

Sussex Christmas Bird Count

The 62nd annual Sussex CBC took place on Sunday 12/15. I'd like to thank everyone who participated and give a special thanks to Merle and Roger Tanis for hosting the wrap-up once again.

We had a total of 92 species on count day despite the previous night's snowfall. The count has only topped 90 species 8 times in its 62-year history. The highlight was certainly the lark sparrow found at the Frankford Twp School by Diana Wentink, Barbara Bassett and Pete Grannis.

- Three common loons were found, which ties the high count set way back in 1953.
- We had the second highest snow goose total ever with 2918.
- A new high for Canada geese was set with 5893.
- Two cackling geese were seen, a high for this species.
- Eighteen redhead ducks on Culver Lake beats the old high of 8 set twice before.
- One each of red-breasted merganser and rough-legged hawk were recorded.
- Two merlins on this count is a new high and only the second time for this species.
- One lesser black-backed gull and 2 glaucous gulls (a new high for glaucous).
- Night time weather conditions caused great horned owl to be missed for the first time since 1964.
- Two eastern phoebes ties a high for the species.
- Brown creeper was missed for the first time since 1980.
- Three gray catbirds is a new high for this species.
- One each of brown thrasher, northern shrike, and chipping sparrow were found.
- Fifty-nine tree sparrows is the lowest ever recorded for the count. (The high was 1445 in 1969.)
- We had the third highest total ever for dark-eyed junco with 1256.

Alan Boyd, compiler

Common Loon	3	Ring-billed Gull	1969	Dickcissel	
D-C Cormorant		Herring Gull	184	Eastern Towhee	
Red-necked Grebe		Iceland Gull	CW	Tree Sparrow	59
Pied-billed Grebe	CW	Glaucous Gull	2	Chipping Sparrow	1
Gr. Blue Heron	8	Ls. Bl-backed Gull	1	Field Sparrow	
Mute Swan	66	Gr. Black-backed Gull	17	Lark Sparrow	1
Tundra Swan		Rock Pigeon	311	Fox Sparrow	2
Snow Goose	2918	Mourning Dove	220	Song Sparrow	161
Canada Goose	5893	E. Screech Owl	1	Swamp Sparrow	18
Cackling Goose	2	Gr. Horned Owl	CW	Wh.-thr Sparrow	372
Wood Duck	1	Snowy Owl		Wh.-cr Sparrow	8
Gn. Winged Teal		Barred Owl		Dark-eyed Junco	1256
Black Duck	67	Long-eared Owl		Lapland Longspur	
Mallard	493	Short-eared Owl		Snow Bunting	53
N. Pintail	1	Saw-whet Owl		Red-wg. Blackbird	47
Bl. Winged Teal	3	Belted Kingfisher	13	E. Meadowlark	
N. Shoveler		Red-head Wood.		Rusty Blackbird	1
Gadwall	30	Red-bell. Wood.	58	Com. Grackle	30
Amer. Wigeon	24	Yel-bell. Sapsucker	7	Br.-head. Cowbird	193
Canvasback		Downy Woodpecker	83	B. Oriole	
Redhead	18	Hairy Woodpecker	10	Pine Grosbeak	
Ring-necked Duck	182	N. Flicker	21	Purple Finch	
Lesser Scaup	8	Pileated Wood.	12	House Finch	104
Long-tailed Duck		E. Phoebe	2	Red Crossbill	
Com. Goldeneye	42	Horned Lark	26	Wh.-wing. Crossbill	
Bufflehead	30	Blue Jay	173	Com. Redpoll	
Hooded Merganser	82	Amer. Crow	952	Pine Siskin	
Com. Merganser	311	Fish Crow	27	Amer. Goldfinch	60
Red-Br. Merganser	1	Common Raven	4	Evening Grosbeak	
Ruddy Duck	147	Bl.-cap. Chickadee	138	House Sparrow	277
Black Vulture	71	Tufted Titmouse	167		
Turkey Vulture	60	Red-br. Nuthatch			
Bald Eagle	6	Wh.-br. Nuthatch	89	Total Species	92
N. Harrier	3	Brown Creeper		Count Week	4
Sharp-shin Hawk	5	Carolina Wren	47	Total Individuals	25381
Cooper's Hawk	9	Winter Wren	4		
N. Goshawk		Marsh Wren			
Red Should. Hawk	2	Gold.-cr. Kinglet	13	Parties	13
Red-tailed Hawk	66	Ruby-cr. Kinglet	2	Observers	26
Rough-leg Hawk	1	E. Bluebird	116		
Golden Eagle		Hermit Thrush	10		
Amer. Kestrel	2	Amer. Robin	1416	Low Temperature	15
Merlin	2	Gray Catbird	3	High Temperature	36
Pheasant	CW	N. Mockingbird	28	A.M. Skies	P/C
Ruffed Grouse		Brown Thrasher	1	P.M. Skies	P/C
Wild Turkey	142	Amer. Pipit		Winds	15-25
N. Bobwhite		Cedar Waxwing	215		
King Rail		N. Shrike	1		
Va. Rail		Starling	5569		
Sora		Yel.-Rump Warbler	12		
Amer. Coot	3	Com. Yellowthroat			
Killdeer	2	Pine Warbler			
Wilson's Snipe		N. Cardinal	110		

Participants by Area – Sussex CBC 12/15/2013

Area 1 Sandy McPhail, Karyn Cichocki

Area 2 Jack Padalino, Fred Weber

Area 3 Pete Grannis, Diana Wentink, Barbara Bassett

Area 4 Wade Wander

Area 5 Linda Matula, Pat Dufort

Area 6&7 Marge Barrett, Joe Burgiel

Area 8&9 Beverly Robertson

Area 10&11 Dennis Briede

Area 12 Jim Zamos, Tom Halliwell, Roger Johnson

Area 13&14 George Johnson, Posie Popa

Area 15 Ken Witkowski, Marianne Ofenloch

Area 16 Merle Tanis, Roger Tanis, Bill Warren

Area 17&18 Blais Brancheau, Bob Templin

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Totals by Area

SPECIES	1	2	3	4	5	6&7	8&9	10&11	12	13&14	15	16	17&18	TOTAL INDIV.
Common Loon		3												3
Pied-billed Grebe														0
Red-necked Grebe														0
D-C Cormorant														0
Gr. Blue Heron	1		2			1		3	1					8
Gr. Egret														0
Mute Swan	2	40								18		2	4	66
Tundra Swan														0
Snow Goose	1100		850		150			75	75		428	240		2,918
Canada Goose	806	200	406	5	265	190	293	1870	240	107	142	1007	362	5,893
Cackling Goose											2			2
Wood Duck	1													1
Black Duck		10	14			6	3	3	14		7	7	3	67
Mallard	67	60	30		57	97	12	18	42	30	2	18	60	493
N. Pintail	1													1
Gn. Winged Teal														0
Blue-winged Teal												3		3
Gadwall		30												30
Amer. Wigeon		24												24
Canvasback														0
Redhead		18												18
Ring-necked Duck		55									110	15	2	182
Lesser Scaup		6										2		8
Long-tailed Duck														0
Com. Goldeneye		40									1	1		42
Bufflehead		30												30
Hooded Merganser	3	50									3	6	20	82
Com. Merganser		75										1	235	311
Red-br. Merganser		1												1
Ruddy Duck		50										1	96	147
Black Vulture		8	21	5	4	2	3	14	10	3		1		71
Turkey Vulture	3	1	2	5	3	3	14	3	3	5	3	10	5	60
Bald Eagle		1								2		1	2	6
N. Harrier				1			2							3
Sharp-shin Hawk						2		1	1				1	5

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SPECIES	1	2	3	4	5	6&7	8&9	10&11	12	13&14	15	16	17&18	TOTAL INDIV.
Cooper's Hawk	1	2		1			1	1	2			1		9
N. Goshawk														0
Red Should. Hawk			1							1				2
Red-tailed Hawk	6	1	15	3	4	2	4	8	6	5	5	5	2	66
Rough-leg Hawk				1										1
Golden Eagle														0
Amer. Kestrel			1							1				2
Merlin							1		1					2
Pheasant														0
Ruffed Grouse														0
Wild Turkey		10			94		13					25		142
N. Bobwhite														0
King Rail														0
Va. Rail														0
Sora														0
Amer. Coot													3	3
Killdeer						2								2
Snipe														0
Amer. Woodcock														0
Ring-billed Gull	20	1500	29	1		3	125	10	115	118	1	19	28	1,969
Herring Gull		20	3						4	3	1	3	150	184
Iceland Gull														0
Ls. BI-backed Gull		1												1
Glaucous Gull									2					2
Gr. BI-Backed Gull		5	1							10			1	17
Rock Pigeon	7	150	25	14		13		47	30	17	4		4	311
Mourning Dove	11	2	30	56	28	19	1	12	12	18	11	20		220
Barn Owl														0
E. Screech Owl									1					1
Gr. Horned Owl														0
Snowy Owl														0
Barred Owl														0
Long-eared Owl														0
Short-eared Owl														0
Saw-whet Owl														0

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SPECIES	1	2	3	4	5	6&7	8&9	10&11	12	13&14	15	16	17&18	TOTAL INDIV.
Belted Kingfisher	1		2			1	1	2			2	1	3	13
Red-head Wood.														0
Red-bell. Wood.	8	8	5		1	3	1	7	9		2	7	7	58
Yel-bell. Sapsucker			1					2	1			2	1	7
Downy Woodpecker	11	4	12	5	2	1	4	8	10	2	5	13	6	83
Hairy Woodpecker	4	2						1			1	2		10
N. Flicker	2	2	4	1				4	3	1	2	2		21
Pileated Wood.	1	3				1		1			2	3	1	12
E. Phoebe						2								2
Horned Lark	20						6							26
Blue Jay	23	15	24	9	2	6	3	19	41	1	6	9	15	173
Amer. Crow	22	15	166	7	10	55	39	32	65	106	8	27	400	952
Fish Crow									4				23	27
Common Raven		1					1	1				1		4
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	22	4	10	3	2	17	5	5	11		7	22	30	138
Tufted Titmouse	15	20	13	4	15	15	4	9	9		6	32	25	167
Red-br. Nuthatch														0
Wh.-br. Nuthatch	8	10	14	2	5	1	1	8	8	1	5	13	13	89
Brown Creeper														0
Carolina Wren	7	9	5		2	3	1	3	8		4	2	3	47
Winter Wren								3				1		4
Marsh Wren														0
Gold.-cr. Kinglet	9		1					1	2					13
Ruby-cr. Kinglet								2						2
E. Bluebird	13	35	13	5	10	5	5	3	7	13	1	6		116
Hermit Thrush		1	1					4	1			3		10
Amer. Robin	3	40	39	90	385	155	38	346	200	45	3	68	4	1,416
Gray Catbird	1							1					1	3
N. Mockingbird	4		6	3	1	2		3	3	2	1	2	1	28
Brown Thrasher								1						1
Amer. Pipit														0
Cedar Waxwing							17				48		150	215
N. Shrike						1								1
Starling	70	300	318	50	185	680	2000	280	250	1352	1	75	8	5,569
Yel.-Rump Warbler	4	1	2			2	1	2						12

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SPECIES	1	2	3	4	5	6&7	8&9	10&11	12	13&14	15	16	17&18	TOTAL INDIV.
Pine Warbler														0
Yel.-br Chat														0
N. Cardinal	11	15	12		6	1	6	7	8	1	5	13	25	110
Dickcissel														0
Eastern Towhee														0
Tree Sparrow	13	8	7	3	3	1		8	3		6	7		59
Chipping Sparrow						1								1
Field Sparrow														0
Vesper Sparrow														0
Savannah Sparrow														0
Fox Sparrow						2								2
Song Sparrow	18	25	15	12	10	9	9	8	26		10	9	10	161
Swamp Sparrow		1	2			2		4	2		6	1		18
Lark Sparrow			1											1
Wh.-thr Sparrow	9	32	69	26	27	28	1	45	44	21	2	28	40	372
Wh.-cr Sparrow			1	1			6							8
Dark-eyed Junco	71	190	96	100	168	84	42	55	84	30	55	182	99	1,256
Lapland Longspur														0
Snow Bunting	1						52							53
Red-wg. Blackbird	1			5		8			3	30				47
E. Meadowlark														0
Rusty Blackbird									1					1
Com. Grackle									30					30
Br.-head. Cowbird		2	15						150	25		1		193
B. Oriole														0
Pine Grosbeak														0
Purple Finch														0
House Finch	6	14	30		13	1	7	2	20		3	3	5	104
Com. Redpoll														0
Pine Siskin														0
Amer. Goldfinch	6	1	6		2	3		5	4		10	12	11	60
Evening Grosbeak														0
House Sparrow	58	25	50	5		20		20	42	12		5	40	277
TOTAL SPECIES	44	55	45	28	27	41	35	47	47	29	39	51	41	

NUM. OF YRS. EACH SPECIES WAS SEEN AND HIGH COUNT. ' 0-0' BIRDS WERE COUNT WEEK ONLY.

SPECIES	YRS	HIGH	SPECIES	YRS	HIGH	SPECIES	YRS	HIGH
Common Loon	11	3	N. Bobwhite	5	12	Swainson's Thrush	1	1
Red-throated Loon	2	1	King Rail	0	0	Hermit Thrush	33	23
Pied-billed Grebe	32	25	Va. Rail	28	6	Amer. Robin	57	2473
Red-necked Grebe	2	1	Sora	2	2	Gray Catbird	18	3
Horned Grebe	11	13	Common Gallinule	2	1	N. Mockingbird	56	159
D.C. Cormorant	5	2	Amer. Coot	36	228	Brown Thrasher	6	2
Amer. Bittern	3	1	Killdeer	43	21	Amer. Pipit	6	80
Gr. Blue Heron	49	30	Spotted Sandpiper	1	1	Cedar Waxwing	47	545
Gr. Egret	0	0	Solitary Sandpiper	1	1	N. Shrike	20	6
Tundra Swan	4	8	Wilson's Snipe	51	30	Loggerhead Shrike	6	2
Mute Swan	57	236	Amer. Woodcock	13	2	Starling	61	23183
Gr. Wh-Front. Goose	1	1	Ring-billed Gull	44	7526	Nashville Warbler	1	1
Snow Goose	20	8110	Herring Gull	55	3315	Cape May Warbler	3	1
Brant	3	3	Kumlien's Gull	1	1	Yel.-Rump Warbler	38	235
Canada Goose	44	5893	Iceland Gull	12	2	Pine Warbler	1	1
Cackling Goose	2	2	Ls. Bl-backed Gull	16	4	No. Waterthrush	1	1
Wood Duck	35	20	Glaucous Gull	3	2	Com. Yellowthroat	1	1
Gn. Winged Teal	23	19	Gr. Bl-Backed Gull	31	316	Yel.-br Chat	0	0
Black Duck	61	314	Rock Dove	31	1101	N. Cardinal	61	250
Mallard	60	888	Mourning Dove	61	1145	Dickcissel	2	3
N. Pintail	13	6	Barn Owl	13	2	Eastern Towhee	23	4
Bl. Winged Teal	5	6	E. Screech Owl	55	20	Tree Sparrow	62	1445
N. Shoveler	5	2	Gr. Horned Owl	50	36	Chipping Sparrow	13	6
Gadwall	17	44	Snowy Owl	2	1	Field Sparrow	39	33
Eurasian Wigeon	1	2	Barred Owl	26	5	Vesper Sparrow	5	8
Amer. Wigeon	15	57	Long-eared Owl	19	7	Lark Sparrow	2	1
Canvasback	19	38	Short-eared Owl	0	0	Sav. Sparrow	7	4
Redhead	14	18	Saw-whet Owl	4	2	Fox Sparrow	38	51
Ring-necked Duck	42	285	Belted Kingfisher	60	28	Lincoln's Sparrow	1	1
Greater Scaup	2	8	Red-head Wood.	27	9	Song Sparrow	62	230
Lesser Scaup	25	36	Red-bell. Wood.	50	80	Swamp Sparrow	59	69
Long-tailed Duck	2	1	Yel-bell. Sapsucker	29	13	Wh.-thr Sparrow	62	617
Com. Goldeneye	43	200	Downy Woodpecker	62	152	Wh.-cr Sparrow	27	69
Bufflehead	29	40	Hairy Woodpecker	62	35	Dark-eyed Junco	62	1422
Hooded Merganser	42	127	N. Flicker	57	74	McCown's Longspur	1	1
Com. Merganser	50	4193	Pileated Wood.	49	18	Lapland Longspur	8	8
Red-breasted Merg.	6	2	E. Phoebe	9	2	Snow Bunting	12	120
Ruddy Duck	27	347	Horned Lark	41	991	Red-wg. Blackbird	58	1288
Black Vulture	21	141	Blue Jay	62	593	E. Meadowlark	37	160
Turkey Vulture	27	156	Amer. Crow	62	1662	Rusty Blackbird	42	372
Bald Eagle	21	8	Fish Crow	10	37	Brewer's Blackbird	1	1
N. Harrier	38	12	Common Raven	12	10	Com. Grackle	48	2642
Sharp-shin Hawk	43	16	Bl.-cap. Chickadee	62	716	Br.-head. Cowbird	58	2095
Cooper's Hawk	39	13	Boreal Chickadee	2	5	B. Oriole	8	2
N. Goshawk	10	1	Tufted Titmouse	62	333	Pine Grosbeak	5	127
Red Should. Hawk	22	4	Red-br. Nuthatch	43	103	Purple Finch	56	438
Red-tailed Hawk	62	138	Wh.-br. Nuthatch	62	179	House Finch	49	1036
Rough-leg Hawk	27	7	Brown Creeper	52	21	Red Crossbill	4	16
Golden Eagle	0	0	Carolina Wren	43	84	Wh.-wing. Crossbill	2	1
Amer. Kestrel	59	67	Winter Wren	32	10	Com. Redpoll	22	443
Merlin	2	2	Sedge Wren	1	1	Pine Siskin	33	281
Peregrine	1	1	Marsh Wren	9	2	Amer. Goldfinch	62	410
Gyr Falcon	0	0	Gold.-cr. Kinglet	57	143	Bl.-Headed Grosbeak	0	0
Pheasant	53	61	Ruby-cr. Kinglet	39	19	Evening Grosbeak	35	485
Ruffed Grouse	43	9	E. Bluebird	43	307	House Sparrow	62	3028
Wild Turkey	26	360	Gr.-cheeked Thrush	1	1	Monk Parakeet	1	1

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