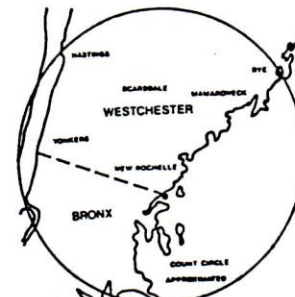


BRONX-WESTCHESTER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
December 27, 1992



The 69th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count recorded 121 species and 47,564 birds.

Highlights of the count included two new species, two Great Egrets seen in New Rochelle and Larchmont, and Tufted Duck which returned to Read Sanctuary in Rye just in time for the count. A Lincoln Sparrow was found at the Bartow-Pell Mansion in Pelham Bay Park. It's only the second record for the count. Last time was 1963. The Lesser Black-backed Gulls returned to Rye as well as the female Barrow's Goldeneye north of the Throggs-neck Bridge. Other highlights included Phoebe, Chipping Sparrow, House Wren and two Turkey Vultures.

Excellent details were given for a count week Broad-winged Hawk seen the day before the count by two people in N.E. Yonkers.

There were 13 new high counts and 2 tied. Most notable high counts were for Coopers Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Winter Wren and Hermit Thrush.

On a more disturbing note, Black Duck hit a 61 year low of 809 birds and Horned Grebe hit a 42 year low of only 7 birds. Could this be due to the continuing pollution of Long Island Sound?

I was pleased to see a great turnout for the dinner. About 45 people enjoyed the camaraderie and tales of the day at the compilation dinner, held at Coryn's Coach n' Four Restaurant in Yonkers.

Thanks to all those who participated.

Next year's count will be held **Sunday December 26, 1993**. See you next year.

Michael Bochnik

Species Seen for Each Party

Hudson Valley	-	57	species
Yonkers	-	62	"
West Bronx	-	66	"
East Bronx	-	72	"
Scarsdale	-	75	"
Rye	-	101	"

High Counts in Bold
Highlights - Bird names in Bold

High Count	Species	Hudson Valley	Yonker	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scars.	Rye	Total
13	Red-throated Loon	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
12	Common Loon	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
18	Pied-billed Grebe	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
182	Horned Grebe	0	0	0	1	3	3	7
124	Great Cormorant	0	1	1	6	31	30	69
51	Double-C. Cormorant	1	0	1	25	2	4	33
93	Great Blue Heron	1	6	4	3	11	55	80
0	Great Egret	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
160	Bl.-crowned N. Heron	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
240	Mute Swan	0	3	2	8	191	70	274
32	Snow Goose (white form)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
665	Brant	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
6468	Canada Goose (large forms)	80	1130	916	1036	3585	1069	7816
83	Wood Duck	0	0	42	0	0	1	43
63	Green-winged Teal (Am.)	4	3	5	7	6	10	35
3260	American Black Duck	18	15	61	165	339	211	809
3607	Mallard	88	220	1016	453	736	470	2983
27	Mallard hybrid	2	1	2	0	1	3	9
47	N. Pintail	2	0	0	0	1	4	7
223	N. Shoveler	0	0	58	3	0	0	61

High Count	Species	Hudson Valley	Yonker	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scars.	Rye	Total
58	Gadwall	0	0	0	20	3	9	32
457	American Widgeon	0	0	0	17	67	77	161
8749	Canvasback	37	70	7	87	43	184	428
20	Redhead	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
19	Ring-necked Duck	0	2	0	0	6	0	8
0	Tufted Duck	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
23712	Greater Scaup	0	0	0	1578	738	1550	3866
304	Lesser Scaup	0	0	0	0	0	171	171
146	Oldsquaw	0	0	0	0	0	116	116
4000	White-winged Scoter	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1200	Com. Goldeneye	1	0	0	68	30	82	181
1	Barrow's Goldeneye	0	0	0	1 (F)	0	0	1
1746	Bufflehead	9	1	0	457	260	210	937
124	Hooded Merganser	0	36	19	7	16	15	93
620	Common Merganser	28	6	3	0	0	1	38
650	Red-breasted Merganser	0	0	2	48	52	81	183
1154	Ruddy Duck	0	241	262	631	90	1	1225
1	Turkey Vulture	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
14	N. Harrier	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
13	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	2	0	1	6	12
7	Coopers Hawk	1	1	4	2	0	2	10
3	N. Goshawk	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
12	Red-shouldered Hawk	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
80	Red-tailed Hawk	16	12	14	14	24	15	95
35	American Kestrel	1	0	0	2	1	0	4
1	Merlin	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
6	Perigrine Falcon	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Falcon, sp. Large	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
291	Ring-necked Pheasant	0	3	6	23	0	5	37
6	Virginia Rail	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
71	American Coot	0	0	0	0	30	1	31
6	Black-bellied Plover	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
123	Killdeer	0	0	0	7	11	10	28
10	Greater Yellolegs	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
43	Ruddy Turnstone	0	0	0	0	27	26	53
177	Purple Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	0	23	23
120	Dunlin	0	0	0	0	6	25	31
17	Common Snipe	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
3	American Woodcock	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
1234	Bonapartes Gull	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
6262	Ring-billed Gull	183	524	282	517	1474	742	3722
36500	Herring Gull	15	160	92	1832	1010	1416	4525
4	Iceland Gull	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
8250	Great Black-backed Gull	32	25	11	45	5	45	163
1985	Rock Dove	98	181	408	242	173	245	1347
1600	Mourning Dove	91	105	104	21	109	92	522
7	Barn Owl	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
13	Screech Owl	5	1	0	0	3	3	12
18	Great Horned Owl	1	2	0	1	1	2	7
35	Belted Kingfisher	1	4	4	3	9	10	31
78	Red-bellied Woodpecker	6	11	14	10	21	11	73
8	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	1	4	0	1	5	13
286	Downy Woodpecker	30	49	34	39	50	42	244
142	Hairy Woodpecker	3	8	1	2	9	9	28
47	Northern Flicker	3	8	1	2	9	5	28
5	Pileated Woodpecker	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

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1	Phoebe	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1334	Blue Jay	51	117	115	212	193	130	818
1851	American Crow	139	295	454	361	719	301	2269
77	Fish Crow	0	0	3	4	0	0	7
1062	Black-capped Chickadee	76	106	79	13	157	158	589
748	Tufted Titmouse	41	57	87	119	103	49	456
26	Red-breasted Nuthatch	0	4	4	0	6	12	26
190	White-breasted Nuthatch	23	18	31	13	42	21	148
46	Brown Creeper	1	2	2	0	3	1	9
158	Carolina Wren	40	28	11	4	20	42	145
4	House Wren	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
21	Winter Wren	5	12	1	0	1	5	24
9	Marsh Wren	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
137	Golden-crowned Kinglet	8	12	7	0	9	7	43
28	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	0	2	0	1	2	5
48	Eastern Bluebird	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
31	Hermit Thrush	15	2	1	1	8	16	43
258	American Robin	0	68	40	36	85	71	300
54	Gray Catbird	4	13	2	1	5	17	42
233	N. Mockingbird	30	40	23	28	31	42	194
18	Brown Thrasher	1	2	0	1	0	1	5
260	Cedar Waxwing	0	87	3	6	41	5	142
15750	European Starling	356	626	785	259	677	507	3210
135	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Wa	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
5	Common Yellowthroat	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
401	N. Cardinal	85	91	68	13	91	79	427
58	Rufouse Sided Towhee	1	2	1	10	2	4	20
1300	American Tree Sparrow	0	14	1	145	1	78	239
6	Chipping Sparrow	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
170	Field Sparrow	31	6	7	0	0	3	47
205	Savannah Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
7	Sharp-tailed Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
167	Fox Sparrow	2	0	15	8	3	6	34
871	Song Sparrow	92	116	94	90	149	250	791
1	Lincoln's Sparrow	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
67	Swamp Sparrow	3	2	7	3	1	41	57
2490	White-throated Sparrow	246	334	244	260	409	528	2021
1362	Dark-eyed Junco	99	307	166	17	285	159	1033
1338	Red-winged Blackbird	27	0	22	4	2	24	79
332	Rusty Blackbird	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
4588	Common Grackle	3	0	248	0	0	1	252
1212	Brown-headed Cowbird	7	1	0	0	0	7	15
56	Purple Finch	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
1615	House Finch	242	398	111	27	199	336	1313
761	American Goldfinch	46	211	53	25	56	70	461
2810	House Sparrow	193	460	454	105	141	162	1515
Totals		2629	6266	6532	9162	12631	10344	47564

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Count Week Birds: Eurasian Widgeon
Sanderling
Broad-winged Hawk
Water Pipit