

# 81st Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count December 26, 2004

The Bronx-Westchester CBC has seen well over 220 different species.

The 81st Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird count held Sunday, December 26 found 110 species and 38,414 birds

Highlights included:

Six Pine Warblers, two Baltimore Orioles, and Merlin in the Bronx Botanical Gardens

An Ovenbird (2nd count record) and Northern Goshawk in the Bronx Zoo

Great Egret in Larchmont

Two Eurasian Wigeon, one on Premium Mill Pond and the other in Rye

White-winged Scoter and Northern Gannet off Edith G. Read Sanctuary in Rye

Four Bald Eagles, ties high count set in 1945

Six species of owl including Barred, Long-eared, Short-eared and Saw-whet

Chipping Sparrow in Woodlawn Cemetery

Good numbers of Rusty Blackbirds in Van Cortlandt Park

There were new high counts for Ring-necked Duck (26), Wild Turkey (47) and American Robin (830).

Ring-neck Pheasant reached an all time low of 3 birds

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	Species	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	TOTALS	
1	Canada Goose	318	460	1221	855	2024	756	5634	
	<i>Canada Goose (small form)</i>	42						42	
2	Brant				122	1301		1423	
3	Mute Swan		6	4	4	88	10	112	
4	Wood Duck			8		2	2	12	18 year low
5	Gadwall	3		1	44	5	46	99	
6	Eurasian Wigeon					1	1	2	
7	American Wigeon				21	146	114	281	

8	American Black Duck	6	6	7	343	266	316	944	
9	Mallard	76	110	278	230	509	411	1614	
	<i>mallard hybrid</i>	1		2	1	2	6	12	
10	Northern Shoveler		1	4				5	
11	American Green-winged Teal					14		14	
12	Canvasback			5			20	25	
13	Ring-necked Duck					26		26	New High Count (19 in 1990)
14	Greater Scaup				4840	275	1540	6655	
15	Lesser Scaup						662	662	
16	White-winged Scoter						1	1	
17	Long-tailed Duck						31	31	
18	Bufflehead				359	153	133	645	
19	Common Goldeneye	1	1		48	124	46	220	
20	Hooded Merganser	2	19	19	2	52	38	132	
21	Common Merganser		390				6	396	64 year high
22	Red-breasted Merganser			3	46	117	101	267	
23	Ruddy Duck		40	1	28	6	4	79	24 year low
24	Ring-necked Pheasant				2		1	3	All time low
25	Wild Turkey	3	15	1	8		20	47	New High Count (41 in 2003)
26	Red-throated Loon				1	2	12	15	
27	Common Loon					2	4	6	
28	Horned Grebe				3	3		6	
29	Northern Gannet						1	1	
30	Double-crested Cormorant	1			33	9	5	48	More D.C.'s than Greats, 2nd time (1985)
31	Great Cormorant				1	2	22	25	
32	Great Blue Heron		2	2	5	10	21	40	
33	<b>GREAT EGRET</b>					1		1	5th count record, last seen in 2001
34	Black-crowned Night Heron				3		1	4	
35	Bald Eagle (adults)		1	2	1			4	Ties high count set in 1945
	<i>Eagle, sp</i>		1					1	
36	Northern Harrier			1				1	
37	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	1	2	1	1	8	
38	Cooper's Hawk		1	2	1	2	4	10	
39	Northern Goshawk			1				1	

	<i>accipiter, sp</i>		1	1				2	
	Red-shouldered Hawk					CW		CW	
40	Red-tailed Hawk	6	9	22	17	10	20	84	
	<i>buteo, sp</i>	1						1	
41	American Kestrel			1		1		2	
42	Merlin			1				1	5th straight year
43	Peregrine Falcon			4		CW		4	
44	Virginia Rail						2	2	
45	American Coot		2					2	
46	Killdeer					5		5	
47	Purple Sandpiper					2	71	73	
48	Bonaparte's Gull						4	4	
49	Ring-billed Gull	108	272	142	669	1042	334	2567	21 year low
50	Herring Gull	2	141	159	331	658	117	1408	
51	Great Black-backed Gull	1	16	6	21	19	36	99	52 year low
52	Rock Pigeon	39	226	335	259	306	290	1455	
53	Mourning Dove	79	119	219	143	277	187	1024	
54	Monk Parakeet				19			19	Tied High Count (1972)
55	Barn Owl				1			1	
56	Eastern Screech-Owl	4				4	1	9	
57	Great Horned Owl		1	1	4	2	3	11	
58	Barred Owl			CW			1	1	
59	Long-eared Owl				2			2	
60	Short-eared Owl				1			1	1st since 1991
61	Northern Saw-whet Owl				2			2	
62	Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1	2	5	4	14	
	Red-headed Woodpecker					CW		CW	
63	Red-bellied Woodpecker	9	13	23	13	18	32	108	Declining ?
64	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		4		2	1	8	
65	Downy Woodpecker	17	18	32	35	60	34	196	
66	Hairy Woodpecker	7	6	6	10	15	14	58	
67	Northern Flicker			4	2	4	2	12	16 year low
68	Pileated Woodpecker	1						1	
69	Blue Jay	2	15	47	36	33	44	177	50 year low

70	American Crow	31	32	28	177	205	35	508	
71	Fish Crow		4		5	10	1	20	
72	Black-capped Chickadee	43	50	152	97	119	118	579	
73	Tufted Titmouse	26	30	95	59	90	49	349	
74	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		3				4	
75	White-breasted Nuthatch	8	13	31	23	45	20	140	
76	Brown Creeper			8	3	2	1	14	
77	Carolina Wren	9	14	9	21	31	34	118	
78	Winter Wren	2	3	5	1	5	7	23	
79	Marsh Wren				1	1		2	
80	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1		2		7		10	
81	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			1	2	
82	Eastern Bluebird		2					2	
83	Hermit Thrush	2	1	2	2	2	2	11	
84	American Robin	62	71	184	35	166	312	830	New high count (766 in 2001)
85	Gray Catbird	1	1	1	9	5	7	24	
86	Northern Mockingbird	12	17	29	11	18	21	108	28 year low
87	Brown Thrasher			1	1			2	
88	European Starling	241	276	724	221	986	310	2758	
89	Cedar Waxwing	4	7	6	3	10	11	41	
90	<b>Pine Warbler</b>		CW	6				6	4th time on count New high count
91	<b>Ovenbird</b>			1				1	2nd time on count (1998)
92	Eastern Towhee		1		8	3	5	17	
93	American Tree Sparrow		1	16	23	13	66	119	
94	Chipping Sparrow			1				1	
95	Field Sparrow	2						2	
96	Savannah Sparrow				10			10	
97	Fox Sparrow	1		12	52	12	23	100	
98	Song Sparrow	42	43	83	74	103	118	463	
99	Swamp Sparrow				3	1	4	8	22 year low
100	White-throated Sparrow	59	77	474	392	178	221	1401	
101	Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco	127	161	321	68	376	137	1190	

102	Northern Cardinal	27	53	58	48	130	100		416	
103	Red-winged Blackbird			78	49	4	5		136	
104	Rusty Blackbird			33					33	
105	Common Grackle			1					1	
106	Brown-headed Cowbird			2	68	CW			70	
107	<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>			2					2	New High Count, seen 4X in last 6 years
108	Purple Finch					10	1		11	
109	House Finch	100	21	36	20	88	53		318	23 year low
	Pine Siskin						CW		CW	
110	American Goldfinch	49	51	152	83	81	103		519	
111	House Sparrow	175	121	381	88	219	181		1165	
		Hudson		West	East					
		Valley	Yonkers	Bronx	Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye		TOTALS	
	TOTALS	1757	2945	5509	10225	10526	7479		38441	
	# of Species	46	50	69	72	73	77		111	
	# of Saves	2	2	10	6	4	6			
	Species missed: Northern Pintail, Redhead, Pied-billed Grebe, Turkey Vulture, Ruddy Turnstone, Dunlin									