fronted Goose, 2 Clapper Rails, Lesser-black-backed Gull, Red-headed Woodpecker, Chipping Sparrow, Boat-tailed Grackles, Orange-crowned Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, 4 Pine Warblers, Redhead and 2 Eastern Bluebirds. The Boat-tailed Grackles and the Black-throated Blue Warbler were new to the count and bring the cumulative total to 234 species.

High Counts included Ring-necked Duck, Great Blue Heron, Black-Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle and Fish Crow. American Kestrel had a 41-year high.

The warm fall and early winter kept many waterfowl numbers low as well as some other wintering species. All time low counts included Common Goldeneye and American Tree Sparrow. American Wigeon had a 69-year low; Tufted Titmouse a 62-year low. Horned Grebe was missed for the first time since 1944. Other notable misses included Canvasback and American Coot. Black-capped Chickadee were also well below average.

The count is a little over 7,000 birds away from its 4 millionth bird.

We again had over 100 participants, 127. Thanks to all who helped out on the count.

	Species	Party	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point	Total	
1	Snow Goose (white form)					1				1	
2	Greater White-fronted Goose							1		1	5th Count record
3	Brant			18	787	70	109			984	
4	Canada Goose		418	1099	1295	1377	1445	256	52	5942	
5	Mute Swan			1	7	14	5	5	4	36	
6	Wood Duck			1	46		8			55	
7	Northern Shoveler			10	6		78			94	
8	Gadwall			9		74	88	30		201	
9	American Wigeon					2	5	12	4	23	69-year Low
10	Mallard		59	76	489	117	480	81	10	1312	
	<i>mallard hybrid</i>		2					1		3	
11	American Black Duck		28	11	15	358	207	45	6	670	
12	Green-winged Teal (Am.)						8			8	
13	Redhead						1			1	
14	Ring-necked Duck						31		1	32	New High Count (28 in 2012)
15	Greater Scaup					628	103	20	150	901	20-year low
16	Lesser Scaup					55	2	6	5	68	
17	Surf Scoter					15				15	8th year in a row
18	White-winged Scoter					1		7		8	13th year in a row
19	Long-tailed Duck					37	95	69		201	
20	Bufflehead		2		18	617	223	128	36	1024	
21	Common Goldeneye					11	25	4	1	41	All Time Low!

22	Hooded Merganser	2	23	4	5	84	91	12	221	
23	Common Merganser		31			13			44	
24	Red-breasted Merganser				150	97	69	2	318	
25	Ruddy Duck		6	29					35	
26	Wild Turkey	8			3		35		46	
27	Ring-necked Pheasant					2			2	2nd year in a row
28	Pied-billed Grebe			1	1		1		3	
29	Rock Pigeon	58	125	420	442	185	27	1	1258	
30	Mourning Dove	105	157	288	160	232	46	91	1079	
31	Clapper Rail						2		2	
32	Killdeer						3		3	
33	Purple Sandpiper						12		12	
34	Ring-billed Gull	52	188	303	997	764	153	41	2498	
35	Herring Gull NM	7	14	39	344	292	220	17	933	
36	Lesser Black-backed Gull						1		1	20th Count Record
37	Great Black-backed Gull	3	4	9	63	26	31	1	137	
	<i>gull, sp</i>	5							5	
38	Red-throated Loon			2	14	8	14	2	40	
39	Common Loon			1	12	14	6		33	
40	Northern Gannet						2		2	
41	Great Cormorant				13	22	22		57	
42	Double-crested Cormorant				7	14	3		24	
43	Great Blue Heron	6	2	9	44	21	22		104	New High Count (93 in 1991)
44	Black Vulture	15	1	13	8	9			46	New High Count (27 in 2020)
45	Turkey Vulture	36	17	18	5	32	5		113	New High Count (65 in 2018)
46	Northern Harrier			1	1				2	
47	Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	3	1	2	3	1	12	
48	Cooper's Hawk		5	9	7	6			27	
	<i>accipiter, sp.</i>				1				1	
49	Bald Eagle	10	5	6	2	4	2	1	30	New high count (24 in 2020)
50	Red-shouldered Hawk	1		2			1		4	
51	Red-tailed Hawk	18	19	21	26	24	7		115	
	<i>buteo, sp.</i>	1							1	
52	Eastern Screech-Owl		1		1	3	1	2	8	
53	Great Horned Owl		2	2	1	2	2	3	12	
54	Belted Kingfisher				3	7	3		13	
55	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	4	11	4	4	2	1	29	
56	Red-headed Woodpecker				1				1	20th Count Record
57	Red-bellied Woodpecker	21	22	32	60	54	23	8	220	
58	Downy Woodpecker	19	19	31	55	42	11	8	185	
59	Hairy Woodpecker	8	8	7	12	12	8	7	62	
60	Pileated Woodpecker	1				1	2		4	
61	Northern Flicker	6	5	14	12	11	3		51	
62	American Kestrel		2	5	9				16	41-year High
63	Merlin	1		1	1		1	1	5	

64	Peregrine Falcon	1	1	1	6	1	1	11	
65	Monk Parakeet				1	29		30	
66	Blue Jay	36	46	169	154	88	21	523	
67	American Crow	57	89	15	48	134	1	347	
68	Fish Crow	9	135	17	11	450	14	636	New High Count (373 in 2018)
	<i>crow, sp</i>					298		298	
69	Common Raven	7	4	11	11	2	2	38	
70	Black-capped Chickadee	54	14	20	31	36	9	173	10-year low
71	Tufted Titmouse	21	10	9	9	49	6	104	62-year low
72	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		4	9	2	3		18	
73	Golden-crowned Kinglet			21	1	2		24	
74	Red-breasted Nuthatch			20				20	
75	White-breasted Nuthatch	16	15	20	19	44	15	135	
76	Brown Creeper	3	1	8	2	3	1	20	
77	Winter Wren	7	1		5	10	4	35	
78	Carolina Wren	39	12	28	57	61	29	236	
79	European Starling	389	87	690	2638	269	121	4369	
80	Gray Catbird		2	3	3	3	3	15	
81	Brown Thrasher						1	1	
82	Northern Mockingbird	11	10	32	28	20	8	113	
83	Eastern Bluebird		2					2	
84	Hermit Thrush	1		5	3	3	1	16	
85	American Robin	31	19	1072	190	156	117	1615	
86	Cedar Waxwing			96				96	
87	House Sparrow	217	185	446	477	225	66	1616	
88	House Finch	82	12	199	53	64	23	455	20-year high
89	Purple Finch	1			3			4	
90	American Goldfinch	93	13	33	60	69	51	329	
91	Chipping Sparrow			1				1	11th year in a row
92	Field Sparrow	1	5		1		1	8	
93	American Tree Sparrow			5	3		5	13	All Time Low!
94	Fox Sparrow	8	1	7	23	3	11	73	
95	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	50	148	416	76	189	86	1077	
96	White-throated Sparrow	261	153	753	481	448	183	2464	
97	Savannah Sparrow				1			1	
98	Song Sparrow	98	24	58	74	81	71	419	
99	Swamp Sparrow	1		7	3	2	3	16	
100	Eastern Towhee				7		2	11	
101	Red-winged Blackbird		1	712	9	13	11	747	
102	Brown-headed Cowbird	2		3	2			7	
103	Rusty Blackbird			4				4	
104	Common Grackle	15	87	34	8	30		174	
105	BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE				1	7		8	New to the count
106	Orange-crowned Warbler			1				1	12th Count Record
107	BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER			1				1	New to the count

108	Pine Warbler			4					4	8th Count Record
109	Yellow-rumped Warbler	2		2	5		1		10	
	<i>warbler, sp.</i>		1						1	
110	Northern Cardinal	42	26	57	68	65	29	23	310	

Missed Species: Canvasback, Horned Grebe (First miss since 1944), Virginia Rail, American Coot, Ruddy Turnstone, Dunlin.

	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point	
Number of Saves	0	1	7	4	3	7	0	
Number of Species	53	59	73	85	77	79	49	110
Totals	2450	2977	8164	11133	7718	2505	1117	36064

Participants in Field	11	10	31	34	22	8	2	118
Parties min	9	5	15	9	7	6	1	52
Parties max	9	5	20	10	8	6	1	59
Participants at feeders	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	9
Hours at Feeders	3.5	2	1	2	0	1	0	9.5
Owling hours	2	1.5	0.5	0	2.5	1.5	0.5	8.5
Owling Miles	3	3	2	0	15	10	1	34.0
Foot Hour	46	22.5	45.2	50	50	38	7.25	259.0
Foot Miles	20	18	44.0	30	20	11	5.9	148.75
Car Hours	7	4	0.6	0.5	7	10	0.1	29.5
Car Miles	72	19	9	4	75	117	1	297.0