



89th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

December 23, 2012

The Bronx-Westchester CBC has now seen 227 different species of birds seen over its 89 year history.

The Bronx-Westchester Count tallied 126 species on Sunday Dec 23, 2012. The 126 species tied for the most species seen on this 89 year count. Three new species were found bringing the cumulative total to 227 species. The new birds were; the continuing Barnacle Goose in Van Cortlandt Park; a Magnolia Warbler found and photographed at Wave Hill in the Bronx; and two Clay-colored Sparrows, one in Pelham Bay Park and the continuing one at Marshlands Conservancy in Rye.

Bronx-Westchester CBC Future Count Dates

Sunday December 26, 2021
Monday December 26, 2022
Saturday December 23, 2023
Sunday December 22, 2024
Sunday, December 28, 2025

For the first time the count had 100 participants, besting last years record of 93.



Barnacle Goose
(Michael Bochnik)



Clay-colored Sparrow
(Gail Benson)



Magnolia Warbler
(Tom Fiore)

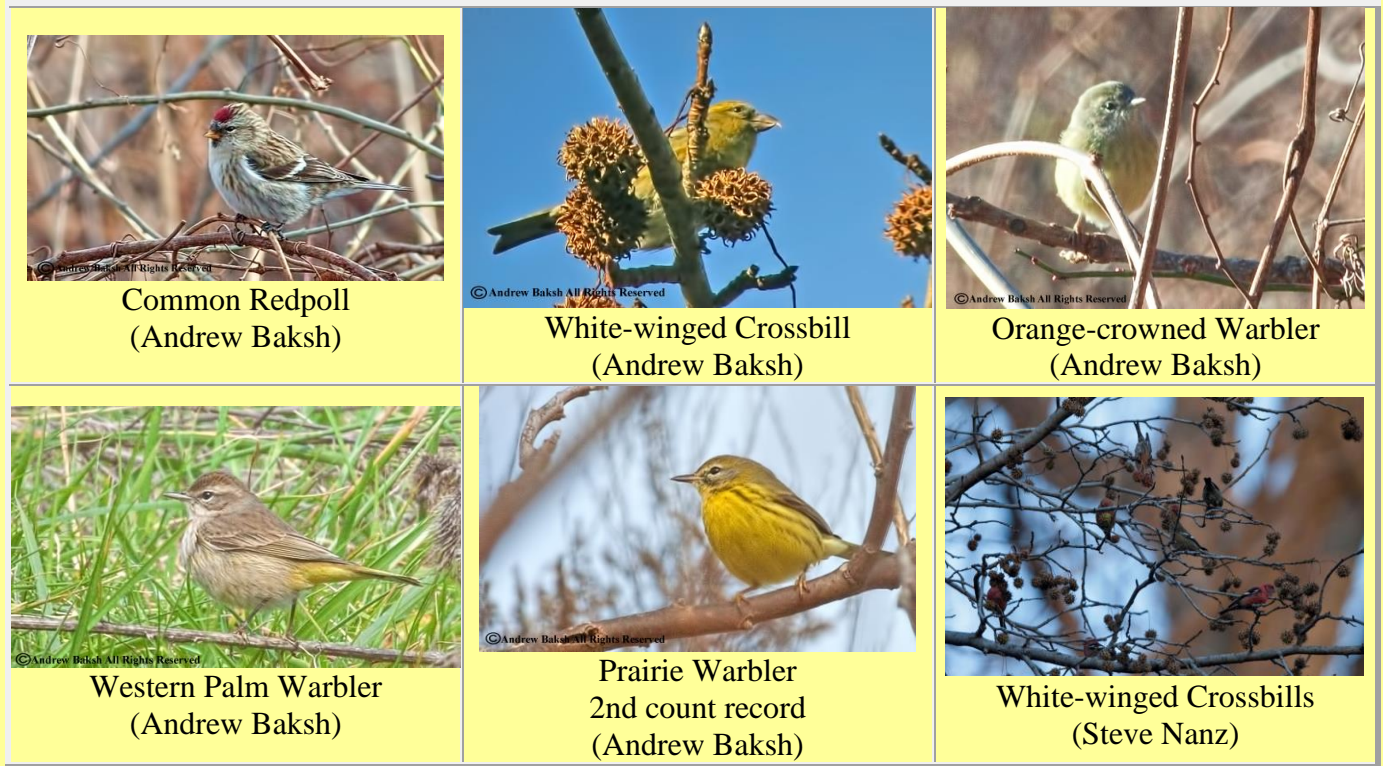
Other highlights included:

all three species of scoter, Northern Gannets, 21 Razorbills in Long Island Sound;
a new high count of 490 Long-tailed Ducks;
a new high count of 4 Red-neck Grebes, off Rye and Mamaroneck;
4 Great Egrets;
5 Black Vultures in the Dobbs Ferry/ Hastings-on-Hudson area;
6 Bald Eagles;
a Red-shouldered Hawk;
2 Merlin;
5 Peregrine Falcons;
a Greater Yellowlegs;
a new high count of 9 Barred Owls (7 in the Bronx);
2 Northern Saw-whet Owls;
a new high count of 10 Common Ravens;
a new high count of 33 Red-breasted Nuthatches;
a new high count of 75 Winter Wrens
a House Wren in Yonkers;

4 American Pipits (flyovers in Marshlands Conservancy);
 2 Orange-crowned Warblers (one at Split Rock in Pelham Bay Park and the other at Marshlands Conservancy);
 a Prairie Warbler also near Split Rock in Pelham Bay Park (2nd count record!);
 2 Palm Warblers (one in the Bronx Zoo and the other in Pelham Bay Park);
 a Yellow-Breasted Chat in the Bronx Zoo;
 2 Chipping Sparrows;
 36 Field Sparrows with a flock of 28 in Sprain Ridge Park;
 1 Red Crossbill;
 a new high count of 78 White-winged Crossbills;
 13 Common Redpolls
 For the second year in a row American Tree Sparrow set an all time low of 49 birds.
 Next year's count is scheduled for Sunday, December 22, 2013.

Notable misses included Northern Harrier.

Photo's from Andrew Baksh's web site [Birding Dude](http://BirdingDude.com) and crossbills photo by Steve Nanz



	Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Total	
1	Snow Goose				1		1	2	
2	Brant				317	44	192	553	
3	Barnacle Goose			1				1	New Count Species
4	Canada Goose	180	1197	1116	496	1610	685	5284	
5	Mute Swan		3	3	24	19	49	98	

6	Wood Duck			21			3	24	
7	Gadwall	1			52	20	135	208	
8	American Widgeon				25	45	72	142	
9	American Black Duck	17	2	7	268	85	237	616	
10	Mallard	75	80	332	150	335	283	1255	
	mallard hybrid	1		2	1			4	
11	Northern Shoveler			4			41	45	
12	Northern Pintail						1	1	
13	Green-winged Teal (Am.)						23	23	
14	Canvasback		6				3	9	
15	Ring-necked Duck						28	28	New High Count (26 in 2004)
16	Greater Scaup			1	822	1252	2269	4344	
17	Lesser Scaup		1			20	1100	1121	
18	Surf Scoter						40	40	
19	White-winged Scoter						85	85	
20	Black Scoter					20	61	81	New High Count (30 in 1964)
21	Long-tailed Duck				12	40	438	490	New High Count (432 in 2010)
22	Bufflehead	5	4		296	101	293	699	
23	Common Goldeneye	1			57	19	46	123	
24	Hooded Merganser	12	31	14	2	76	75	210	
25	Common Merganser		1					1	
26	Red-breasted Merganser				62	39	94	195	
27	Ruddy Duck	3	25	4	590	68	CW	690	
28	Wild Turkey		7	7		1	13	28	
29	Red-throated Loon				41	7	42	90	New High Count (81 in 2011)
30	Common Loon				15	6	18	39	
31	Pied-billed Grebe		1	1			CW	2	
32	Horned Grebe				8	1	2	11	
33	Red-necked Grebe						4	4	New High Count (3 in 85/05)
34	Northern Gannet				1	2	9	12	4th Year in a row, 12th time on count
35	Double-crested Cormorant	1	1		1	4	4	21	
36	Great Cormorant				1	7	26	34	

37	Great Blue Heron	1	3	3	7	9	13	36	
38	Great Egret				3	1		4	10th time on count, 5th in 6 years
39	Black-crowned Night-Heron					1		1	
40	Black Vulture	5						5	
41	Turkey Vulture	5	3			4	2	14	
42	Bald Eagle	2	2	2				6	
	adult(s)		1	1					
	immature(s)	2	1	1					
43	Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	2	3	3	3	12	
44	Cooper's Hawk	1	2	3	6	1	5	18	
	accipiter, sp.	1						1	
45	Red-shouldered Hawk		1					1	7th year in a row
46	Red-tailed Hawk	5	11	15	22	23	25	101	
	buteo, sp.	1						1	
47	Virginia Rail						1	1	
48	American Coot						2	2	
49	Killdeer				3	7	17	27	
50	Greater Yellowlegs					1	CW	1	
51	Purple Sandpiper					2	6	8	
52	Dunlin				CW		3	3	
53	Bonaparte's Gull						2	2	
54	Ring-billed Gull	156	600	28	1364	439	337	2924	
55	Herring Gull	14	15	9	373	627	463	1501	
	Iceland Gull						CW	CW	
56	Great Black-backed Gull	2	16	3	41	11	47	120	
57	Razorbill				1	6	14	21	3rd Time on Count (2002 & 2011)
58	Rock Pigeon	46	424	92	423	201	240	1426	
59	Mourning Dove	101	53	100	144	203	170	771	
60	Eastern Screech-Owl	5	2		1	4	2	14	
61	Great Horned Owl				5	5	6	16	
62	Barred Owl			2	5	1	1	9	New High Count (7 in 1943)
63	Northern Saw-whet Owl			1	1			2	
64	Belted Kingfisher	1	1	4	3	6	7	22	

65	Red-bellied Woodpecker	9	9	27	26	29	24	124	
66	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		5	1	4	2	13	
67	Downy Woodpecker	21	19	27	28	51	46	202	
68	Hairy Woodpecker	1	6	7	9	13	15	51	
69	Northern Flicker			1	8	2	2	13	
70	Pileated Woodpecker	2				2	3	7	New High Count (5 in 1985)
71	American Kestrel			2	1			3	
72	Merlin		1				1	2	
73	Peregrine Falcon		1	1	1	1	1	5	
	falcon, sp.	1						1	
74	Monk Parakeet				4	4		8	
75	Blue Jay	7	16	124	77	40	57	321	
76	American Crow	19	51	14	118	196	38	436	
77	Fish Crow		12		14	58	8	92	
78	Common Raven	2	1	2	CW		5	10	New High Count, 7th time on count
79	Black-capped Chickadee	21	25	171	138	118	131	604	
80	Tufted Titmouse	30	19	87	101	78	85	400	
81	Red-breasted Nuthatch		4	10	1	8	10	33	New High Count (26 in 1992)
82	White-breasted Nuthatch	31	14	30	30	47	47	199	
83	Brown Creeper	1		5		8	9	23	27 Year High
84	House Wren		1					1	
85	Winter Wren	12	5	8	6	24	20	75	New High Count (67 in 1996)
86	Marsh Wren						1	1	
87	Carolina Wren	15	8	8	22	60	51	164	
88	Golden-crowned Kinglet			6	4	7	1	18	
89	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		1			CW	2	
90	Eastern Bluebird		1	5			4	10	
91	Hermit Thrush	2		4	4		6	16	
92	American Robin	17	13	309	75	78	98	590	
93	Gray Catbird		1	1	1		5	8	
94	Northern Mockingbird	11	13	15	21	24	20	104	
95	Brown Thrasher				2			2	
96	European Starling	217	283	173	528	544	228	1973	29 Year Low

97	American Pipit						4	4	
98	Cedar Waxwing					2		2	
99	Orange-crowned Warbler			1			1	2	8th Count Record
	Nashville Warbler						CW	CW	
	Common Yellowthroat						CW	CW	
100	Magnolia Warbler			1				1	New Count Species
101	Palm Warbler			1				1	
	Western Palm Warbler				1			1	New Form
102	Prairie Warbler			1				1	2nd Count Record
103	Yellow-breasted Chat			1				1	
104	Eastern Towhee				10		2	12	
105	American Tree Sparrow	12			3		34	49	New All Time Low
106	Chipping Sparrow	2						2	
107	Clay-colored Sparrow				1		1	2	New Count Species
108	Field Sparrow	4	28	1			3	36	
109	Fox Sparrow	2		12	77	3	47	141	
110	Song Sparrow	22	19	23	32	84	125	305	
111	Swamp Sparrow		1	2	11	13	11	38	
112	White-throated Sparrow	44	39	301	300	301	378	1363	
113	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	53	118	169	46	202	238	826	
114	Northern Cardinal	26	46	59	72	139	77	419	
115	Red-winged Blackbird			5	137	41	2	185	
116	Rusty Blackbird	2		12	9			23	
117	Common Grackle			1				1	
118	Brown-headed Cowbird					3		3	
119	Purple Finch					2		2	
120	House Finch	32	4	10	12	63	75	196	
121	Red Crossbill			1				1	1st time in 35 years
122	White-winged Crossbill			26	30	6	16	78	New High Count (14 in 1963)
	crossbill, sp.			6				6	
123	Common Redpoll			3	10			13	
124	Pine Siskin			11				11	
125	American Goldfinch	12	23	25	57	29	81	227	

126	House Sparrow	210	127	631	172	504	169	1813	
		Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye		
	Number of Saves	2	3	6	2	8	9		
	Number of Species	54	57	70	81	83	93	126	Tied for most species in a year with 2007
	Totals	1484	3401	4121	7869	8257	9827	34959	
	CW = Seen count week but not on count day								
	Missed Species: Northern Harrier (1st miss since 1979)								

Next year's count will be Sunday, December 22, 2013.

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Other links

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/26/every-bird-counts-but-some-make-the-heart-beat-faster/>

http://www.cityislandbirds.com/CBC_2012.html