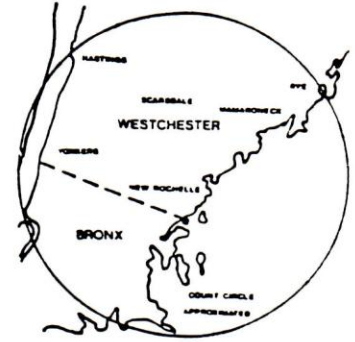


# 71st Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

## December 26, 1994

The 71st Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count recorded 114 species and 44,184 birds.

Warm weather was the story for this year. The temperature for the prior two months was well above normal and there was no significant freeze before the count. The results reflected this with a record number of warbler species seen - SEVEN! Previously, four species have been seen on three other counts, 1961, 1981 and 1987. The seven species included Yellow-rumped Warblers, Common Yellowthroat (Rye), **Wilson's Warbler** (Rye, second record), **Yellow-breasted Chat** (near Saw Mill R.), two **Nashville Warblers** (one in Riverdale and one in Hommock Park, Larchmont, third time on count) and two species that are new to the count - **Prairie Warbler** seen in Throggs-neck and **Northern Waterthrush** seen at Carpenter Pond in Scarsdale. Its the eighth straight year we've added new species to the count. The count has now recorded 212 species plus an additional 7 other subspecies or forms.



Other highlights included three **Great Egrets**, two **Merlin**, **Wild Turkey**, one in Van Cortlant Park and 5 in Rye, and two **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** (9th straight year) and House Wren (17th count record and 9th time in last 15 years).

There were twelve new or tied high counts. Brant (806), Lesser Scaup (352), Hooded Merganser (196), Red-breasted Merganser (725, the old record was 650 way back in 1941), Red-tailed Hawk (103), Red-bellied Woodpecker (95), Winter Wren (24), Great Egret (3), Merlin (2), Turkey Vulture (2), Wild Turkey (6), Nashville Warbler (2).

The warm weather and decline of Canvasback ducks resulted in a 45 year low for them with only 156 birds. Over the previous 20 years their average was 2423, but their previous 5 year average is 730.

Ring-necked Pheasant and American Kestrel continued with low numbers

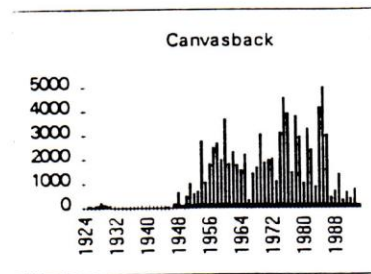
Carolina Wrens are half their numbers than two years ago. 71 vs. 145.

The most interesting non-avian sighting this year was a basking Red-eared Turtle, indicative of the warm weather we've had so far.

Thanks to the 69 plus participants and the 36 who showed up for the compilation dinner.

Due to Christmas Eve falling on Sunday in 1995, next years count will be held **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1995**, this is unavoidable. The good news is that we're free from the holidays after next year to the year 2000. Future dates: Sunday Dec. 29, 1996, Sunday Dec. 28, 1997, and probably Sunday Dec. 27, 1998 and Sunday Dec. 26, 1999.

Have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Species	Yonkers	Hud. Val.	W. Bronx	E. Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS	
Red-throated Loon					7	1	8	
Common Loon				1	8	1	10	
Pied-billed Grebe	1					4	5	
Horned Grebe				22	10	5	37	
Great Cormorant				37	35	30	102	
Double-C. Cormorant				4	1	1	6	
Great Blue Heron			3	10	32	9	54	
Black-crowned N. Heron			1				1	
Mute Swan				34	26	119	179	
Snow Goose (white form)				1			1	
Brant					481	325	806	high count
Canada Goose	1394	386	568	868	845	2259	6320	
Wood Duck			26			1	27	
Green-winged Teal (Am.)	2	18	9			16	45	
American Black Duck	11	8	51	464	374	573	1481	
Mallard	182	115	719	201	240	608	2065	
Mallard hybrid	1	5		1		1	8	
N. Pintail				1	5		6	16 yr. low
N. Shoveler	4		38			63	105	
Gadwall	1		13	5	7	18	44	
American Widgeon					31	77	108	
Canvasback	2	5	1	52	75	21	156	45 yr. low
Redhead						1	1	
Greater Scaup				2750	730	485	3965	
Lesser Scaup				47	302	3	352	high count
Oldsquaw					56	5	61	
Common Goldeneye	1		1	43	109	153	307	
Bufflehead		7		452	197	230	886	
Hooded Merganser	59		17	3	12	105	196	high count
Common Merganser	13				1		14	
Red-breasted Merganser				147	294	284	725	high count
Ruddy Duck	33		56	257		152	498	
N. Harrier				4			4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		1	1	2	6	12	
Coopers Hawk			1	3	3	1	8	
N. Goshawk			1				1	
Red-shouldered Hawk					2		2	
Red-tailed Hawk	15	9	24	19	14	22	103	high count
Rough-legged Hawk								
American Kestrel			1	1			2	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1		6	18		4	29	
Clapper Rail								
Virginia Rail								
American Coot						32	32	
Killdeer		1			3	9	13	
Greater Yellowlegs						2	2	
Ruddy Turnstone					24	24	48	
Purple Sandpiper					30	25	55	
Dunlin					50	17	67	
Common Snipe								
American Woodcock								
Laughing Gull								
Bonapartes Gull					87	1	88	
Ring-billed Gull	338	207	435	654	381	1185	3200	
Herring Gull	33	19	49	653	504	1827	3085	
Great Black-backed Gull	11	11	16	73	76	131	318	
Rock Dove	223	109	414	316	134	358	1554	
Mourning Dove	64	101	96	112	104	217	694	
Screech Owl	1	3				5	9	
Great Horned Owl		1	1	4	5	2	13	
Short-eared Owl								
Belted Kingfisher	3	1		3	2	5	14	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	13	16	11	18	14	23	95	high count
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2	4	5			11	
Downy Woodpecker	24	29	41	35	30	89	248	
Hairy Woodpecker	4	6	6	3	9	17	45	
Northern Flicker	8	3	1	1	10	12	35	
Pileated Woodpecker								
Horned Lark					CW		CW	
Blue Jay	52	83	145	75	57	65	477	
American Crow	143	190	559	146	270	685	1993	

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Fish Crow	2	1	6	4	3	1	17
Black-capped Chickadee	49	93	143	14	269	152	720
Tufted Titmouse	51	65	52	30	60	120	378
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2		1		3
White-breasted Nuthatch	19	28	24	9	19	48	147
Brown Creeper				2			2
Carolina Wren	10	6	1	5	25	24	71
Winter Wren	2	10	2		2	8	24
Marsh Wren					1		1
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1	23		7	3	34
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	3	8	2	2	6	23
Hermit Thrush	3	7			4	5	19
American Robin	22	7	55	7	33	6	130
Gray Catbird	4	6	7		5	3	25
N. Mockingbird	53	33	45	5	35	39	210
Brown Thrasher				1		1	2
Cedar Waxwing		1	18	20	6		45
European Starling	901	646	1043	460	560	1191	4801
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1		5		2	8
N. Cardinal	54	84	73	15	58	128	412
Rufouse Sided Towhee	1	1	1	2	1	1	7
American Tree Sparrow	5	3	2	62	26	6	104
Field Sparrow	1	4			3	1	9
Savannah Sparrow				3		4	7
Fox Sparrow			3	8	2	1	14
Song Sparrow	59	92	67	39	18	128	403
Swamp Sparrow		2	1	11	5	3	22
White-throated Sparrow	97	205	238	167	256	540	1503
Dark-eyed Junco	100	69	202	39	119	171	700
Snow Bunting							
Red-winged Blackbird	51	11	17	78	18		175
Eastern Meadowlark							
Rusty Blackbird							
Common Grackle			113	1	1	4	119
Brown-headed Cowbird			3				3
Purple Finch			1				1
House Finch	165	174	77	109	257	293	1075
Pine Siskin							
American Goldfinch	49	63	111	49	77	66	415
House Sparrow	321	320	315	229	130	365	1680

16 yr. low  
high count

Uncommon Species	Yonkers	Hud. Val.	W. Bronx	E. Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS
Red-necked Grebe					CW		CW
Great Egret				1	2		3
Ring-necked Duck	5					6	11
Surf Scoter					CW		CW
White-winged Scoter					CW	1	1
Turkey Vulture		1				1	2
Merlin			CW		1	1	2
Wild Turkey			1		5		6
rail, sp.					1		1
Lesser Bl.-backed Gull					2		2
House Wren		1					1
American Pipit					1		1
Nashville Warbler			1			1	2
Common Yellowthroat					1		1
Wilson's Warbler					1		1
Yellow-breasted Chat		1					1
Sharp-tailed Sparrow					1		1
White-crowned Sparrow	1						1

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New Species	Yonkers	Hud. Val.	W. Bronx	E. Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS
Northern Gannet					CW		CW
Prairie Warbler				1			1
Northern Waterthrush						1	1

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TOTALS	4666	3274	5970	8922	7707	13645	44184
# of Species	53	53	63	68	83	87	114
# of Saves	1	2	4	4	7	5	