

The annual spring migration bird count was held on Saturday, May 28. While the weather on count day was considerably better than last year's cold, wet and windy conditions, gusting winds and afternoon precipitation were at least partly responsible for below average numbers of birds and species. The other factor was too much water. Just 25,298 birds were counted, more than 20% below the long-term average of 32,491. Only 168 species were identified, the fourth lowest number since 1987.

Water was everywhere, with sloughs filled to capacity and beyond, grid roads under water, and a near record flow for the river. Birds associated with water were in short supply, however. The numbers of grebes, coots, pelicans, cormorants and white-headed gulls were down significantly. Even some duck species were reported at lower than average numbers.

The most drastic decline was seen in shorebirds, with totals for some species barely reaching 10% of the long-term average. The low numbers were undoubtedly due to the distinct lack of 'shore' - that wide area of shallow water at the edge of sloughs and lakes where these birds normally feed. In many cases high water levels meant the side of the road was the shoreline. The good news was most of the shorebird species one would expect to see at this time of the year were present.

There were a few species of water-loving birds that were seen in greater than usual numbers. Thirty-seven Red-necked Grebes were counted, exceeding last year's record of 36 by one. A tally of 540 Sanderlings by Robert Johanson's team pushed this species past the long-term average by 70%, and the discovery by Phil Taylor of a breeding colony of Common Terns just north of the city helped

set a new record of 66, surpassing the previous record of 47 set in 1990.

Magpie and crow numbers remained depressed as these two species continue to recover from the effects of the West Nile virus. A record high 78 Common Ravens were seen, beating the previous record of 67 set last year. The raven population has been steadily increasing in our area since the late 1990s.

Only 12 species of warblers were reported, for a total of 946 birds. Of those, a record high 842 were Yellow Warblers, surpassing the previous record of 798 set in 2007.

Numbers were up for some species that nest in our area. House Wren numbers were almost double the long-term average at 363 birds, a record 908 American Robins beat last year's record of 822, Gray Catbird numbers were up by 76%, and the previous record of 312 American Goldfinches, set in 2007, was displaced by this year's count of 406.

Rare species reported included two Greater Scaup (Stan Shadick's team), two Cattle Egrets (Lorne Duczek's team), a Golden Eagle, three Virginia Rails (both Guy Wapple's team), two Whimbrels (Frank Roy's team), and a Eurasian Collared-Dove (Nick Saunders in his neighbourhood, prior to joining Guy Wapple).

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89	70	108	92	97	81	115	92		81	96	Total Species	168	163	181	171	175	175	165	160	170	186	169	178
16.0	8.0	16.1	10.4	13.0	9.8	13.5	13.0		10.0	66.3	Party Hours	176	166	181	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	180	205
4	3	3	2	2	1	2	2		4	26	Participants	49	42	51	48	52	54	48	54	50	53	55	48
					1						Greater White-fronted Goose	1	1	36		1	1		1		47	17	1
4		1							1	2	Snow Goose	9	1	8	21	3	7	11	1	1	22	2	15
											Ross's Goose			30							10		2
108	21	54	46	64	11	25	25		48	270	Canada Goose	672	793	974	702	665	720	769	683	1089	1130	865	1210
											Trumpeter Swan							1					
											Tundra Swan				5	1	6	2		5	6	6	
										8	• Duck sp. •	8	6					33					
											Wood Duck		1	2			1				1	2	
50	15	34	36	46	2	25	25		27	15	Gadwall	275	297	327	717	245	265	169	247	153	425	239	335
											Eurasian Wigeon												
14	8	18	20	20	5	25	25		17	9	American Wigeon	161	175	195	277	145	213	106	134	132	545	112	179
											American Black Duck												
65	126	106	34	50	14	25	25		45	87	Mallard	577	594	455	610	365	386	389	861	419	811	606	1767
55	77	76	50	35	9	25	25		53	27	Blue-winged Teal	432	302	406	633	356	554	293	274	192	478	226	417
											Cinnamon Teal		2			1	2	2			2		1
											Cinnamon/ Blue-winged Teal hybrid												
45	80	81	26	35	5	25	25		52	22	Northern Shoveler	396	319	331	815	367	1357	339	806	198	243	373	451
10	76	3	11	23	1	25	6		4	4	Northern Pintail	163	96	147	231	186	325	254	86	100	95	92	172
8	10	4	10	7	2	23	1		5	4	Green-winged Teal	74	94	118	143	77	88	54	30	41	33	24	39
47	29	39	64	33	2	147	50		20	6	Canvasback	437	260	331	386	487	462	280	134	134	193	304	403
32	41	30	34	55	2	127	24		42	6	Redhead	393	145	195	379	472	367	208	284	154	298	170	333
		4		14	26	23	1		2		Ring-necked Duck	70	38	26	41	66	75	35	19	6	4	16	28
		2									Greater Scaup	2											2
75	40	52	47	82	2	108	35		60	15	Lesser Scaup	516	439	514	294	358	573	269	216	184	163	323	341
											White-winged Scoter			3							1		6
44	5	39	20	39	6	16	6			2	Bufflehead	177	162	70	72	146	305	151	70	55	100	99	141
		10		32		5	3			3	Common Goldeneye	53	5	2	7	42	30	54	9	34	12	3	15
			3	7		1					Hooded Merganser	11	1	2	3	3	2			1	3		
		4	2			1				2	Common Merganser	9	5	16	8	17	14	26	32	17	19	21	30
											Red-breasted Merganser					3							
38	21	109	6	145	10	77	8		29	8	Ruddy Duck	451	412	328	542	635	542	215	130	95	220	233	434
			2						2	4	Gray Partridge	8	8	16	4	13	18	26	36	33	19	17	30
											Ring-necked Pheasant					1							
2					4						Ruffed Grouse	6	6	8	1	6	7	11	2	14	2	4	9
1					4				1		Sharp-tailed Grouse	6	1	9	8	10	32	7	12	16	36		14
1		2					1				Common Loon	4	2			2	3	2	1	1	4	3	5
2	1	4	2	1		9	1		2	4	Pied-billed Grebe	26	22	32	41	34	33	25	19	11	32	11	42
27	2	8	2	17		22	11		2	2	Horned Grebe	93	85	58	101	240	115	163	42	56	86	88	117
4		3	4	6		5	6		4	5	Red-necked Grebe	37	36	34	25	36	30	22	16	14	36	23	23
40	22	7	2	13	1	37	31		25	1	Eared Grebe	179	904	966	818	1021	2371	1579	293	25	209	542	1059

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												5/28	05/29-30	05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27
		7	2	6							Western Grebe	15	4	133	43	69	29	57	120	10	42	75	119
											Clark's Grebe						1						
		14		28					1	54	American White Pelican	97	153	76	112	92	121	64	126	105	144	196	116
				2						2	Double-crested Cormorant	4	31	97	58	117	63	34	129	33	38	33	242
						1	1				American Bittern	2		3	6	4	1			2		3	9
		2	2		2						Great Blue Heron	6	1	11	2	4	1	4		2	1		4
											Great Egret												
								2			Cattle Egret	2											
	1					2					Black-crowned Night Heron	3	1	10	2	10	1				2		2
											White-faced Ibis			1									
1	1	6					1				Turkey Vulture	9	9	6	5	7	6	2	1	5		1	1
	1								2		Osprey	3	3	4	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
											Bald Eagle							1					1
5	17	3	15	5		17	8		5	1	Northern Harrier	76	35	69	51	27	67	61	27	27	24	41	75
		1									Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1		1		1	2		1	1	1	2
											Cooper's Hawk		3	6	5		3	5	4	4		5	5
											Northern Goshawk												
											Broad-winged Hawk			1									
3	5	13	16	10		15	10		4	4	Swainson's Hawk	80	63	56	68	61	76	37	61	47	52	48	45
2	10	12	14	11	2	14	10		5	4	Red-tailed Hawk	84	43	79	71	58	66	62	63	56	73	49	87
											Ferruginous Hawk			1	2	2	1						1
											Rough-legged Hawk	1						1					
						1					Golden Eagle	1											
											• <i>Falconidae</i> sp. •										1		1
		3	2	1			3			2	American Kestrel	11	9	11	7	16	19	23	8	5	11	11	10
	1	1		1		2				7	Merlin	12	21	20	21	10	16	26	19	23	29	19	25
2									1	2	Peregrine Falcon	5	3	2	2	1	4	2		2	1		
											Prairie Falcon		1										
											Yellow Rail												
						3					Virginia Rail	3			1	1		1					1
5	8	15	16	2	6	33	3		3	3	Sora	94	44	45	62	91	100	29	35	35	20	35	106
91	25	51	44	48	5	111	55		40	33	American Coot	503	254	824	3097	1245	870	372	505	149	1093	176	3089
											Sandhill Crane		8	7	4		6	13	4	15	9	2	
											• <i>Shorebird</i> sp. •					18	516	168				18	730
						7	14				Black-bellied Plover	21	55	160	166	62	18	38		71	6	79	206
											American Golden-Plover		55	507	2		26	87	1	146	31	2	41
				1							Semipalmated Plover	1		26	3	35	65	7	1	2	2		26
				3							Piping Plover	3		1	2	4							2
10	7	27	13	11	2	37	12		14	14	Killdeer	147	166	216	211	191	122	116	138	155	83	120	153
											Black-necked Stilt			7	5								
19	5	2		49	4	2	18		3		American Avocet	102	251	331	555	318	314	436	150	109	63	122	242
		3	1	4	9	2			2	7	Spotted Sandpiper	28	52	142	38	42	24	24	40	53	29	34	40
											Solitary Sandpiper			3		2	3			1	2		2

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											Greater Yellowlegs			3	6		3			1		5	5	3
6	5	10	3	9		9	7		5		Willet	54	62	104	94	87	58	37	79	99	160	102	95	
	1										Lesser Yellowlegs	1	3	24	18		9	5	4	7	13	6	13	
1		1	2			5					Upland Sandpiper	9	7	4	4	7	1	2	2	3	6	3	4	
									2		Whimbrel	2				1								
			1								Long-billed Curlew	1	2	3	5	2	3	6		5	2	3	3	
											Hudsonian Godwit										3	1		
1		1	4	5		9	4		11		Marbled Godwit	35	39	62	57	60	37	22	38	67	106	73	68	
1	1										Ruddy Turnstone	2	1	11		17			1	2	7		12	
											Red Knot												3	
50									60		• Peep sp. •	110	88	479	3550	78	141	805	104	2952	2	7048	1665	
				540			1		8		Sanderling	549	235	91	13	31	13	36	133	27	16	18	106	
	12	10		218			48		40		Semipalmated Sandpiper	328	371	298	290	305	102	641	785	139	64	1363	1161	
											Western Sandpiper													
				1							Least Sandpiper	1	3	287	93		26	22	25	6	118	234	11	
		2		2			4				White-rumped Sandpiper	8	23	39	39	7	11	21	20	5	6		23	
		5		2							Baird's Sandpiper	7	26	78	24	49	18	47	80	446	506	213	211	
				2			6				Pectoral Sandpiper	8		36	297	7	6	3	3	68	24	66	31	
											Dunlin		4	2	1			7						
			3	214		749	269		27		Stilt Sandpiper	1262	1110	448	2486	395	286	5271	270	1116	649	273	405	
											Buff-breasted Sandpiper			19						95		57	19	
									40		• Dowitcher sp. •	40		33	23	8			23	26	3	756	14	
	1										Short-billed Dowitcher	1		11	10		31	105		37	1		3	
						9					Long-billed Dowitcher	9	1	21	1		15		8	13				
6	3	3	10	2	9	17	4				Wilson's Snipe	54	34	28	30	58	40	26	18	13	11	7	15	
12	3	12	8	9	1	69	16		4	2	Wilson's Phalarope	136	241	984	556	464	219	117	118	97	98	147	286	
		305		46		27	10				Red-necked Phalarope	388	947	1071	2394	2145	2044	8402	953	378	41	4727	995	
		3	11	31	2	1080	520		16	225	Franklin's Gull	1888	1042	2532	1652	3170	4619	1780	1077	596	317	417	1507	
											Bonaparte's Gull				18		20	7	1	18	1	1	1	
			2						2	18	• White-headed Gull sp. •	22	452	607	68	1023	341	100	390	363	367	126	624	
1				9		25	1		5	34	Ring-billed Gull	75	188	83	948	197	310	1549	300	307	527	476	254	
		2							1	2	California Gull	5	29	22	13	11	9	264	390	85	241	137	7	
		1				2					Herring Gull	3	5	4	3	7	1			3	13	6	1	
											Lesser Black-backed Gull								2					
											Glaucous Gull													
											Sabine's Gull							6						
										1	• White tern sp. •	1												
									50	16	Common Tern	66	9	8	8	14	10	12	25	19	31	29	31	
											Arctic Tern					1								
			2			1	4				Forster's Tern	7	20	17	2	31	5	7	30	24	1	1	6	
66	6	116	82	69	1	131	71		59	6	Black Tern	607	1049	502	313	669	490	630	470	120	50	250	501	
4	2	14	4	21		33	8		11	244	Rock Pigeon	341	716	701	520	678	902	806	1151	571	420	399	801	
										1	Eurasian Collared-Dove	1	4			2		1						

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7	6	15	33	10	15	4	10		4	22	Mourning Dove	126	106	270	168	165	152	133	134	136	101	79	155
											Black-billed Cuckoo												
1	1	1	2			3	2				Great Horned Owl	10	8	15	7	13	23	30	15	10	13	10	6
											Burrowing Owl												
											Long-eared Owl							1	2	2			
1		1				1					Short-eared Owl	3			1			3				1	9
1		1									Common Nighthawk	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	5
1			1		1						Ruby-throated Hummingbird	3		3	7	1	5	2	4	4	3	6	6
											Black-chinned Hummingbird												
		2			1						Belted Kingfisher	3	5	5	5	2	8	4		1	3	2	2
											• <i>Picidae sp.</i> •							5		3	1	3	
			1		1	3					Red-headed Woodpecker												
											Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5	5	18	6	12	5	8	4	7	12	1	3
1										2	Downy Woodpecker	3	7	13	6	4	3	5	9	6	15	7	4
2	1	1		1		1					Hairy Woodpecker	7	7	21	10	10	9	10	9	17	11	7	7
											Black-backed Woodpecker												
5	1	6	8	4	3	6	8		1	15	Northern Flicker	57	41	55	44	62	55	66	42	31	40	22	42
											Pileated Woodpecker		1				2						
				1							Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	2	2		1	1	2	5	3	1	1	
											Western Wood-Pewee			2					5		3	5	4
											• <i>Empidonax sp.</i> •		1	16					62		3	3	1
											Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			1	1	1			1			1	
											Alder Flycatcher		13	3		4	2	2	15		5	1	4
28	23	26	28	24	59	11	14		4	31	Least Flycatcher	248	179	166	348	341	191	202	174	312	157	178	250
					2	2	1				Eastern Phoebe	5	11	24	3	11	10	10	13	13	23	6	19
											Say's Phoebe							1		2			2
											Great Crested Flycatcher												
15		14	11	8	2	7	4		3		Western Kingbird	64	44	137	110	127	78	102	102	69	26	66	71
4	7	16	39	13	4	14	11		1	8	Eastern Kingbird	117	150	157	151	144	176	104	256	83	68	91	199
1	2	4	1			2	2				Loggerhead Shrike	12	10	14	5	11	15	19	7	15	9	5	11
											• <i>Vireo sp.</i> •										1		
										1	Blue-headed Vireo	1				2			1	1	2	4	1
9		7	8	9	12	4	3		1	10	Warbling Vireo	63	60	12	43	86	47	43	8	52	8	61	71
											Philadelphia Vireo		1				1		2			1	
2		1			1	2				7	Red-eyed Vireo	13	31		10	69	33	11	17	11	3	49	76
					1					10	Blue Jay	11	4	16	14	10	6	10	6	9	18	16	17
18	32	25	18	15	1	39	40		37	64	Black-billed Magpie	289	293	299	200	434	434	459	415	448	453	406	441
58	49	33	23	41	1	135	45		13	156	American Crow	554	451	496	413	599	586	532	656	600	795	679	750
8	2	8	14	12	5	9	5		6	9	Common Raven	78	67	61	41	38	21	34	15	16	17	15	13
13		6	9	16	2	2	2			1	Horned Lark	51	87	149	124	105	75	87	89	105	23	23	28
											• <i>Swallow sp.</i> •		2				200	1524					
	17	16	14	29		2	10		12	60	Purple Martin	160	139	249	669	396	324	90	184	281	153	141	134
89	29	32	28	51	11	51	42		5	26	Tree Swallow	364	1080	431	682	416	1613	672	904	280	506	292	259

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		1	1			1					Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3	7	9	8	14	5		6	6	4	3	4
	17	124	24	75	100	3	20		47		Bank Swallow	410	311	521	504	224	1917	418	464	177	103	51	335
		10	129	19		2	75				Cliff Swallow	235	179	213	274	463	207	161	2445	277	2	261	151
5	9	83	83	98	3	27	15		9	32	Barn Swallow	364	467	268	324	301	487	188	486	199	154	166	340
1	2	5			6	5	3			30	Black-capped Chickadee	52	98	136	80	54	58	64	73	79	147	56	49
										13	Red-breasted Nuthatch	13	30	26	36	6	10	9	23	13	33	4	31
						1					White-breasted Nuthatch	1		3	3	2	1			1	3	1	
											Brown Creeper												1
73	11	56	31	17	23	28	20		7	97	House Wren	363	200	98	162	446	307	230	108	189	64	175	206
			1		2						Sedge Wren	3	1	1	2	7	3		1	2		1	8
4		1		1	3	3			4		Marsh Wren	16	11	4	6	18	8	10	11	3	3	8	17
											Golden-crowned Kinglet												
		9				1				6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	16	4	16	18	6	6	8	19	6	8	3	4
											Eastern Bluebird			3					1				
1		14	1	2	3	4	4				Mountain Bluebird	29	14	35	17	56	75	43	114	71	22	22	53
										4	<i>• Thrush sp. •</i>	4	2							2			
1		6			5	5				2	Veery	19	17	10	5	12	14	15	3	12	12	7	17
											Gray-cheeked Thrush			8	1	1	3			1	11	3	
	1									3	Swainson's Thrush	4	30	127	20	5	4	11	66	16	96	21	45
					1						Hermit Thrush	1		5	2	4		5	8	2	3	5	3
											Wood Thrush												
26	8	135	37	34	15	31	70		19	533	American Robin	908	822	704	593	640	602	615	623	526	621	481	694
											Varied Thrush												
8	1	9	4	11	13	5	7		1	42	Gray Catbird	101	91	33	66	111	83	68	72	51	35	74	79
											Northern Mockingbird						1						
2	1	6	7	2	3	3	7		5	10	Brown Thrasher	46	33	93	79	80	65	42	71	51	33	42	54
5	5	12	16	4	4	47	33		6	3	European Starling	135	113	89	75	104	119	87	78	45	24	7	48
											American Pipit										1		
					2						Sprague's Pipit	2	9	11	27	23	22	21	44	39	31	14	20
											Bohemian Waxwing										4		
		2				6	5				Cedar Waxwing	13	53	51	95	16	160	58	1127	33	97	96	328
1		2	3		1				1	9	Tennessee Warbler	17	35	52	86	30	47	76	180	59	205	116	68
		1			2	1					Orange-crowned Warbler	4	4	29	12	7	6	7	27	21	51	6	15
											Nashville Warbler				1								
70	24	72	74	105	50	37	53		28	329	Yellow Warbler	842	537	402	763	798	596	543	440	611	330	650	725
											Chestnut-sided Warbler					1				1		2	1
										1	Magnolia Warbler	1	2		1					15		22	2
											Cape May Warbler			7		1	2			1		17	
						2				1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	2	216	28	9	9	11	81	12	1033	13	17
											Black-throated Green Warbler											2	
											Blackburnian Warbler						1					1	
											Palm Warbler			3	1						1	24	
											Bay-breasted Warbler				1					4		1	

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												5/28	05/29-30	05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27
										1	Blackpoll Warbler	1	1	17	9	2	3	10	20	3	32	14	5
				1		4					Black-and-white Warbler	5	3	6	11	5	4		9	1	43	2	4
		12	1		5	11					American Redstart	29	35	2	9	17	16	11	26	12	40	15	21
						5					Ovenbird	5	2	8	4	4	7	7	6	4	57	2	7
						1					Northern Waterthrush	1	1	6	3	3	1	2			33		1
											Connecticut Warbler				1	1	1			2	1	5	
											Mourning Warbler			1		2	1	1	6	1	2	3	2
		1	1	2	22	7			1	3	Common Yellowthroat	37	16	12	29	42	17	14	18	15	12	16	43
										1	Wilson's Warbler	1		3					7	1	9	1	
											Canada Warbler					1	1		5		4		1
											Yellow-breasted Chat												
											• Sparrow sp. •			8		12		18					
7		9	5	2	8	5			1	5	Spotted Towhee	42	49	91	75	72	71	77	57	63	31	26	45
											American Tree Sparrow												
2		11	5	12	3	6	13			213	Chipping Sparrow	265	261	622	362	318	287	250	307	230	310	264	292
76	22	74	103	37	43	57	15		35	104	Clay-colored Sparrow	566	405	906	779	639	447	392	400	380	413	358	473
36	5	24	58	18	11	42	22		20	3	Vesper Sparrow	239	219	386	291	308	250	250	252	179	178	125	185
		13	3	2		1	9				Lark Sparrow	28	11	40	46	23	27	29	30	14	6	7	12
											Lark Bunting											1	
18	4	13	37	5	1	35	6		11	6	Savannah Sparrow	136	145	182	144	234	188	99	130	110	106	96	147
											Grasshopper Sparrow					1	2					2	
					1						Baird's Sparrow	1	2		1	10	6	1			1	1	2
2			1		1	6					Le Conte's Sparrow	10	11	8	28	46	30	3	5	16	9	10	29
				1		2					Nelson's Sparrow	3	1			1	7	3	8			2	10
											Fox Sparrow												
17		6	21	5	15	18	9		10	37	Song Sparrow	138	113	183	139	132	109	136	103	127	101	97	143
											Lincoln's Sparrow		1	13					1		17		1
											Swamp Sparrow			1	2						1	9	
						1				1	White-throated Sparrow	2	1	63	10	6	12	3		7	90	4	3
											Harris's Sparrow			1							24		3
											White-crowned Sparrow		4	32	5	1		1	5		21	1	1
											Dark-eyed Junco			1		2			1		5		2
											McCown's Longspur												2
											Lapland Longspur			2610				150		2215	853		50
											Chestnut-collared Longspur												
											Snow Bunting			402									
											Scarlet Tanager												1
											Western Tanager											1	1
2					1	5					Rose-breasted Grosbeak	8	5	23	14	11	9	10	6	5	18	8	5
											Lazuli Bunting										2		
		3	7	3	6	2					Bobolink	21	15	13	21	30	10	18	9	5	3	13	21
144	8	206	132	105	37	245	60		82	66	Red-winged Blackbird	1085	1097	1111	1142	1088	1007	884	992	1017	1037	964	953
21	8	41	81	8	5	53	35		23	11	Western Meadowlark	286	253	375	347	467	570	467	489	294	203	198	322

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31	14	27	38	51		146	14		80	2	Yellow-headed Blackbird	403	373	310	597	573	467	317	430	435	556	251	510
											Rusty Blackbird							2				2	
37	23	53	100	58	5	115	10		50	42	Brewer's Blackbird	493	424	617	479	601	552	380	315	287	445	386	374
3	3	15	6	7	1	5	41		5	117	Common Grackle	203	273	177	116	94	125	95	146	91	118	130	175
68	11	44	132	54	23	65	19		35	54	Brown-headed Cowbird	505	444	809	433	318	314	312	326	258	278	142	163
8	2	10	9	3	3	3	3		1	3	Baltimore Oriole	45	42	77	66	74	64	79	52	76	65	93	95
											Purple Finch		3	16	3	4	3				1		
			2				2			151	House Finch	155	156	129	141	89	76	92	77	52	86	38	29
											• Crossbill sp. •										1		
											Red Crossbill												
										6	White-winged Crossbill	6	6			2				2			
										1	Common Redpoll	1											
1				1		2	2			5	Pine Siskin	11	47	310	5	5	1	64		1	22	83	36
29	16	130	58	31	9	26	22		7	78	American Goldfinch	406	223	228	305	312	311	272	271	249	103	243	269
6	26	33	28	40		63	46		17	1466	House Sparrow	1725	814	676	874	937	1003	1446	2495	2059	1093	632	1352
1927	1080	2823	2155	3134	707	4631	2284		1455	5102	TOTAL BIRDS	25298	24523	33391	37874	31009	36110	40666	29126	25190	22961	31146	33571

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4:52	7:15	6:52	6:40	6:50	4:45	6:00	5:45		6:30	6:00	start												
21:56	15:15	21:58	16:20	19:50	15:30	19:30	18:45		5:00	21:00	end												
8.5	8.0	13.1	9.4	7.0	5.0	10.5	10.0		8.0	15.0	Car Party Hours	95	100	94	114	115	111	100	114	112	94	93	109
7.5		3.0	1.0	6.0	4.8	3.0	3.0		2.0	51.3	Foot Party Hours	82	66	87	68	91	75	77	85	106	123	87	95
											Bicycle Party Hours				2					4			
16.0	8.0	16.1	10.4	13.0	9.8	13.5	13.0		10.0	66.3	TOTAL Party Hours	176	166	181	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	180	205
298.0	111.0	242.0	147.0	268.0	85.0	246.0	247.0		196.0	204.5	Car Party km	2045	1968	1973	2361	2423	2277	2146	2205	2406	2102	2137	2219
3.0		5.0	5.0	1.0	14.3	4.0	4.0		1.0	68.0	Foot Party km	105	77	96	100	107	127	79	86	148	147	107	168
											Bicycle Party km				15					13			
301.0	111.0	247.0	152.0	269.0	99.3	250.0	251.0		197.0	272.5	TOTAL km	2150	2044	2069	2477	2529	2403	2225	2291	2566	2249	2244	2387

Teams (Leaders)

NE1 Michael Williams, Lucille Bradatsch, Mary Loewen,
Lynn Oliphant (feeder watcher)

NE2 Marten Stoffel, John Lahey-Briggs, Gerard Lahey

SE1 Stan Shadick, Jan Shadick, Kay Krueger

SE2A Ron Jensen, Don Weidl

SE2B Robert Johanson, John Patterson

SE2C Mike Gollop

SW1 Guy Wapple, Nick Saunders

SW2 Lorne Duczek, Carol Maccan

NW1 Count not done

NW2 J. Frank Roy, Stan Dunville, Judy Toews, Linda Schnedar

City

SW Maureen Duwors, Gerry Stoldar, Marlene Mahoney, Maureen Anderson

NW Audrey Hall, Ed Holgate

C Carol Blenkin, Mary Toews, Heather Wagg

N Philip Taylor

NE Anna Leighton, Ted Leighton, Asha Perera, Sylvia Raginski

U Hilda Voth, Donna Haugen

SE1 Hilda Noton, Jacquie Christenson, George Christenson

SE2 Audrey MacKenzie, May Haga, Audrey Folden

S Count not done

S-C Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury, Rob Salisbury, Nick Saunders

E Laurie Slinger

Unique Species

Lesser Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitcher

Greater Scaup, Sharp-shinned Hawk

Long-billed Curlew

Semipalmated Plover, Piping Plover, Least Sandpiper, Olive-sided Flycatcher

Greater White-fronted Goose, Hermit Thrush, Sprague's Pipit, Baird's Sparrow

Golden Eagle, Virginia Rail, Long-billed Dowitcher, White-breasted Nuthatch, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush

Cattle Egret

Whimbrel

Rough-legged Hawk, Common Redpoll

Wilson's Warbler

Blue-headed Vireo

Eurasian Collared-Dove, Magnolia Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler

Weather

Temperature range: 4 - 15 °C

Sky: scattered clouds to overcast

Rain: localized showers and rain (p.m.)

Wind: 5 - 32 kph, gusts to 45 kph

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											• <i>Shrew spp.</i> •														
											• <i>Vole spp.</i> •														
											1 Meadow Vole	1													
											• <i>Bat spp.</i> •														
											Raccoon				1	1	x							1	
											• <i>Weasel spp.</i> •						x							1	
									1		Badger	1	1			1	1	4	1						
											Skunk		2	1			1		1	1	1	1			3
		1	2		3	1					1 Coyote	8	2	20	5	9	3	9	6	7	4	4	4	7	
				5							Red Fox	5	5	6	1	9	4	2	1	2	4	1	3		
		24	100	x		3	4		1		2 Richardson's Ground Squirrel	134	12	93	88	95	34	30	117	53	77	50	505		
											1 13-lined Ground Squirrel	1	2	7	3	1		1	2	11	3	2	3		
1					1						Franklin's Ground Squirrel	2		8	1	2			1	x		6	1		
			2		1						2 Least Chipmunk	5	2	12	1	10	4	3	1	8	7	4	3		
											Red Squirrel			5	4	4	2	2	1		1	1			
2				x							1 Beaver	3	2	3	5	5	x	3	2	3	2	2	1		
											Deer Mouse										1			2	
9				x		6	1				3 Muskrat	19	16	21	31	46	10	8	3	2			9	9	
				(d)							Porcupine		1					3							
		11									White-tailed Jack Rabbit	11	2		2	13	4	9	17	8	13	5	13		
		1									1 Snowshoe Hare	2		5	6	2	3	9	1		10	2	2		
											Nuttall's Cottontail				3	1	2								
					7						Mule Deer	7	14	34	13	19	8	11	4	7	12	7	6		
8		2	3	x	2	6	2				4 White-tailed Deer	27	28	46	29	58	16	38	14	23	42	8	16		
											Moose										2				
								2			Pronghorn	2	8	11	10		6	10		1	1	2			
											Leopard Frog			1	5										
					2	12					Wood Frog	14				6	1							2	
					4						Canadian Toad	4	1		7	18		1		8					
		1	1		2	20					Boreal Chorus Frog	24	28	8	21	52	10	2	x	x			3	4	
											• <i>Garter Snake spp.</i> •													2	
											Western Plains Garter Snake		1	1	1	3		1							
											• <i>Turtle spp.</i> •											1			
											• <i>Skipper spp.</i> •			1		2									
											Common Roadside Skipper									1		1			
											• <i>Duskywing spp.</i> •					5									
											Dreamy Duskywing				2									1	
											Perisus Duskywing				1	4					2				
						2					Canadian Tiger Swallowtail	2			5	23				13		1	3		
											3 • <i>White spp.</i> •	3		7						x				23	
											Western White			1										2	
449				x		10			100		1 Cabbage White	560		47	148	258		12		50	5	10	62		
									12		2 • <i>Sulphur spp.</i> •	14				5				30				38	

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3					3	15				1	Clouded sulphur	22			59	28		1		119		1	36
						5				4	• <i>Blue spp.</i> •	9		10	18	11				7	2	1	21
											Western-tailed Blue												1
											Spring Azure			3	2	11				1		1	
9										1	Silvery Blue	10				7				29	3		2
											Melissa Blue			10	3								
										1	Greenish Blue	1				1						1	
											• <i>Large Fritillary spp.</i> •												8
											• <i>Small Fritillary spp.</i> •									2			2
2					2						Meadow Fritillary	4			5	21				5			8
2											• <i>Crescent spp.</i> •	2				1							2
											• <i>Comma spp.</i> •			1									
											Satyr Comma				3								
											Compton Tortoiseshell				2								
											Gray Comma				1					1		1	
						2					Mourning Cloak	2		27	10	3				20	5	2	6
											Milbert's Tortoiseshell					1							
											Painted Lady											1	
											Red Admiral												1
											White Admiral			1									
											Common Ringlet					11				2		8	1
											Red-disked Alpine			6	3							1	
					1						• <i>Arctic spp.</i> •	1											
											Uhler's Arctic				1	1				3			
											Cricket												
											Wood Tick										1	5	
											• <i>Bumblebee spp.</i> •				3								3
											• <i>Dragonfly spp.</i> •				1						1		
											• <i>Damselfly spp.</i> •												

x - identified but numbers not provided; (d) - dead