

# 97th Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count

## Sunday, December 27, 2020

Despite the Covid pandemic, the 97th Bronx-Westchester CBC was still held. Health protocols were followed; masks were worn, social distancing followed and we did not have a count dinner compilation. But we did have a great Zoom meeting compilation. We hope to combine a physical dinner and a zoom meeting next year.

The 97<sup>th</sup> Bronx-Westchester Christmas Bird Count found 120 species on Sunday December 27, 2020. Four above average. An additional 3 species were seen count week. Highlights include the first records of Common Eiders; females off Mamaroneck and the East Bronx. Other highlights include the 3rd count record for Semipalmated Plover in the East Bronx, an Iceland Gull on the Hastings-on-Hudson waterfront, and Common Redpolls in Hastings and Rye. Count Week birds included White-fronted Goose, Glaucous Gull in Rye and a Spotted Sandpiper, which also has never been seen on this count.

Other notable birds were 3 Redhead, all three scoters, 2 Ring-necked Pheasants, 2 Red-necked Grebes, 2 Clapper Rail, Wilson's Snipe, Snowy Owl on an island in Long Island Sound, 6 Barred Owl and a Northern Saw-whet Owl in Kings Point, Horned Larks, Eastern Bluebird, American Pipit, 70 Pine Siskins, 4 Chipping Sparrows, and 2 White-crowned Sparrows.

New high counts were set for Common Loon, Black Vulture, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Common Raven, Carolina Wren. There was a 29 year high for Great Blue Heron, and a 29 year high for Savannah Sparrow.

Only 36,512 birds were counted; about 7,000 below our 20 year average. But despite that; we saw no 20 year lows. Missed Species included Northern Pintail, American Coot, Ruddy Turnstone, and Marsh Wren.

### 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**



Iceland Gull  
Hastings-on-Hudson



Barred Owl  
Yonkers



Barred Owl - Botanical Gardens  
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	Species (AOU 53rd)	Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point	Total	
1	Snow Goose (white form)				4				4	
	<b>Greater White-fronted Goose</b>						CW		CW	
2	Brant			15	364	231	124	6	740	
3	Canada Goose	538	713	1402	2067	2854	866	153	8593	
4	Mute Swan		1	7	13	9	25	2	57	
5	Wood Duck			13	1	2			16	
6	Northern Shoveler			59	12	44			115	
7	Gadwall				87	50	31		168	
8	American Wigeon				3	3	61	5	72	
9	Mallard	55	126	593	220	422	75	3	1494	
	<i>mallard hybrid</i>	2		3	1	1	1		8	
10	American Black Duck	15	8	8	452	62	119	2	666	
11	Green-winged Teal (Am.)					9			9	
12	Canvasback				2				2	
13	Redhead							3	3	
14	Ring-necked Duck				1	14			15	
15	Greater Scaup				1815	164	107	758	2844	
16	Lesser Scaup				6		8		14	
	<i>scaup, sp.</i>				80		20		100	
17	<b>COMMON EIDER</b>				1	1			2	New to the Count
18	Surf Scoter				27				27	
19	White-winged Scoter						7		7	
20	Black Scoter							1	1	
21	Long-tailed Duck				61	41	122	9	233	
22	Bufflehead	1	4	23	542	183	200	44	997	
23	Common Goldeneye	4			188	16	16	20	244	
24	Hooded Merganser	8	10	16	8	51	39	2	134	
25	Common Merganser	16	28		1			1	46	
26	Red-breasted Merganser				300	80	50	18	448	

27	Ruddy Duck		5	74	20				99	
28	Ring-necked Pheasant					2			2	Last seen in 2014, introduced?
29	Wild Turkey		4		11		26		41	
30	Pied-billed Grebe			1	1				2	
31	Horned Grebe					1		8	9	
32	Red-necked Grebe						2		2	
33	Rock Pigeon	88	252	395	349	104	38		1226	
34	Mourning Dove	83	128	58	106	168	75	51	669	
35	Clapper Rail						2		2	
36	Virginia Rail						2		2	
37	<b>SEMIPALMATED PLOVER</b>				1				1	Third Count Record Last seen in 1998
38	Killdeer				1		CW		1	
	<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>						CW		CW	New to Count List
39	Dunlin						2		2	
40	Purple Sandpiper				5	20	4		29	
41	Wilson's Snipe				1				1	
42	Ring-billed Gull	122	466	147	1064	315	206	28	2348	
43	Herring Gull	39	31	19	933	250	242	39	1553	
44	<b>ICELAND GULL</b>	1							1	Last seen in 2016
	<b>Glaucous Gull</b>						CW		CW	
45	Great Black-backed Gull	18	8	7	88	28	31	6	186	
	<i>gull, sp</i>		21						21	
46	Red-throated Loon			1	29	21	21	3	75	
47	Common Loon				24	15	21	5	<b>65</b>	New High Count (45 in 2018)
48	Double-crested Cormorant				1	8	2	1	12	
49	Great Cormorant	1			21	7	10		39	
50	Great Blue Heron	8	3	4	21	18	35		89	29 year high
51	Black Vulture	22	3	2					<b>27</b>	New High Count ( 13 in 2018)
52	Turkey Vulture	30	23	1	4	4	CW		62	
53	Bald Eagle	3	2	7	1	2	7	2	<b>24</b>	New High Count (11 in 2018)
54	Northern Harrier			1	1		1		3	

55	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	1	3	1	1	8	
56	Cooper's Hawk	1	4	8	8	4	5		30	New High Count (27 in 2016)
57	Red-shouldered Hawk	1		2		1			4	
58	Red-tailed Hawk	16	15	26	31	17	14	1	120	
	<i>buteo, sp</i>	1							1	
59	Eastern Screech-Owl		1	1	1	3	1	1	8	
60	Great Horned Owl		1	CW	3	2	3		9	
61	Snowy Owl					1			1	
62	Barred Owl	1	1	2	1	1			6	
63	Northern Saw-whet Owl							1	1	
64	Belted Kingfisher		1	1	8	5	3		18	
65	Red-bellied Woodpecker	22	16	31	50	29	30	8	186	
66	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	1	9	7	2	3		24	
67	Downy Woodpecker	27	29	24	68	44	23	8	223	
68	Hairy Woodpecker	8	4	6	15	8	13	5	59	
69	Northern Flicker			2	4		5	1	12	
70	Pileated Woodpecker	2		1	1	3	2		9	HC (7 in 2012)
71	American Kestrel			1	1	1			3	
72	Merlin	1		1	1	3	1		7	
73	Peregrine Falcon	1		5	1	2	1		10	
74	Monk Parakeet					27			27	
75	Blue Jay	4	35	170	110	44	8	14	385	
76	American Crow	43	13	73	32	85	23	4	273	
77	Fish Crow	29	199	4	41	26	16	2	317	
	<i>crow, sp</i>		6			36			42	
78	Common Raven	15	8	8	8	7	10		56	New High Count (16 in 2016)
79	Horned Lark						13		13	
80	Black-capped Chickadee	90	124	103	170	139	99	33	758	
81	Tufted Titmouse	61	61	48	83	71	53	1	378	
82	Red-breasted Nuthatch	4		5		4	1		14	
83	White-breasted Nuthatch	37	37	39	34	42	21	7	217	
84	Brown Creeper		4	3	5		3	2	17	

85	Winter Wren	5	2	7	14	8	4	8	48	
86	Carolina Wren	37	29	28	96	44	27	15	276	New High Count (232 last year)
87	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	1	2	9				14	
88	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	3	1	2	1		8	
89	Eastern Bluebird						1		1	
90	Hermit Thrush		1	1	3	3			8	
91	American Robin	9	99	100	102	75	86	11	482	
92	Gray Catbird		1		5	1			7	
93	Brown Thrasher				3				3	
94	Northern Mockingbird	32	16	35	59	20	14	3	179	
95	European Starling	241	319	333	1263	248	177	86	2667	
96	Cedar Waxwing	13	4	2	10	2	10		41	
97	House Sparrow	174	263	384	554	252	62	7	1696	
98	American Pipit				1				1	
99	House Finch	19	13	16	60	74	38		220	
100	Purple Finch				2	2			4	
101	<b>COMMON REDPOLL</b>	1					2		3	Last seen in 2012
102	Pine Siskin		15	36	1	17		1	70	
103	American Goldfinch	66	25	39	68	50	39	44	331	
104	Eastern Towhee				4	4	2	4	14	
105	American Tree Sparrow		1	9	25	4	8		47	
106	Chipping Sparrow	1		1		2			4	
107	Field Sparrow	4	7				12		23	
108	Savannah Sparrow			2	9				11	29 year high
109	Fox Sparrow	1		16	34	4	8	11	74	
110	Song Sparrow	37	71	48	125	54	96	6	437	
111	Swamp Sparrow	1		12	19	1	4		37	
112	White-throated Sparrow	171	169	231	492	219	224	96	1602	
113	White-crowned Sparrow			2					2	
114	Dark-eyed (Slate col.) Junco	113	164	106	34	91	95	24	627	
115	Red-winged Blackbird	19		94	33	4	64	3	217	
116	Brown-headed Cowbird				3				3	

117	Rusty Blackbird		CW	47	1			1	49
118	Common Grackle				63				63
119	Yellow-rumped Warbler				7				7
120	Northern Cardinal	38	54	66	71	62	41	16	348

		Hudson Valley	Yonkers	West Bronx	East Bronx	Scarsdale	Rye	Kings Point		
	Number of Saves	1	0	1	12	3	7	3		
	Number of Species	58	56	72	97	83	79	55	120	
	Totals	2405	3651	5050	12793	7053	3965	1595	36512	

Participants in Field	10	10	20	27	26	10	4	107	
Parties min	9	5	9	9	6	6	1	45	
Parties max	9	5	9	13	7	6	2	51	
Participants at feeders	3	3	0	2	1	1	0	10	
Hours at Feeders	10.5	1	0	3	1	1	0	16.5	
Owling hours	4.5	2	0	0	2.5	2	0.25	11.25	
Owling Miles	5	5.5	0	0	15	14	0	39.5	
Foot Hour	19	22	56	56	50	43	6	252	
Foot Miles	20	18	28	36.5	20	26	5.5	154	
Car Hours	11	4	1	4	7	6.5	1	34.5	
Car Miles	108	19	6	1	75	61	5	275	
Kayak Hours				9				9	
Kayak Miles				11				11	