

82nd Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count December 26, 2005

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

The 82nd Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird count held Monday, December 26 found 110 species and 39,630 birds.

The count was hampered by rain and fog for most of the morning; fortunately temperatures were in the mid 40's. Many bodies of fresh water remained mostly frozen.

Highlights included:

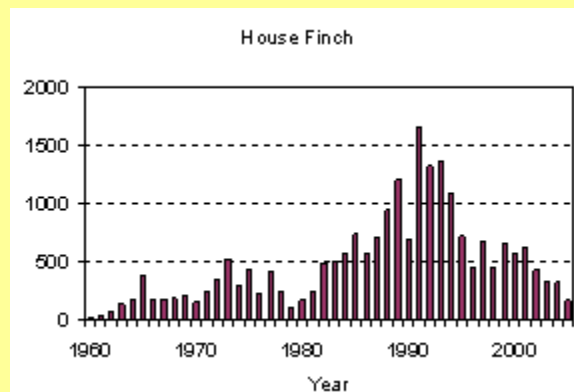
- * Three American Oystercatchers off Edgewater Point, Mamaroneck, second count record.
- * An unidentified swallow at Five Islands Park, New Rochelle.
- * Two White-winged Scoters, three Red-necked Grebes off Rye
- * Wilson's Snipe and fourteen Rusty Blackbirds in Van Cortlandt Park.
- * Three Chipping Sparrows, two in the Botanical Gardens and one in Riverdale.
- * And a count period Yellow-breasted Chat in Wave Hill which was closed for the count.
- * Other count week birds included Turkey Vulture, Eastern Phoebe, and Horned Lark



In an example of how things have changed; Peregrine Falcons set a new high count of seven breaking the old mark of 6 in 1936. Merlins tied a high count with four and we squeaked by with one American Kestrel. Who would have thought that one day peregrines and merlins would outnumber kestrels on a count?

There was also a new high count for Hooded Merganser (310). Black-capped Chickadees were abundant and fell just short of a high count.

House Finches continue their decline. There were only 155 birds, a 26-year low. Their high count was 1615 set in 1991.



Thanks to all eighty-four participants. The complete compilation results are attached.

Due to Christmas Eve falling on Sunday, the next count will be on SATURDAY, December 23, 2006

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| | Species | Hudson Valley | Yonkers | West Bronx | East Bronx | Scarsdale | Rye | Total | |
|----|----------------------------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|------|-------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Snow Goose (white form) | | | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 2 | Brant | | | | 375 | 1 | 108 | 484 | |
| 3 | Canada Goose | 137 | 260 | 1188 | 1434 | 1843 | 1182 | 6044 | |
| 4 | Mute Swan | | 2 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 56 | 93 | |
| 5 | Wood Duck | | | 7 | | 9 | 6 | 22 | |
| 6 | Gadwall | | 2 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 79 | 105 | |
| 7 | American Wigeon | | | | 5 | 130 | 159 | 294 | |
| 8 | American Black Duck | 8 | 9 | 33 | 422 | 238 | 376 | 1086 | |
| 9 | Mallard | 75 | 116 | 316 | 224 | 783 | 362 | 1876 | |
| | <i>Mallard hybrid</i> | 1 | | | 2 | 7 | 3 | 13 | |
| 10 | Northern Shoveler | | 6 | | | | | 6 | |
| 11 | Northern Pintail | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| 12 | Green-winged Teal (Am.) | | | | | 12 | | 12 | |
| 13 | Canvasback | 1 | | 1 | | | 6 | 8 | |
| 14 | Ring-necked Duck | | 7 | | | | 2 | 9 | |
| 15 | Greater Scaup | | | | 2183 | 739 | 37 | 2959 | |
| 16 | Lesser Scaup | | | | | 40 | 1 | 41 | |
| 17 | White-winged Scoter | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 years in a row |
| 18 | Long-tailed Duck | | | | | 4 | 58 | 62 | |
| 19 | Bufflehead | | | | 357 | 119 | 274 | 750 | |
| 20 | Common Goldeneye | | | | 87 | 65 | 37 | 189 | |
| 21 | Hooded Merganser | 8 | 24 | 23 | 6 | 64 | 185 | 310 | New High Count (271 in 1999) |
| 22 | Common Merganser | | 60 | | | | 2 | 62 | |
| 23 | Red-breasted Merganser | | | | 48 | 60 | 177 | 285 | |
| 24 | Ruddy Duck | | 28 | | 632 | 22 | 9 | 691 | |
| 25 | Ring-necked Pheasant | | | 1 | 15 | | | 16 | |
| 26 | Wild Turkey | 2 | 3 | 1 | 29 | | 8 | 43 | |
| 27 | Red-throated Loon | | | | | 2 | 8 | 10 | |
| 28 | Common Loon | | 2 | | | 7 | 3 | 12 | |

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| 29 | Pied-billed Grebe | | 1 | | 2 | | | 3 | |
| 30 | Horned Grebe | | | | | 1 | 6 | 7 | |
| 31 | Red-necked Grebe | | | | | | 3 | 3 | Tied High Count (1986) |
| 32 | Double-crested Cormorant | | 1 | | 15 | 4 | CW | 20 | |
| 33 | Great Cormorant | | | | 2 | 3 | 16 | 21 | 35-year low |
| 34 | Great Blue Heron | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 33 | |
| | Turkey Vulture | CW | CW | | | | | CW | |
| 35 | Northern Harrier | | | | 2 | | 2 | 4 | |
| 36 | Sharp-shinned Hawk | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 8 | |
| 37 | Cooper's Hawk | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 | |
| | <i>accipiter, sp.</i> | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | |
| 38 | Red-tailed Hawk | 4 | 11 | 19 | 16 | 20 | 9 | 79 | |
| 39 | American Kestrel | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 40 | Merlin | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | Tied High Count (2002) |
| 41 | Peregrine Falcon | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 7 | New High Count (6 in 1936) |
| 42 | Virginia Rail | | | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| 43 | American Coot | | 2 | | | | | 2 | |
| 44 | Killdeer | | | | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 | |
| 45 | American Oystercatcher | | | | | 3 | | 3 | 2nd time on Count |
| 46 | Ruddy Turnstone | | | | | 1 | 6 | 7 | |
| 47 | Purple Sandpiper | | | | 1 | 12 | 13 | 26 | |
| 48 | Dunlin | | | | | 12 | 1 | 13 | |
| 49 | Wilson's Snipe | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 50 | American Woodcock | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 51 | Bonaparte's Gull | | | | | | 6 | 6 | |
| 52 | Ring-billed Gull | 199 | 1026 | 363 | 3467 | 542 | 383 | 5980 | |
| 53 | Herring Gull | 2 | 151 | 53 | 227 | 271 | 200 | 904 | |
| 54 | Great Black-backed Gull | 2 | 11 | 3 | 51 | 16 | 96 | 179 | |
| 55 | Rock Pigeon | 92 | 97 | 339 | 345 | 192 | 45 | 1110 | |
| 56 | Mourning Dove | 54 | 99 | 100 | 129 | 296 | 86 | 764 | |
| 57 | Monk Parakeet | | | | 4 | | | 4 | |
| 58 | Eastern Screech-Owl | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 1 | 9 | |
| 59 | Great Horned Owl | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | |
| 60 | Northern Saw-whet Owl | | | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 61 | Belted Kingfisher | | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 4 | 12 | 23-year low |
| 62 | Red-bellied Woodpecker | 9 | 24 | 30 | 24 | 38 | 32 | 157 | |
| 63 | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | 17-year low |
| 64 | Downy Woodpecker | 11 | 25 | 35 | 32 | 42 | 30 | 175 | |

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| 65 | Hairy Woodpecker | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 28 | |
| 66 | Northern (Yel.-sh.)Flicker | 1 | 1 | 5 | | 5 | 4 | 16 | |
| 67 | Pileated Woodpecker | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| | Eastern Phoebe | | | | | | CW | CW | |
| 68 | Blue Jay | 40 | 72 | 313 | 164 | 189 | 120 | 898 | |
| 69 | American Crow | 36 | 21 | 54 | 63 | 707 | 50 | 931 | |
| 70 | Fish Crow | | | 32 | | 30 | 1 | 63 | |
| | <i>crow,sp</i> | | | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| | Horned Lark | | | | | | CW | CW | |
| 72 | <i>swallow, sp</i> | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 71 | Black-capped Chickadee | 60 | 197 | 270 | 241 | 281 | 174 | 1223 | second highest count |
| 73 | Tufted Titmouse | 60 | 62 | 199 | 43 | 134 | 68 | 566 | |
| 74 | Red-breasted Nuthatch | | 1 | 11 | | 5 | CW | 17 | |
| 75 | White-breasted Nuthatch | 22 | 23 | 56 | 44 | 52 | 24 | 221 | |
| 76 | Brown Creeper | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | |
| 77 | Carolina Wren | 8 | 2 | 9 | 19 | 21 | 29 | 88 | |
| 78 | Winter Wren | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 6 | 3 | 13 | |
| 79 | Marsh Wren | | | | 1 | | 3 | 4 | |
| 80 | Golden-crowned Kinglet | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 81 | Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| 82 | Eastern Bluebird | | | | | | 5 | 5 | |
| 83 | Hermit Thrush | 5 | | 11 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 29 | |
| 84 | American Robin | 9 | 4 | 227 | 74 | 78 | 152 | 544 | |
| 85 | Gray Catbird | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 27 | |
| 86 | Northern Mockingbird | 6 | 14 | 48 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 111 | |
| 87 | Brown Thrasher | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| 88 | European Starling | 380 | 271 | 818 | 377 | 526 | 347 | 2719 | |
| 89 | American Pipit | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| 90 | Cedar Waxwing | | | 51 | 24 | 28 | 17 | 120 | |
| 91 | Yellow-rumped Warbler | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| | Yellow-breasted Chat | | | CW | | | | CW | |
| 92 | Eastern Towhee | 1 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 32 | |
| 93 | American Tree Sparrow | | 1 | 5 | 40 | 4 | 32 | 82 | |
| 94 | Chipping Sparrow | | | 3 | | | | 3 | |
| 95 | Field Sparrow | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| 96 | Savannah Sparrow | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 97 | Fox Sparrow | 7 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 47 | |
| 98 | Song Sparrow | 12 | 23 | 105 | 49 | 81 | 41 | 311 | |

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| 99 | Swamp Sparrow | | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 20 | |
| 100 | White-throated Sparrow | 111 | 169 | 1126 | 346 | 370 | 261 | 2383 | |
| 101 | Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco | 140 | 180 | 716 | 27 | 202 | 66 | 1331 | |
| 102 | Northern Cardinal | 20 | 35 | 96 | 35 | 62 | 28 | 276 | 22-year low |
| 103 | Red-winged Blackbird | 2 | | 145 | 32 | 16 | 9 | 204 | |
| 104 | Rusty Blackbird | | | 14 | 4 | | | 18 | |
| 105 | Common Grackle | 5 | 2 | 198 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 215 | |
| 106 | Brown-headed Cowbird | 1 | | 26 | | | 1 | 28 | |
| | <i>blackbird, sp</i> | 3 | | | | | | 3 | |
| 107 | Purple Finch | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | |
| 108 | House Finch | 40 | 8 | 34 | | 73 | | 155 | 26-year low |
| 109 | American Goldfinch | 19 | 16 | 107 | 62 | 59 | 69 | 332 | |
| 110 | House Sparrow | 94 | 68 | 735 | 143 | 259 | 176 | 1475 | |
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| | | Hudson Valley | Yonkers | West Bronx | East Bronx | Scarsdale | Rye | | |
| | Number of Saves | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 8 | | |
| | Number of Species | 45 | 56 | 65 | 68 | 77 | 86 | 110 | |
| | Totals | 1698 | 3159 | 7988 | 12034 | 8908 | 5843 | 39630 | |
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| | Missed Species: Black-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Goshawk, Eastern Meadowlark | | | | | | | | |