

# 92nd Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

## Sunday, December 27, 2015

The Bronx-Westchester CBC has seen 228 different species of birds seen over its 90+ year history.



The 92nd Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count held Sunday December 27, 2015 found 114 species plus Blue Goose and an additional 3 count week. The weather was unusually warm for the entire month of December leading to four species of warblers, but low numbers for others as many birds remain further north. We again set a record for participants at 109! Thanks to all for your hard work.

Highlights were Black-and-White Warbler in Five Islands Park in New Rochelle, which is new to the count. One was also seen count week in the Botanical Gardens. A Snowy Owl was in the Soundview section of the Bronx, the first since 1987. The count also recorded Great Egret in Rye, Laughing Gulls in Rye, Barred Owl in Pelham Bay Park, Saw-whet Owl in Yonkers, Nashville Warbler in Woodlawn Cemetery and 3 Orange-crowned Warblers, City Island and College of Mount St Vincent.

High counts were set for Snow Goose, 169 (71 in 2008) as they were moving south along the Sound shore, Snow Goose (blue form) 4, Double-crested Cormorant 392 (103 in 2013), Merlin 5, and Fish Crow 234 (168 in 2013). Interestingly American Crow hit a 57 year low.

Low counts were noted for Mute Swan (44 year low), American Wigeon (26 year low), Canvasback (69 year low), Ruddy Duck (44 year low), Horned Grebe (65 year low), Sharp-shinned Hawk (26 year low), Winter Wren (26 year low), Carolina Wren (16 year low), Hermit Thrush (36 year low). American Tree Sparrow set an all-time low of only 26 birds.

An Eastern Phoebe and a different Nashville Warbler were seen count week in the Botanical Gardens. Due to the holidays, next year's count will be Monday, December 26, 2016.

### 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