

# 93rd Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

Monday, December 26, 2016

The Bronx-Westchester CBC has now seen 230 different species of birds seen over its 90+ year history.



## 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

**Pink-footed Goose**  
**Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx**  
*(photo: Debbi Dolan)*

The 93rd Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count held Monday December 26, 2016 found 118 species and an additional 3 count week. Two new species were added to this 93 year count; the Pink-footed Goose and Cackling Goose remained for count day in Van Cortlandt Park. This brings the cumulative total of the count to 230 species.

There were **118 participants**, 110 in the field including six from the Saunders High School Environmental Club and 8 at feeders. This is a new participant record for the count, beating last year's record 109 participants.



**Nashville Warbler**  
*(photo: Suzanne O'Rourke)*



**Red Crossbill**  
*(photo: Gail Benson)*



**Chipping Sparrow**  
*(photo: Suzanne O'Rourke)*



**Black-headed Gull**  
*(photo: Anne Swaim)*



**Greater Yellowlegs**  
(photo: Michael Russo)



**Snow Bunting**  
(photo: Michael Russo)

Other highlights:

- Redhead in Edith G Read Preserve in Rye
- 55 Wood Duck on Crestwood Lake, Yonkers
- A high count of 1200 Surf Scoter off City Island
- 180 Common Mergansers on Sprain Ridge Reservoir in Yonkers
- Tied high count of 7 Black Vultures
- New high count of 27 Cooper's Hawk
- 2 Black-bellied Plover at Edgewater Point, Mamaroneck, 11th count record
- Black-headed Gull at Five Island Park, 4th count record
- Iceland Gull in Rye
- Red-headed Woodpecker, Hommocks Rd, Larchmont
- A new high count of 11 Merlin
- New high count of 339 Fish Crow. Fish Crow outnumbered American Crow for the second straight year.
- New high count of 16 Common Raven
- Nashville Warbler and Chipping Sparrow in Twin Lakes Park, Eastchester
- New high count of 1852 Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco
- Four Red Crossbills in Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye
- Two Greater Yellowlegs and 30 Snow Bunting from the South East Bronx party

For the first time in 70 years the count missed Canvasback. It was found Count Week  
Other misses included Black-crowned Night Heron, Brown Thrasher and Yellow-rumped Warbler

Due to the holidays, next year's count will be Saturday, December 23, 2017.

Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Total	
<b>PINK-FOOTED GOOSE</b>			1				1	<a href="#">New to the count!</a>
Greater White-fronted Goose						CW	CW	
Snow Goose			1				1	
Brant			12	1078	564	589	2243	

<b>Cackling Goose</b>			1				1	<b>New to the count!</b>
Canada Goose	229	446	1553	1541	2023	680	6472	
Mute Swan		1	2	16	7	19	45	
Wood Duck		59	8	6	15	3	91	15 year high
Gadwall				72	52	107	231	
American Widgeon				2	56	36	94	
American Black Duck	10	11	15	290	107	189	622	
Mallard	41	121	159	118	488	313	1240	
mallard hybrid			1	1		4	6	
Northern Shoveler			34		12	2	48	
Northern Pintail			CW			1	1	
Green-winged Teal (Am.)					8		8	
Canvasback					CW	CW	CW	First miss in 70 years!
Redhead						1	1	
Ring-necked Duck					6	1	7	
Greater Scaup				6514	315	42	6871	
Lesser Scaup				500		1	501	
scaup, sp				2585			2585	
Surf Scoter				1200			<b>1200</b>	New High Count (70 in 2010)
White-winged Scoter				40	8	1	49	
Black Scoter				20			20	
Long-tailed Duck				8	4	28	40	
Bufflehead	2		9	665	174	257	1107	15 year high
Common Goldeneye	4			43	17	4	68	
Hooded Merganser	6	21	4	12	52	62	157	
Common Merganser	2	180			14	1	197	
Red-breasted Merganser				103	60	75	238	
Ruddy Duck		1	6	45		4	56	
Wild Turkey			10	1		27	38	
Red-throated Loon			2	9	2	4	17	
Common Loon			1	8	7	10	26	
Pied-billed Grebe			2	1	1	1	5	
Horned Grebe				10	2	1	13	

Northern Gannet				2		3	5	
Double-crested Cormorant	1	2	3	30	16	7	59	
Great Cormorant				7	3	8	18	
cormorant, sp.				15			15	
Great Blue Heron	1	2	5	6	6	14	34	
Black Vulture	7						7	Tied High Count
Turkey Vulture	13	2			6	1	22	
Bald Eagle adult(s)	1		1				2	
Northern Harrier			1	2		2	5	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	3	9	3	1	4	22	15 year high
Cooper's Hawk		3	5	9	5	5	27	New High Count (26 in 2001)
Northern Goshawk				1			1	
accipiter, sp.				2			2	
Red-shouldered Hawk			1	2		CW	3	
Red-tailed Hawk	10	19	17	16	11	17	90	
Clapper Rail						1	1	
American Coot			2			1	3	
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>					2		2	11th count record, last seen 2001
Killdeer		CW			3	1	4	
Greater Yellowlegs				2			2	
Purple Sandpiper						8	8	
American Woodcock						1	1	
Bonaparte's Gull					1		1	
<b>Black-headed Gull</b>					1		1	4th count record, last seen in 2000
Ring-billed Gull	59	1077	137	895	402	217	2787	
Herring Gull	2	56	13	341	226	190	828	
Iceland Gull						1	1	
Great Black-backed Gull	1	7	11	54	22	40	135	
Rock Pigeon	82	708	433	300	80	170	1773	
Mourning Dove	31	95	88	427	260	234	1135	
Eastern Screech-Owl	1		3		4	2	10	
Great Horned Owl			1	3		6	10	
Snowy Owl			CW				CW	

Belted Kingfisher		2	2	2	3	8	17	
Red-headed Woodpecker					1		1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	18	20	50	40	60	84	272	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	4	12	2	3	2	25	
Downy Woodpecker	9	32	27	46	45	73	232	
Hairy Woodpecker	10	7	5	8	9	14	53	
Northern Flicker	3	3	3	3	1	8	21	
Pileated Woodpecker	3	1			1	1	6	
American Kestrel	1	1	3	5	1		11	29 year high
Merlin		1	3	4	3		11	New High Count (5 in 2015)
Peregrine Falcon		2	2	1			5	
Monk Parakeet		CW			8		8	
Blue Jay	35	107	285	118	121	210	876	
American Crow	51	40	48	67	59	27	292	
Fish Crow	1	61		185	62	30	339	New High Count (234 in 2015)
crow, sp				2			2	
Common Raven	3	1		4	4	4	16	New High Count (10 in 2012)
Black-capped Chickadee	38	138	120	80	111	191	678	
Tufted Titmouse	45	96	257	140	61	246	845	15 year high
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4	9		7	4	24	
White-breasted Nuthatch	16	68	65	107	59	67	382	New High Count (299 in 2001)
Brown Creeper	1	2	2		2	1	8	
Winter Wren	2		2	3	10	6	23	
Marsh Wren						1	1	
Carolina Wren	4	13	7	7	16	25	72	17 year low
Golden-crowned Kinglet			2				2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			3			1	4	
Eastern Bluebird				3			3	
Hermit Thrush			1		4		5	
American Robin	50	148	278	76	120	274	946	
Gray Catbird		2		1	1	4	8	
Northern Mockingbird	12	14	31	25	11	29	122	



Participants in Field	8	24	19	30	15	14	110	
Parties min	3	5	5	8	8	8	37	
Parties max	4	8	5	8	10	8	43	
Participants at Feeders	1	5	0	0	2	0	8	
Hours at Feeders	1	5	0	0	1	0	7	
Owling Hours	2.25	1.5	0	1	2.5	2	9.25	
Owling Miles	2.5	5	0	1	15	10	33.5	
Foot Hours	18	15	37	49	50	39	208	
Foot Miles	10	18	25	34	20	16	123	
Car Hours	2	6	0.5	4.5	7	12	32	
Car Miles	55	43.5	2	24	75	39	238.5	

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