

91st Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

December 28, 2014



The Bronx-Westchester CBC recorded 227 different species of birds over its 91 year history.

Bronx-Westchester CBC Future Count Dates

Sunday, December 28, 2014
 Sunday, December 27, 2015
 Monday, December 26, 2016
 Saturday, December 23, 2017
 Sunday, December 23, 2018

The 91st Bronx-Westchester CBC found 124 species, just 2 shy of its record on Sunday December 28, 2014. This is the third year in a row with 120 species or more. Highlights included a female Rose-breasted Grosbeak in the Bronx Zoo, an Indigo Bunting at Marshlands Conservancy in Rye, Great and Snowy Egret in Pelham Bay Park and a Glaucous Gull off Milton Point in Rye (first one in 35 years). Other finds were all three scoters and Northern Gannet in Long Island Sound, a Ring-necked Pheasant in Soundview Park, three Merlin, 14 Eastern Bluebirds, three Common Yellowthroats, 2 Palm Warblers, White-crowned Sparrow and three Pine Siskin.

A new high count was set for Gadwall for the second year in a row with 480. Low counts included Mute Swan, 36 year low; Ruddy Duck, 34 year low; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 21 year low; and there were only 3 Canvasback, lowest since missed in 1946!

The day started out wet, but by mid morning the rain stopped and we enjoyed temperatures in the 40s and 50s.

Thanks to a tremendous turnout in the East Bronx territory - we had 103 participants, a new record and only the second time the count had 100 or more. Thanks everyone for all your effort.



Snow Geese in Van Cortlandt Park, Photo by Debbie Dolan



Indigo Bunting at Marshlands Conservancy
 Photos by Gail Benson



Cackling Goose (left) with Canada Goose at Van Cortlandt

Count Week birds included Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, Redhead, Red-necked Grebe, Black Vulture.

Missed Species included Black-crowned Night Heron, Virginia Rail, Dunlin, and Pileated Woodpecker.

Next year's count is scheduled for Sunday, December 27, 2015.

	Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Total	
	Greater White-fronted Goose						CW	CW	
1	Snow Goose			2				2	
	Snow Goose (blue from)					CW		CW	
2	Brant				1358	110	30	1498	
3	Canada Goose	266	627	1476	1521	2333	918	7141	
	CAACKLING GOOSE			CW			CW	CW	
4	Mute Swan		2		44	13	14	73	36 Year Low
5	Wood Duck		30	20				50	
6	Gadwall		1	CW	134	213	133	481	New High Count (378 in 2013)
7	Eurasian Wigeon					1		1	
8	American Widgeon				6	98	19	123	
9	American Black Duck	4	9	24	420	64	344	865	
10	Mallard	65	86	476	175	513	173	1488	
	mallard hybrid				1	6	2	9	
11	Northern Shoveler		2			14		16	
12	Northern Pintail					1		1	
13	Green-winged Teal (Am.)		1	1		9		11	
14	Canvasback		3					3	Lowest Since Missed in 1946
	Redhead						CW	CW	
15	Ring-necked Duck		1			20	2	23	
16	Greater Scaup				1150	331	86	1567	
17	Lesser Scaup				71	3	18	92	
	scaup, sp				8000		58	8058	
18	Surf Scoter						2	2	
19	White-winged Scoter						44	44	
20	Black Scoter					1	1	2	
21	Long-tailed Duck	1			4	4	115	124	
22	Bufflehead	2	2		471	223	255	953	
23	Common Goldeneye			1	75	26	24	126	
24	Hooded Merganser		19	16	11	104	44	194	

25	Common Merganser	6	18	1		12	1	38	
26	Red-breasted Merganser				172	78	163	413	
27	Ruddy Duck		2	2	9	28		41	34 Year Low
28	Ring-necked Pjheasant				1			1	
29	Wild Turkey		9		5	11	14	39	
30	Red-throated Loon				2		23	25	
31	Common Loon				4	5	15	24	
32	Pied-billed Grebe				1	1	2	4	
33	Horned Grebe				13		3	16	
	Red-necked Grebe						CW	CW	
34	Northern Gannet						1	1	
35	Double-crested Cormorant	1	2	14	17	7	11	52	
36	Great Cormorant				20	6	12	38	
37	Great Blue Heron	1	4	3	8	4	20	40	
38	Great Egret				1			1	
39	Snowy Egret				1			1	
	Black Vulture	CW						CW	
40	Turkey Vulture	1	CW				1	2	
11	Bald Eagle adult(s)				1		1	2	
	unknown	1						1	
42	Northern Harrier				1			1	
43	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			2	3	1	7	21 Year Low
44	Cooper's Hawk			4		1	5	10	
	accipiter, sp.	1						1	
45	Red-shouldered Hawk	1			1			2	
46	Red-tailed Hawk	12	10	14	19	13	9	77	
47	Clapper Rail						2	2	
48	American Coot					4	1	5	
49	Killdeer				16	7		23	
50	Ruddy Turnstone					15		15	
51	Purple Sandpiper				9	20	21	50	
52	Wilson's Snipe						1	1	
53	American Woodcock				2		1	3	Tied High Count (1990)

54	Bonaparte's Gull					1		1	
55	Ring-billed Gull	47	777	168	916	710	249	2867	
56	Herring Gull	7	14	68	485	101	353	1028	
57	Glaucous Gull						1	1	1st since 1979
58	Great Black-backed Gull	2	5	34	68	11	45	165	
59	Rock Pigeon	88	245	186	410	303	63	1295	
60	Mourning Dove	195	158	95	183	173	314	1118	
61	Eastern Screech-Owl		1			5	4	10	
62	Great Horned Owl		1	1	5	2	5	14	
63	Barred Owl	1			CW			1	
64	Long-eared Owl				1			1	
65	Belted Kingfisher		1	1	2	3	5	12	
66	Red-bellied Woodpecker	23	43	30	28	44	54	222	
67	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	4	10	3	7	7	37	
68	Downy Woodpecker	17	36	34	39	41	52	219	
69	Hairy Woodpecker	10	4	7	10	14	14	59	
70	Northern Flicker	2	1	1	5	2	7	18	
71	American Kestrel			2	2	1	1	6	
72	Merlin	1			1		1	3	
73	Peregrine Falcon			2				2	
74	Monk Parakeet					2		2	
75	Blue Jay	44	134	245	124	129	122	798	
76	American Crow	29	26	46	35	147	26	309	
77	Fish Crow	2	24		1	46	6	79	
78	Common Raven	2	1	1	4	CW		8	
79	Black-capped Chickadee	51	111	277	93	109	204	845	
80	Tufted Titmouse	53	91	111	56	97	114	522	
81	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2		2		1	1	6	
82	White-breasted Nuthatch	17	53	48	16	47	75	256	
83	Brown Creeper	1		3		4	6	14	
84	Winter Wren	4	1	6	3	11	5	30	
85	Marsh Wren				1			1	
86	Carolina Wren	17	16	18	9	34	44	138	
87	Golden-crowned Kinglet		1		3		6	10	
88	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	1			2	4	

89	Eastern Bluebird	3	5			2	4	14	
90	Hermit Thrush		2	7		2	8	19	
91	American Robin	2	198	110	96	60	105	571	
92	Gray Catbird	3	1	1	3		2	10	
93	Brown Thrasher				1		CW	1	
94	Northern Mockingbird	15	10	22	21	21	16	105	
95	European Starling	231	429	403	1130	674	999	3866	
96	American Pipit						1	1	
97	Cedar Waxwing		9		2		2	13	
98	Common Yellowthroat	1			1		1	3	
99	Palm Warbler				2			2	
100	Yellow-rumped Warbler				1			1	
101	Eastern Towhee	2	1	1	3	3	2	12	
102	American Tree Sparrow	5	2		63	8	91	169	
103	Chipping Sparrow					2	CW	2	
104	Field Sparrow	6				2	6	14	
105	Savannah Sparrow				1			1	
106	sharp-tailed sparrow						1	1	
107	Fox Sparrow			5	26	4	5	40	
108	Song Sparrow	25	29	32	122	86	128	422	
109	Swamp Sparrow	2		3	10	2	9	26	
110	White-throated Sparrow	73	149	303	277	196	291	1289	
111	White-crowned Sparrow		1					1	
112	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	63	187	358	70	214	262	1154	
113	Northern Cardinal	41	71	74	84	94	65	429	
114	ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK			1				1	4th record (1959, 1982, 1987)
115	INDIGO BUNTING						1	1	4th record (1975, 2006, 2007)
116	Red-winged Blackbird			35	130	2	82	249	
117	Rusty Blackbird			6			CW	6	
118	Common Grackle	1		19	1	1	16	38	
119	Brown-headed Cowbird			4	44		20	68	
120	House Finch	7	124	10	17	47	54	259	
121	Purple Finch			2	2		3	7	

122	Pine Siskin					2	1	3	
123	American Goldfinch	41	77	87	81	100	145	531	
124	House Sparrow	175	601	515	371	304	171	2137	

CW = Seen count week but not on count day (3days prior and 3 days after)

Missed Species: Black-crowned Night Heron, Virginia Rail, Dunlin, Pileated Woodpecker

	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Total	
Number of Saves	1	2	4	10	6	9		
Number of Species	54	59	60	85	82	94	124	
Totals	1680	4473	5449	18808	8173	6867	45450	

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