Brussels Christmas Bird Count – 12-18-11 – Final Report

Thank you all for helping with this annual count. We had 6 feeders watched and 5 field parties consisting of 15 observers. The species that were seen most often were black-capped chickadee-10 of the 11 groups, red-bellied woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch and American goldfinch-9 groups and downy woodpecker by 8 groups. Many species were seen by only one group. They are: mute swan, American black duck, redhead, ring-necked duck, greater scaup, bufflehead, common merganser, ring-necked pheasant, horned grebe, double-crested cormorant, merlin, American coot, ring-billed gull, eastern screech owl, great horned owl, barred owl, belted kingfisher, winter wren and cedar waxwing.

Canada Goose	435
Mute Swan	1
Tundra Swan	166
American Black Duck	10
Mallard	282
Redhead	4
Ring-necked Duck	14
Greater Scaup	75
Bufflehead	16
Common Goldeneye	185
	286
Common Merganser	
Red-br. Merganser	149
Ring-neck. Pheasant	1
Wild Turkey	359
Horned Grebe	1
Dbl-crested Cormorant	1
Bald Eagle	14
Northern Harrier	6
Cooper's Hawk	2
Red-tailed Hawk	26
Rough-legged Hawk	24
American Kestrel	13
Merlin	2
American Coot	9
Ring-billed Gull	15
Herring Gull	94
Rock Pigeon	350
Mourning Dove	124
Eastern Screech Owl	3
Great Horned Owl	1
Barred Owl	1
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Belted Kingfisher	
Red-bel. Woodpecker	18
Downy Woodpecker	20
Hairy Woodpecker	14
Pileated Woodpecker	2
Northern Shrike	6
Blue Jay	27
American Crow	523
Common Raven	7
Black-cap. Chickadee	139
Red-breast. Nuthatch	6

White-breasted Nuthatch	26
Brown Creeper	2
Winter Wren	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5
European Starling	985
Cedar Waxwing	6
American Tree Sparrow	36
Dark-eyed Junco	61
Northern Cardinal	31
House Finch	28
Common Redpoll	2
American Goldfinch	157
House Sparrow	75
Am. Black Duck/Mallard hyb	1
TOTAL BIRDS	4848

TOTAL SPECIES 56

New high totals & previous high & year:

Tundra Swans 166	150 in 2006
Greater Scaup 75	21 in 2009
American Kestrel 13	tied in 2003 & 2006
Bald Eagle 14 (2 nd high	nest) high 20 in 2009
E. Screech Owl 3	tied with last year
White-br. Nuthatch 26	tied with 2003
Golden-cr. Kinglet 5	3 in 1997

Despite the lack of snow and rather low numbers of participants, this year's total 56 species is above the 15-year average of 47.

Our feeder watcher observers (6) were close to the low (4) and our field parties (5) tied for the lowest. The highest in past years was 11 feeders in 1996 and 9 field parties with 24 observers in 2003.

The list of observers is on the next page.

Charlotte Lukes, Compiler 12-28-11

2011 Brussels CBC Observers

Don & Linda Albert – feeder

Nick Anderson – field

Margaret Cooney – feeder

Erin Funnell – feeder

Mike Grimm – field

Lucy Kile – field

Michael Kile – field

Tom Kile – field

Charlotte Lukes – field

Roy Lukes - field

Wendy Lukes – field

Sue Marchant – feeder

Jodi Milske – feeder

Patrick Pflieger – field

Tim Pflieger – field

Bob Ryan – field

Clint Seely – field

Peter Sigmann – feeder

Darrin Swagel – field

Kevin Swagel – field

Bobbie Webster - field