

# 96th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

## Sunday, December 22, 2019

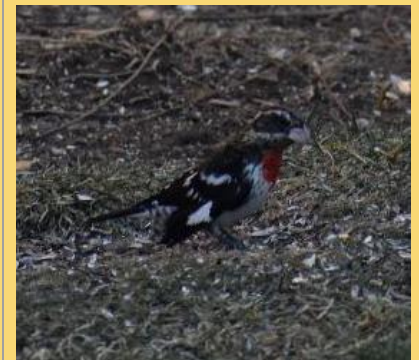
The 96<sup>th</sup> Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count found 115 species on Sunday December 22, 2019. An additional 3 species were seen count week. Highlights included a 4th record for Greater White-fronted Goose at Edith G Read Sanctuary in Rye; Lesser Black-backed Gull in Manor Park; Count Week Red-headed Woodpecker in Pelham Bay; House Wren; 15 Chipping Sparrows; White-crowned Sparrow; Yellow-breasted Chat in Marshlands Conservancy; Five species of Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler in the Botanical Gardens; two Nashville Warblers, one at Rory O' Moore Park in Yonkers, the other at a feeder in Harrison; Common Yellowthroat in Van Cortlandt; 6 Pine Warblers in the Botanical Gardens and Kings Point; 7 Yellow-rumped Warblers; and a 5th record of a Rose-breasted Grosbeak at a feeder in Mamaroneck.



Snow Goose (Nathan O'Reilly)



Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
(Violet Brill)



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Notable high counts included 345 Red-bellied Woodpeckers and 232 Carolina Wrens. American Widgeon set a 67-year low. Common Merganser set a 89-year high.

The count set a record with 134 field participants plus 11 people at feeders,

	Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point	Total	
1	Snow Goose			2			CW		2	
2	<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>						1		1	
3	Brant			3	578	48	130	32	791	
4	Canada Goose	976	658	192	1773	2396	620	15	6630	
5	Mute Swan		1	3	9	4	43		60	
6	Wood Duck		3	34		7			44	
7	Northern Shoveler			25	4				29	
8	Gadwall			2	96	49	65		212	
9	American Widgeon					12	19		31	67-year low
10	Mallard	64	134	444	188	445	218	7	1500	

	mallard hybrid			1					1	
11	American Black Duck	16	14	9	298	180	150		667	
12	Northern Pintail					1	1		2	
13	Green-winged Teal					2	1		3	
	Canvasback						CW		CW	
14	Ring-necked Duck		5			8			13	
15	Greater Scaup				2595	451	142	720	3908	
16	Lesser Scaup				40	10	35	3	88	
	scaup, sp				315				315	
17	Surf Scoter				31		1		32	
18	White-winged Scoter				3				3	
19	Long-tailed Duck				51	41	96	4	192	
20	Bufflehead	9		15	740	137	181	40	1122	18-year high
21	Common Goldeneye				124	4	19	52	199	15-year high
22	Hooded Merganser	8	35	16	14	64	38		175	
23	Common Merganser	380	223				5		608	89-year high; 2nd highest ever
24	Red-breasted Merganser				144	83	93	1	321	
25	Ruddy Duck		8	61	3	1	CW		73	
26	Wild Turkey	CW		2			27		29	
27	Pied-billed Grebe			CW	3				3	
28	Horned Grebe				1		8	17	26	22-year high
29	Rock Pigeon	88	194	455	574	72	143		1526	
30	Mourning Dove	58	79	199	168	270	156	8	938	
31	American Coot					1			1	
32	Killdeer				1	1	7		9	
33	Purple Sandpiper				4	4	9		17	
34	American Woodcock				1				1	
35	Ring-billed Gull	101	419	143	818	510	157	15	2163	
36	Herring Gull	5	67	69	1064	88	222	27	1542	
37	<b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b>					1			1	

38	Great Black-backed Gull	7	15	14	51	14	33	2	136	
39	Red-throated Loon				9		11	5	25	
40	Common Loon				16	11	13	1	41	
41	Double-crested Cormorant		2	1	3	6	2		14	
42	Great Cormorant				4	3	18		25	
	cormorant, sp					3			3	
43	Great Blue Heron	4	3	6	8	12	24		57	
44	Black-crowned Night-Heron			1			1		2	
45	Black Vulture	5	1			1			7	
46	Turkey Vulture	20	1	1	2	4	9		37	
47	Bald Eagle	2			2	2	1		7	
48	Northern Harrier							1	1	
49	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	1	2	1	1	7	
50	Cooper's Hawk	2	2	6	4	2	5		21	
51	Red-shouldered Hawk			2		1	2	1	6	
52	Red-tailed Hawk	22	10	16	20	14	12		94	
53	Eastern Screech-Owl	2		1		3	1		7	
54	Great Horned Owl			CW	4	2	2		8	
55	Barred Owl	1			1	1			3	
56	Belted Kingfisher	1		1	7	4	7		20	
	<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>				CW				CW	
57	Red-bellied Woodpecker	40	31	88	70	51	51	14	<b>345</b>	New High Count (305 in 2013)
58	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	2	9	3	3	4		23	
59	Downy Woodpecker	20	17	26	44	36	30	7	180	
60	Hairy Woodpecker	4	4	5	17	4	13	9	56	
61	Northern Flicker	1	1	7	9	4	9	2	33	
62	Pileated Woodpecker	2					2		4	

63	American Kestrel			1	5		1		7	
64	Merlin	1							1	
65	Peregrine Falcon			3	1	1			5	
66	Monk Parakeet					20			20	
67	Blue Jay	118	78	534	168	135	147	24	1204	18-year high
68	American Crow	12	29	22	27	56	46	5	197	
69	Fish Crow	10	269	5	16	44	15	2	361	
	crow,sp	3							3	
70	Common Raven	5		3	2	1	2	2	15	
	Horned Lark						CW		CW	
71	Black-capped Chickadee	36	11	20	16	41	49	1	174	
72	Tufted Titmouse	35	10	36	11	31	53	2	178	
73	Red-breasted Nuthatch			2		3			5	
74	White-breasted Nuthatch	29	16	27	13	44	28	5	162	
75	Brown Creeper	1		3	3	1	2		10	
76	<b>House Wren</b>					1			1	
77	Winter Wren	2	1	2	2	3	7	9	26	
78	Carolina Wren	53	23	10	45	34	57	10	<b>232</b>	New High Count (218 in 2002)
79	Golden-crowned Kinglet		2	7	5	2	3		19	
80	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3		3		3	1	1	11	
81	Eastern Bluebird						4		4	
82	Hermit Thrush			4		5	4	1	14	
83	American Robin	11	20	163	44	26	205	4	473	
84	Gray Catbird				6	1	2	1	10	
85	Brown Thrasher				1				1	
86	Northern Mockingbird	13	10	36	25	13	25	2	124	
87	European Starling	435	145	351	1035	193	700	86	2945	
88	Cedar Waxwing	CW		8	8		4		20	
89	House Sparrow	136	253	449	445	219	217	32	1751	

90	House Finch	23	26	23	41	60	60	8	241	
91	American Goldfinch	29	44	60	26	28	55	33	275	
92	Snow Bunting						1		1	
93	Eastern Towhee			3	23	3	15		44	18-year high
94	American Tree Sparrow		2		17		41		60	
95	<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	3	2	9				1	15	19-year high; 2nd highest ever
96	Field Sparrow	8		1	7	1	12		29	
97	Savannah Sparrow				4				4	
98	Fox Sparrow	2		7	43	6	27	7	92	
99	Song Sparrow	126	47	263	77	76	160	11	760	27-year high
100	Swamp Sparrow	1	2	4	12	1	22	1	43	
101	White-throated Sparrow	246	161	740	451	496	369	128	2591	17-year high
102	<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>			1					1	
103	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	47	63	377	48	155	244	47	981	
104	<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>						1		1	
105	Red-winged Blackbird	11		5	50	3	111	1	181	
106	Brown-headed Cowbird			4	36				40	
107	Rusty Blackbird			195					195	46-year high
108	Common Grackle		8	237	3295	2357	589		6486	
109	<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>			1					1	
110	<b>Nashville Warbler</b>		1				1		2	
111	<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>			1					1	
112	<b>Pine Warbler</b>			2				4	6	Tied High Count
113	Yellow-rumped Warbler			1	4		2		7	
114	Northern Cardinal	67	56	76	76	61	83	18	437	18-year high
115	<b>ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK</b>					1			1	

		Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point		
115	Number of Saves	1	0	5	5	5	4	1		
	Number of Species	54	49	74	81	83	87	50	115	
	Totals	3307	3208	5559	16003	9198	6203	1430	44908	

Missed Species: Canvasback, Virginia Rail, Ruddy Turnstone, Dunlin, Marsh Wren, Purple Finch.

Participants in Field	13	14	34	34	26	11	2	134	
Parties min	5	2	9	8	6	6	1	37	
Parties max	5	2	9	10	7	6	1	40	
Participants at feeders	0	9	0	0	1	1	0	11	
Hours at Feeders	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	10	
Owling hours	2	1.5	0	0	2.5	2	0	8	
Owling Miles	0.5	5	0	0	15	14	0	34.5	
Foot Hour	30	11	56	56	50	43	5.5	251.5	
Foot Miles	22	14	38	28.5	20	26	3	151.5	
Car Hours	3	7	3	1	7	6.5	0	27.5	
Car Miles	90	38	12	6	75	60	0	281	

Thirty 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 27, 2020.