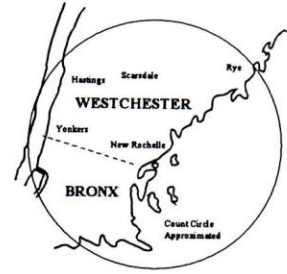


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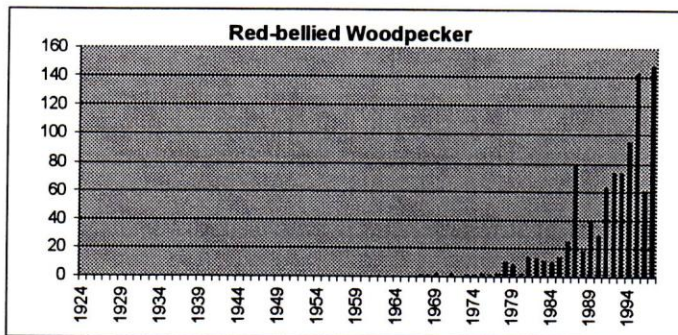
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Sixty-one participants recorded 111 species and 44,891 birds in the 74th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count.

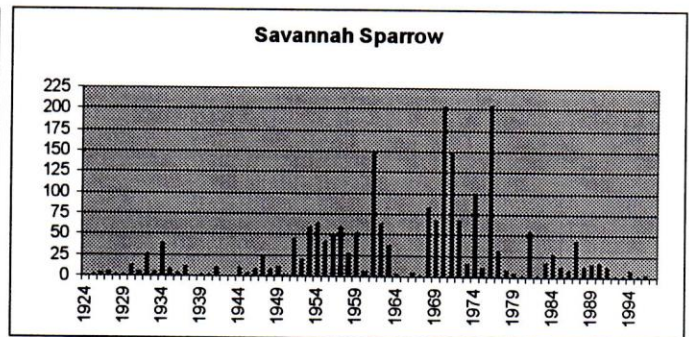
Highlights of this year's count included: a Red-headed Woodpecker in White Plains; two Eurasian Wigeon, one in Rye, the other on Premium Mill Pond; two House Wrens; an Eastern Phoebe; a lone White-winged Crossbill in Rye; Peregrine Falcon in Yonkers; and Long-eared Owl in Van Cortlandt Park.



Other birds included: 12 Ring-neck Duck, 17 Turkey Vultures, surpassing the old high of 2 in 1994; 147 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, new high count; and 54 Rusty Blackbirds in Van Cortlandt.



Red-bellied Woodpecker numbers still climbing



Missed Savannah Sparrow, 1st time since 1965

We almost missed Field Sparrow again. We squeaked by with two. We've only missed this bird twice, 1924 and 1996. We did miss Savannah Sparrow and Brown-headed Cowbird. Savannahs were last missed 32 years ago in 1965!

The Bronx County Bird Club started this count in 1924. In these 74 years we've counted 2,982,772 birds. Next year, barring a blizzard, we will count our 3 millionth bird! We only need 17,228 to go.

Non-avian sightings included Coyote and a bumbling security guard who wanted me arrested at Hillview Reservoir--even though I had written permission from the DEP.

Thanks to the 61 participants and the 30 who showed up for the compilation dinner. It was nice to see so many new faces.

Next year's count will be held Sunday, December 27, 1998. Hope to see you there.

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1997 Bronx/Westchester Christmas Bird Count

Species	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	East Bronx	West Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS
Red-throated Loon			1		1	3	5
Common Loon					4	4	8
Pied-billed Grebe		1		1		1	3
Horned Grebe			11		6	10	27
Great Cormorant			20		18	43	81
Double-crested Cormorant			4	1	1		6
Great Blue Heron			4	7	40	6	57
Black-crowned Night Heron				4			4
Mute Swan		4	54	5	13	79	155
Snow Goose (white form)						2	2
Brant			220		40	32	292
Canada Goose	155	813	753	578	983	3489	6771
Wood Duck		4		15	1	3	23
Green-winged Teal (Am.)				8	2	28	38
American Black Duck	7		197	21	310	219	754
Mallard	37	478	230	70	137	785	1737
<i>Mallard hybrid</i>				2			2
Northern Pintail			2		3	1	6
Northern Shoveler		5	1	72		63	141
Gadwall			28	20	12	11	71
Eurasian Wigeon					1	1	2
American Wigeon			25		95	128	248
Canvasback	12	52	26	4	10	11	115
Ring-necked Duck						12	12
Greater Scaup			1015		6503	147	7665
Lesser Scaup			6		450	6	462
Oldsquaw			1		22	65	88
Surf Scoter					2	1	3
Common Goldeneye		4	17	1	50	48	120
Bufflehead	1		148	2	127	230	508
Hooded Merganser		36	6	29	13	104	188
Common Merganser		21				3	24
Red-breasted Merganser			38		59	27	124
Ruddy Duck		23	46	80	95	147	391
Turkey Vulture	3	2		5	3	4	17
Northern Harrier			2				2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	5	4	5	16
Cooper's Hawk		2	1	6	1	3	13
Red-shouldered Hawk	2		1		1	1	5
Red-tailed Hawk	3	18	22	16	9	25	93
American Kestrel				1	1		2
Merlin	CW						CW
Perigrine Falcon		1					1
Ring-necked Pheasant			7	4		1	12
Wild Turkey				1	6		7
Virginia Rail					2		2
American Coot		9		3	1	4	17
Killdeer		1	4		2	5	12
Ruddy Turnstone					3	2	5
Sanderling						3	3
Purple Sandpiper					41	10	51
Dunlin					3	4	7
Common Snipe					1		1
Bonaparte's Gull					58	1	59
Ring-billed Gull	120	819	524	248	330	1196	3237
Herring Gull	8	15	267	43	320	1568	2221
Great Black-backed Gull	9	18	23	6	36	56	148
Rock Dove	11	219	210	271	194	449	1354
Mourning Dove	31	110	75	15	69	178	478
Eastern Screech Owl	2				1	3	6
Great Horned Owl		2	2	1	2	1	8
Long-eared Owl				1			1
Belted Kingfisher		4	4	2	6	6	22
Red-headed Woodpecker						1	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	9	21	12	29	25	51	147

New High Count, (391 in 1995)

New High Count, (2 in 1994)

Last seen in 1987, 15th count record
New High Count, (143 in 1995)

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Species	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	East Bronx	West Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1	2	2	2	6	13
Downy Woodpecker	17	31	19	34	28	91	220
Hairy Woodpecker	2	7	10	3	11	19	52
Northern Flicker	2	4	7	8	7	6	34
Pileated Woodpecker						1	1
Eastern Phoebe				1			1
Horned Lark					3	14	17
Blue Jay	32	78	104	163	112	157	646
American Crow	70	273	402	450	281	920	2396
Fish Crow		1	8	11	5	2	27
Black-capped Chickadee	42	124	102	116	206	257	847
Tufted Titmouse	33	100	136	140	122	315	846
Red-breasted Nuthatch		8		9	1	3	21
White-breasted Nuthatch	13	41	3	35	35	108	235
Brown Creeper		3		1		2	6
Carolina Wren	5	7		1	32	23	68
House Wren				1	1		2
Winter Wren		2		3	4	6	15
Golden-crowned Kinglet		5			1	1	7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1		1	2
Eastern Bluebird					3		3
Hermit Thrush			3		8	4	15
American Robin	13	9	3	77	27	33	162
Gray Catbird	1	2	1	2	16	7	29
Northern Mockingbird	7	17	9	32	13	42	120
Brown Thrasher					1		1
Cedar Waxwing		19			5	6	30
European Starling	152	598	254	548	305	843	2700
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2		1		3
Common Yellowthroat					1	1	2
Northern Cardinal	28	52	22	39	60	103	304
Eastern Towhee				2	6	7	15
American Tree Sparrow		2	46	6	24	14	92
Field Sparrow		2					2
Fox Sparrow		1	4	6	6	5	22
Song Sparrow	12	28	58	46	145	136	425
Swamp Sparrow		1	10	16	28	3	58
White-throated Sparrow	54	126	91	535	265	426	1497
Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco	29	215	104	179	157	306	990
Red-winged Blackbird			4	125	12		141
Eastern Meadowlark			3				3
Rusty Blackbird				54			54
Common Grackle		2	45	1000		203	1250
Purple Finch				2			2
House Finch	34	62	23	88	114	360	681
White-winged Crossbill					1		1
American Goldfinch	21	74	38	40	56	125	354
House Sparrow	141	676	194	663	121	603	2398

Last seen in 1992, 8th count record

Last seen in 1977, 7th count record

Missed Savannah Sparrow - last missed 32 years ago in 1965.

Missed Brown-headed Cowbird - only the 6th time its been missed in 74 years; twice in last 5 years.

	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	East Bronx	West Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS
TOTALS	1119	5253	5715	6016	12343	14445	44891
# of Species	35	57	67	70	90	91	111
# of Saves		1	1	6	5	5	

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