

94th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 23, 2017

The Bronx-Westchester CBC has now seen 231 different species of birds seen over its 90+ year history.



American White Pelican

The 94th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count held Saturday December 23, 2017 found only 109 species with an additional 6 count week birds due a very wet, but warm day. Less than 30,000 birds were counted; the lowest since 1952 when heavy rain and wind also greeted the counters. A new species was added to this 94 year count; an **American White Pelican** that was discovered at Playland Lake in Rye. This brings the cumulative total of the count to 231 species. A **Black-and-white Warbler** was found in Van Cortland Park for the counts 2nd record.

Other highlights:

Greater White-fronted Goose and Cackling Goose at Westchester Country Club.

Another Cackling Goose was in Van Cortlandt Park.

Black-headed Gull at Five Island Park

Laughing Gull at Edgewater Point.

An Eastern Phoebe in the Bronx Zoo.

Chipping Sparrow at the Lenoir Feeder and another in West Bronx

Orange-crowned Warbler and 2 Pine Warblers in the Botanical Gardens.

Count Week Iceland Gull in Pelham Bay Park ([Rare Bird Report](#))

Canvasback was missed again. It was found Count Week.

Killdeer was also missed for the first time in 75 years!

Other misses included Clapper Rail, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Black-crowned Night Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Red-breasted Nuthatch, (last missed in 1979) & Yellow-rumped Warbler

Next year's count will be Sunday, December 23, 2018.

	Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Total	
1	Snow Goose					2		2	
2	Greater White-fronted Goose						1	1	3rd Count record (1981 & 2011)
3	Brant			9	1250	778	111	2148	
4	Cackling Goose			1			1	2	2nd Count Record (2016), New HC
5	Canada Goose	110	263	1108	1899	2092	575	6047	
6	Mute Swan		1	2	4	3	55	65	
7	Wood Duck			34	1	6	1	42	
8	Northern Shoveler			67		12		79	
9	Gadwall			4	86	127	95	312	
10	American Widgeon					52	21	73	62 year low
11	Mallard	17	103	658	92	439	181	1490	
	mallard hybrid		4				4	8	
12	American Black Duck	5	3	14	210	140	153	525	
13	Northern Pintail						1	1	
14	Green-winged Teal (Am.)					1		1	
	Canvasback						CW	CW	Missed two years in a row.
15	Ring-necked Duck					3		3	
16	Greater Scaup			329	547	435	41	1352	16 year low
17	Lesser Scaup			14	12		40	66	
	scaup, sp				4			4	
18	Surf Scoter				40			40	
19	White-winged Scoter				2		5	7	
20	Long-tailed Duck					1	38	39	
21	Bufflehead	3		59	176	222	234	694	
22	Common Goldeneye				52	18	11	82	
23	Hooded Merganser	5	14	23		44	62	148	
24	Common Merganser		260				7	267	
25	Red-breasted Merganser				56	29	55	140	
26	Ruddy Duck			52	2	1	CW	55	
27	Wild Turkey	3	6	8	3	8	26	54	
28	Pied-billed Grebe				1	1	2	4	
29	Horned Grebe						6	6	
30	Rock Pigeon	35	317	352	57	190	142	1093	

31	Mourning Dove	28	118	33	219	90	240	728	
32	American Coot			2				2	
	Killdeer						CW	CW	1st miss in 75 years
33	Ruddy Turnstone					10		10	
34	Dunlin				3	CW		3	
35	Purple Sandpiper				1	5	9	15	
36	Greater Yellowlegs				1			1	
37	Black-headed Gull					1		1	
38	Laughing Gull					1		1	
39	Ring-billed Gull	168	459	578	763	209	147	2324	
40	Herring Gull	1	6	23	242	62	176	510	
	Iceland Gull				CW			CW	
41	Great Black-backed Gull	3	4	10	28	11	52	108	
42	Red-throated Loon			1	4	5	19	29	
43	Common Loon			3	16	10	6	35	
44	Double-crested Cormorant				6	7	29	42	
45	Great Cormorant				1	2	12	15	
	<i>cormorant, sp</i>				12			12	
46	AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN						1	1	New to the count
47	Great Blue Heron	1	2	9	4	6	24	46	
	Great Egret						CW	CW	
	Black-crowned Night-Heron					CW		CW	
	Turkey Vulture						CW	CW	
48	Bald Eagle	1		1			2	4	
49	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	2			2	6	
50	Cooper's Hawk	1	2	4			4	11	
51	Red-shouldered Hawk					2		2	
52	Red-tailed Hawk	4	3	10	6	4	9	36	36 year low
53	Eastern Screech-Owl	1		3		2	1	7	
54	Great Horned Owl			2	1	3	3	9	
	Snowy Owl					CW		CW	
55	Barred Owl	1						1	
56	Belted Kingfisher	1	1	3		6	6	17	
57	Red-bellied Woodpecker	6	21	15	18	10	21	91	21 year low
58	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			2		1	3	6	

59	Downy Woodpecker	2	10	7	21	22	17	79	58 year low
60	Hairy Woodpecker	2		3	3	2	6	16	41 year low
61	Northern Flicker		1		4	5	5	15	
62	Pileated Woodpecker						1	1	
63	American Kestrel			1	1			2	
64	Merlin				1	1	CW	2	
65	Peregrine Falcon	1	1	1	1	1	CW	5	
66	Monk Parakeet				2	1		3	
67	Eastern Phoebe			1				1	first in 15 years
68	Blue Jay	28	63	165	113	48	91	508	
69	American Crow	19	46	11		40	43	159	59 year low
70	Fish Crow	1	3			8	3	15	17 year low
	crow, sp					51		51	
71	Common Raven		1	2	3		4	10	
	Horned Lark						CW	CW	
72	Black-capped Chickadee	21	57	31	9	27	84	229	
73	Tufted Titmouse	16	48	7	19	24	16	130	41 year low
74	White-breasted Nuthatch	5	13	18	16	16	18	86	33 year low
75	Brown Creeper			6	2	2	1	11	
76	Winter Wren	3	3	2		4	3	15	
77	Marsh Wren					1	1	2	
78	Carolina Wren	8	7	5	20	14	30	84	
79	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	5	11	1	12	7	39	
80	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			1	2	
81	Hermit Thrush			2		2	CW	4	
82	American Robin	2	17	164	18	64	124	389	
83	Gray Catbird		1	1	1		2	5	
84	Brown Thrasher					1		1	
85	Northern Mockingbird	5	11	14	16	5	14	65	45 year low
86	European Starling	220	289	1159	307	509	343	2827	
87	Cedar Waxwing						11	11	
88	House Sparrow	35	175	541	90	228	156	1225	
89	American Pipit						1	1	
90	House Finch	5	55	5	22	90	62	239	
91	American Goldfinch	1	7	19	21	21	20	89	51 year low
	Lapland Longspur						CW	CW	

92	Eastern Towhee				2	1	3	6	
93	American Tree Sparrow	2			2		34	38	
94	Chipping Sparrow		1	1				2	
95	Field Sparrow	12				1	7	20	
96	Savannah Sparrow					1		1	
97	Fox Sparrow		2	5	14	3	14	38	
98	Song Sparrow	29	23	26	73	64	214	429	
99	Swamp Sparrow		1	3		3	13	20	
100	White-throated Sparrow	57	175	180	474	160	276	1322	
101	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	15	247	240	54	95	126	777	
102	Red-winged Blackbird			85	26	1	56	168	
103	Brown-headed Cowbird			2			1	3	
104	Rusty Blackbird			3	10			13	
105	Common Grackle			2	605	40	250	897	
106	BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER			1				1	2nd Count Record (2015)
107	Orange-crowned Warbler			1				1	10th Count Record
108	Pine Warbler			2				2	6th Count Record
109	Northern Cardinal	25	41	31	34	48	54	233	39 year low
		Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	TOTAL	
109	Number of Saves	1	0	5	3	9	7		
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Participants in Field	5	11	22	21	13	11	83	
Parties min	2	4	7	8	8	6	35	

Parties max	2	5	7	8	10	11	38	
Participants at Feeders	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	
Hours at Feeders	1	4	0	0	2	0	7	
Owling Hours	1.75	1	0	0	2.5	1.5	6.75	
Owling Miles	0.25	4	0	0	15	8	27.25	
Foot Hours	14.5	10	41	49.5	50	47	212	
Foot Miles	4	14	28	36	20	24.5	126.5	
Car Hours	1	6	1	4.5	7	3	22.5	
Car Miles	3	32	4	18	75	27	159	

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

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