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# Christmas Bird Count 2024

## Final results - Dec. 14, 2024

Conditions were not ideal for our Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, Dec. 14. In 2023 we tolerated misty conditions but this year we had actual ice to contend with. Roads were slick first thing in the morning, dried out a bit midday, then deteriorated and forced most of our teams to give up by 3pm. It was just too dangerous to be out.

All was not lost though, and our nine teams were able to locate 52 species on count day. Eleven additional "count week" birds were found bringing our total, species count to 63. To compare, in 2023 we found 57 species on count day plus 7 during count week birds giving us a total of 64. Incredibly, a Gray Catbird was found this year by Dave Gross. It's the first time a Catbird has ever been found on our count - and he even got a photo! Other great finds included Red-shouldered Hawks, an immature Northern Harrier, Merlin, Eastern Screech Owl, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Ross's Goose, Snow Bunting and Rusty Blackbirds.

We want to thank our coordinator Clifford Hanson, our team leaders and all the volunteers who went out in search of birds. Thanks also to Quarry Hill for the use of their facilities during the day,



Red-headed Woodpecker  
Dave Gross



Gray Catbird  
Dave Gross



Northern Harrier  
Mike Degerstrom

### Final results:

Greater White-fronted Goose <b>cw</b>	Belted Kingfisher -- 2	Northern Cardinal -- 151
Ross's Goose <b>cw</b>	Red-headed Woodpecker -- 6	Red-winged Blackbird -- 1
Canada Goose -- 4624	Red-bellied Woodpecker -- 45	Rusty Blackbird -- 3
Wood Duck -- 3	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker -- 2	House Finch -- 240
Gadwall -- 42	Downy Woodpecker -- 111	Purple Finch -- 5
American Black Duck <b>cw</b>	Hairy Woodpecker -- 39	American Goldfinch -- 145
Mallard -- 718	Northern Flicker -- 17	House Sparrow -- 509
Ring-necked Duck -- 3	Pileated Woodpecker -- 16	
Common Goldeneye <b>cw</b>	American Kestrel -- 3	<b>Number of species: 52</b>
Hooded Merganser -- 1	Merlin <b>cw</b>	<b>Count week (cw) birds: 11</b>
Common Merganser <b>cw</b>	Peregrine Falcon <b>cw</b>	<b>Total Species: 63</b>
Ring-necked Pheasant -- 7	Blue Jay -- 163	<b>Total birds : 11,481</b>
Wild Turkey -- 110	American Crow -- 1748	
Double-crested Cormorant <b>cw</b>	Black-capped Chickadee -- 224	
Northern Harrier -- 1	Tufted Titmouse -- 9	
Sharp-shinned Hawk -- 3	Red-breasted Nuthatch -- 3	
Cooper's Hawk -- 5	White-breasted Nuthatch -- 97	
Bald Eagle -- 25	Brown Creeper -- 6	
Red-shouldered Hawk -- 2	Eastern Bluebird -- 7	
Red-tailed Hawk -- 35	American Robin -- 339	
Rough-legged Hawk -- 2	Gray Catbird -- 1	
Wilson's Snipe <b>cw</b>	European Starling -- 807	
Rock Pigeon -- 425	Cedar Waxwing -- 80	
Eurasian Collared-Dove -- 27	Snow Bunting <b>cw</b>	
Mourning Dove -- 72	American Tree Sparrow -- 144	
Eastern Screech-Owl -- 1	Dark-eyed Junco -- 429	
Great Horned Owl -- 3	White-throated Sparrow -- 14	
Barred Owl -- 6	Song Sparrow <b>cw</b>	



Barred Owl  
Mike Degerstrom