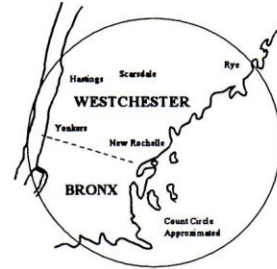


75th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

December 27, 1998

Seventy-two participants recorded 119 species and 46,630 birds in the 75th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count. The count also recorded its three millionth bird of its history.

The count recorded three new species, six species of warbler, and new high counts for Red-necked Grebe, Brant, Lesser Scaup, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and American Crow. Lows included a 52-year low for Canvasback and a 17-year low for House Finch.



The three new species for the count were all seen in Rye. A **Northern Gannet** and two **American Oystercatchers** were seen flying over Long Island Sound and an **Ovenbird** was in Edith G. Read Sanctuary.

The five other species of warbler were: **Nashville Warbler** along the Hudson at Mount Saint Vincent College, forth count record; **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, **Palm Warbler** in Yonkers; Two **Common Yellowthroat** in Rye and a **Yellow-breasted Chat** at Edith G Read Sanctuary.

Other birds included:

- ♣ Two **Red-necked Grebe**, one off Rye, the other further south
- ♣ **Eurasian Wigeon** in Five Islands Park
- ♣ Eight **Turkey Vultures**, six in Yonkers, one in West Bronx, one in Scarsdale territory
- ♣ **Northern Goshawk** in Marshlands Conservancy
- ♣ **Peregrine Falcon** in Rye, now seen four years in a row.
- ♣ Two **Wild Turkey** in Van Cortlandt Park
- ♣ **Clapper Rail** in Pelham Bay Park
- ♣ **Semipalmated Plover** on Edgewater Flat, (border of Mamaroneck and Larchmont), only the second record for the count, the other occurred in 1989
- ♣ **Iceland Gull** on Lake Isle, Eastchester, (California Road)
- ♣ Two **Common Snipe** and one **American Woodcock**
- ♣ **House Wren** in West Bronx, 5th straight year we've had the species on the count
- ♣ Two **American Pipit**
- ♣ **White-crowned Sparrow**, an immature in Larchmont

We missed Field Sparrow again, only our third miss for this. We also missed it in 1924 and 1996.

The attached data gives additional information.

Thanks to the 72 participants, especially the area leaders and the 40 who showed up for the compilation dinner.

Next year's count will be held **Sunday, December 26, 1999**. This will be the 100th Anniversary count for the nation. Hope to see you there.

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Species	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	East Bronx	West Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS	
1 Red-throated Loon			3		4	7	14	New High Count, 13 in 1953)
2 Common Loon			1		9	2	12	
3 Pied-billed Grebe			1	1		6	8	42 year high
4 Horned Grebe			3		1	5	9	
5 RED-NECKED GREBE					1	1	2	20th count record
6 NORTHERN GANNET					1		1	New Species
7 Great Cormorant			21		29	17	67	
8 Double-crested Cormorant		1	11	1		1	14	
<i>cormorant , sp</i>			7				7	
9 Great Blue Heron		3	10	3	26	7	49	
10 Black-crowned Night-Heron					3		3	
11 Mute Swan		5	38	7	17	40	107	
12 Snow Goose (white form)						1	1	
13 Brant			416		15	476	907	
14 Canada Goose	320	886	886	754	1056	3183	7085	
15 Wood Duck		1		18		46	65	
16 Green-winged Teal (Am.)		4		18		2	24	
17 American Black Duck	1	12	272	11	486	542	1324	
18 Mallard	70	263	137	364	268	629	1731	
<i>mallard hybrid</i>		1		2			20	
19 Northern Pintail		2			3	1	6	
20 Northern Shoveler		32		44	1	19	96	
21 Gadwall			12	1	29	4	46	
22 EURASIAN WIGEON						1	1	Seen 4 X in last 10 years
23 American Wigeon			90	1	199	70	360	19 year high
24 Canvasback	27	1	2	6	10	1	47	52 year low!
Redhead					CW		CW	Missed last two years
25 Ring-necked Duck						14	14	
26 Greater Scaup			217		4184	1000	5401	
27 Lesser Scaup			27	1	1225	4	1257	New High Count, (462 in 1997)
28 Oldsquaw					49	30	79	
29 Common Goldeneye		2	54	3	20	105	184	
30 Bufflehead	1		202		75	235	513	
31 Hooded Merganser		46	10	9	38	68	171	
32 Common Merganser	1			2		5	8	
33 Red-breasted Merganser			116		114	145	375	
34 Ruddy Duck		4	197		58	261	520	
35 Turkey Vulture		6		1		1	8	
36 Northern Harrier			5				5	
37 Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	1	1	4	5	3	16	
38 Cooper's Hawk			2	4	3	4	13	
39 Northern Goshawk					1		1	
40 Red-shouldered Hawk	1						1	
41 Red-tailed Hawk	4	14	15	17	5	30	85	
42 American Kestrel				1		1	2	
43 Peregrine Falcon					1		1	
44 Ring-necked Pheasant			12	2	2	7	23	
45 RUFFED GROUSE		1					1	Last seen in 1985
46 Wild Turkey					2	CW	2	6th straight year
47 CLAPPER RAIL			1				1	Seen 3X in last 10 years
48 Virginia Rail					2		2	
49 American Coot		5				4	9	
50 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER						1	1	2nd count record, seen 1989
51 Killdeer		2	6		16	13	37	23 year high
52 AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER					2		2	New Species
53 Ruddy Turnstone					2	8	10	
54 Purple Sandpiper					23	15	38	
55 Dunlin					12	55	67	
56 COMMON SNIBE				1		1	2	
57 AMERICAN WOODCOCK			1				1	
58 Bonaparte's Gull					10	3	13	
59 Ring-billed Gull	165	433	265	332	667	1578	3440	
60 Herring Gull	5	14	372	110	1172	817	2490	
61 ICELAND GULL						1	1	Last seen in 1992
62 Great Black-backed Gull	3	7	29	3	62	52	156	
63 Rock Dove	52	307	87	446	43	344	1279	
64 Mourning Dove	19	105	76	123	90	209	622	
65 Eastern Screech-Owl	3					7	10	
66 Great Horned Owl	1	1	2	3	4	2	13	
67 Belted Kingfisher		2	3	1	5	5	16	
68 Red-bellied Woodpecker	14	30	23	16	19	48	150	New High Count, (147 in 1997)
69 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	3	1	4	1	4	15	Tied High Count, 1993
70 Downy Woodpecker	21	37	31	29	44	70	232	
71 Hairy Woodpecker	4	5	7	17	11	14	58	
72 Northern Flicker	1	2	3	5	7	16	34	

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73 Pileated Woodpecker						2	2	
74 Horned Lark					9		9	
75 Blue Jay	23	59	111	101	62	153	509	
76 American Crow	63	211	290	2042	302	639	3547	New High Count, (2690 in 1993)
77 Fish Crow		1	4	10	5	7	27	
78 Black-capped Chickadee	21	62	24	80	69	146	402	
79 Tufted Titmouse	35	51	86	59	53	169	453	
80 Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	1	2	
81 White-breasted Nuthatch	12	25	13	21	18	72	161	
82 Brown Creeper		1	1	1	CW		3	
83 Carolina Wren	8	8	4	11	25	34	90	
84 HOUSE WREN					1		1	5th straight year
85 Winter Wren	4	2		8	9	6	29	
Marsh Wren					CW		CW	
86 Golden-crowned Kinglet	2			10	4	1	17	
87 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	2		1	1		5	
88 Hermit Thrush	3	1	6		25	10	45	
89 American Robin	5	19	6	76	86	90	282	
90 Gray Catbird	3	5		2	7	3	20	
91 Northern Mockingbird	9	33	15	33	16	41	147	
92 Brown Thrasher				1			1	
93 AMERICAN PIPIT				1	1		2	Last seen in 1994
94 Cedar Waxwing		1	1			68	70	
95 European Starling	250	479	327	550	849	763	3218	
96 NASHVILLE WARBLER					1		1	4th count record, last 1994
97 Yellow-rumped Warbler		CW	8	1		1	10	
98 PALM WARBLER		1					1	Last seen in 1988
99 OVENBIRD					1		1	New Species
100 COMMON YELLOWTHROAT					2		2	3rd straight year
101 YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT					1		1	4th in 10 years
102 Northern Cardinal	53	62	57	54	57	112	395	
103 Eastern Towhee	1			4	CW		7	
104 American Tree Sparrow	1	11	100	19	25	7	163	
105 Savannah Sparrow			1				1	
106 Fox Sparrow			29	6	11	10	56	16 year high
107 Song Sparrow	24	27	105	94	115	120	485	
108 Swamp Sparrow		1	6	8	12	4	31	
109 White-throated Sparrow	67	201	384	501	263	661	2077	
110 WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW						1	1	3rd time in 5 years
111 Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco	56	152	62	165	215	450	1100	
112 Red-winged Blackbird		13	314	116	8	30	481	
113 RUSTY BLACKBIRD				16		6	22	
114 Common Grackle		120	137	12		14	283	
115 Brown-headed Cowbird	5		1	14	1		21	
116 Purple Finch				1			1	
117 House Finch	66	76	77	28	76	130	453	17 year low
118 American Goldfinch	15	55	40	50	58	109	327	
119 House Sparrow	315	364	203	744	252	402	2280	

Missed Field Sparrow - only missed two other times, 1924 and 1996.

Six Species of warbler - 2nd highest ever (7 species in 1994)

	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	East Bronx	West Bronx	Rye	Scarsdale	TOTALS
TOTALS	1759	4281	6087	7209	12769	14525	46630
# of Species	45	60	70	73	84	93	119
# of Saves	1	2	4	5	9	7	

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