

95th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 23, 2018

The 95th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count found 116 species on Sunday December 23, 2018. An additional 3 species were seen count week. Highlights included a Lincoln Sparrow found in Zinsser Park in Hastings-on-Hudson and a Razorbill off Edith G. Read Preserve in Rye. Both birds were 5th count records. Other notable species included: a count week Greater White-fronted Goose in Rye; 420 Common Mergansers on Sprain Reservoir in Yonkers; over 5000 Greater Scaup off the Bronx shore of Long Island Sound; A Northern Goshawk in the West Bronx; Red-headed Woodpecker and Pileated Woodpecker in Pelham Bay; four Eastern Phoebes with a count week bird in Hastings; 3 Pine Siskins in Kings Point; eight Chipping Sparrows; and a Yellow-breasted Chat in Marshlands Conservancy.

New High counts were 45 Common Loon, 13 Black Vulture, 65 Turkey Vulture, 11 Bald Eagle, 11 Barred Owl, 373 Fish Crow and 36 Red-breasted Nuthatch with 25 of them in the West Bronx.

We set an all-time low for American Tree Sparrow; a 66 year-low for American Wigeon, 50-year low for Ruddy Duck, 41-year low for Great Horned Owl and 56-year low for House Finch

We had 100 participants in the field plus 11 feeder watchers. Thirty-seven people enjoyed the compilation dinner at the Lenoir Nature Center. Thanks to all who participated either in the field or counting at your feeders. Next Year's Count will be Sunday, December 22, 2019

	Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point	Total	
	Greater White-fronted Goose						CW		CW	
1	Brant			3	250	303	119	2	677	
2	Canada Goose	429	481	1214	1223	1122	267	23	4759	
3	Mute Swan		1	4	6	11	39	6	67	
4	Wood Duck			31	1	12	3		47	
5	Northern Shoveler		1	87	15	40			143	33-yearhigh
6	Gadwall				54	62	33	10	159	
7	American Widgeon				4	16	15		35	66-year low

8	Mallard	92	130	476	162	446	107	16	1429	
	mallard hybrid		1	2	2				5	
9	American Black Duck	1	14	10	398	95	196	6	720	
10	Northern Pintail				1	1	1		3	
11	Canvasback	1	1		8				10	
12	Ring-necked Duck					14			14	
13	Greater Scaup				5358	44	40	5	5447	
14	Lesser Scaup				406	35			441	
15	Surf Scoter				21		6	1	28	
16	White-winged Scoter						9		9	
17	Black Scoter				4				4	
	scoter, sp						8		8	
18	Long-tailed Duck				35	27	86	12	160	
19	Bufflehead	9		9	649	135	136	56	994	
20	Common Goldeneye				75	12	39	29	155	
21	Hooded Merganser	7	11	12	2	79	39	8	158	
22	Common Merganser	5	424		1	9	5		444	78-year high
23	Red-breasted Merganser				119	18	74		211	
24	Ruddy Duck			8		8	1		17	50-year low
25	Wild Turkey	17			21	1	14		53	
26	Pied-billed Grebe				1				1	
27	Horned Grebe				3		2	1	6	
28	Red-necked Grebe				1	1			2	
29	Rock Pigeon	128	70	325	232	83	55		893	

30	Mourning Dove	73	78	78	168	122	20	12		551	
31	American Coot			1						1	
32	Killdeer					1				1	
33	Ruddy Turnstone				1					1	
34	Purple Sandpiper				4	5	CW			9	
35	Wilson's Snipe				1					1	
36	Razorbill							1		1	5th count record
37	Ring-billed Gull	252	524	166	1042	544	134	150		2812	
38	Herring Gull	7	8	41	562	156	206	75		1055	
39	Great Black-backed Gull	8	5	6	29	13	28	5		94	
40	Red-throated Loon				21	4	19	4		48	
41	Common Loon				20	12	12	1		45	New High Count (40 in 2011)
	Northern Gannet						CW			CW	
42	Double-crested Cormorant	1		1	12	5	4			23	
43	Great Cormorant				2	6	17			25	
	cormorant, sp					5				5	
44	Great Blue Heron	2	4	3	4	15	21			49	
45	Black-crowned Night-Heron			1			3			4	
46	Black Vulture	8	2			3				13	New High Count (7 in 2016)
47	Turkey Vulture	43	6	4	3	7	2			65	New High Count (45 in 2011)
48	Bald Eagle	3		1	3	2		1	1	11	New High Count (8 in 2011)

49	Northern Harrier				1					1	
50	Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	3	2	1	5	2			15	
51	Cooper's Hawk	CW	3	9		4	4			20	
52	Northern Goshawk			1						1	
	accipiter, sp				2					2	
53	Red-shouldered Hawk	1		1	1	1	1			5	
54	Red-tailed Hawk	29	17	27	13	16	8	1		111	
55	Eastern Screech-Owl	2	1	3		1	2	2		11	
56	Great Horned Owl			1	1	1	2			5	41-year low
57	Barred Owl	1		2	6	1	1			11	New High Count (10 in 2012)
58	Saw-whet Owl			1						1	
59	Belted Kingfisher	1		2	4	4	2			13	
60	Red-headed Woodpecker				1					1	
61	Red-bellied Woodpecker	23	24	56	46	35	35	3		222	
62	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	CW	2	1	1	1			6	
63	Downy Woodpecker	16	12	34	33	35	20	7		157	
64	Hairy Woodpecker	3	2	8	8	10	12	3		46	
65	Northern Flicker	1	1	4	2	3	1			12	
66	Pileated Woodpecker	1			1	1	2			5	
67	American Kestrel	1	1	3	2		1			8	
68	Merlin			2	1		1			4	

69	Peregrine Falcon	2		2	1	2			7	
70	Monk Parakeet					53			53	
71	Eastern Phoebe	CW		3	1				4	New High Count (12th count record)
72	Blue Jay	89	93	317	174	118	61	10	862	
73	American Crow	29	23	31	5	29	8	4	129	
74	Fish Crow		227	6	48	82	10		373	New High Count (339 in 2016)
75	Common Raven	2	2		2		3	1	10	
76	Black-capped Chickadee	39	33	89	75	44	55	11	346	
77	Tufted Titmouse	80	43	107	71	92	40		433	
78	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	25	2	4	3		36	New High Count (33 in 2012)
79	White-breasted Nuthatch	27	25	70	45	48	37	15	267	
80	Brown Creeper			1	2	1		2	6	
81	Winter Wren	2	1	2	11	9	13	10	48	
82	Marsh Wren				1				1	
83	Carolina Wren	27	10	4	26	41	29	5	142	
84	Golden-crowned Kinglet					2			2	
85	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		1			2	
86	Eastern Bluebird						2		2	
87	Hermit Thrush	1	1	4	2	2	1		11	
88	American Robin	20	8	312	47	51	82	1	521	
89	Gray Catbird	1	5	2	1	2	2		13	
90	Brown Thrasher			1					1	

91	Northern Mockingbird	22	13	30	23	18	13	1		120	
92	European Starling	459	387	262	594	385	76	3		2166	
93	Cedar Waxwing	1		2			24			27	
94	House Sparrow	35	57	531	210	194	118	2		1147	
95	House Finch	18	3	15	10	19	7			72	56-year low
96	Purple Finch			3	3	3	1			10	
97	Pine Siskin							3		3	
98	American Goldfinch	25	2	48	34	33	30	43		215	
99	Eastern Towhee	3		2	7	2	CW	1		15	
100	American Tree Sparrow	1	1	3	1		18			24	New all-time low!
101	Chipping Sparrow	1		7						8	
102	Field Sparrow	13					3			16	
	Savannah Sparrow									CW	
103	Fox Sparrow	13	1	8	35	3	12	5		77	
104	Song Sparrow	48	40	63	59	46	66	3		325	
105	Lincoln's Sparrow	1								1	5th count record
106	Swamp Sparrow		1	12	15	4	3	1		36	
107	White-throated Sparrow	100	51	379	237	185	75	51		1078	
108	White-crowned Sparrow			4						4	
109	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	56	72	159	58	112	109	18		584	
110	Yellow-breasted Chat						1			1	
111	Red-winged Blackbird	9		11	73	2	17			112	
112	Brown-headed Cowbird		2			CW				2	

113	Rusty Blackbird			91					91	
114	Common Grackle			808	7	1			816	
115	Yellow-rumped Warbler				1				1	
116	Northern Cardinal	51	31	81	53	38	42	11	307	
		Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point		
116	Number of Saves	1	1	6	8	4	4	1		
	Number of Species	61	51	75	90	83	82	46	116	
	Totals	2344	2958	6137	12982	5218	2818	640	33097	

CW = Seen count week but not on count day.

Missed Species: Green-winged Teal, Dunlin, Savannah Sparrow.

Participants in Field	10	15	24	18	22	11	1	100
Parties min	4	4	7	8	6	4	1	33
Parties max	4	6	7	8	7	4	1	36
Participamnts at feeders	0	7	1	1	2	0	0	11
Hours at Feeders	0	6	1	1	2	0	0	10
Owling hours	3	1.5	0	0	2.5	2.5	0	9.5
Owling Miles	5	5	0	0	15	12	0	37
Foot Hour	32	11	43	49.5	50	28	5	213.5
Foot Miles	15	14	32	36	20	13.5	5.5	130.5
Car Hours	2	7	2	4.5	7	2	0.25	24.5
Car Miles	50	38	8	18	75	24	5	213

