

1996 CBC

Dear Area Coordinators and Feeder Counters:

The 1996 CBC with 54 species was an average count for our area (highest count is 63 species). The total individuals of 13,899 was slightly below average.

Again in 96, very few rare birds were sighted, the yellow-headed blackbird was the only unusual bird and needed verification forms. White-thr. sparrow, belted kingfisher, northern pintail duck, bald eagles, northern harriers, sharp-shinned hawks, hooded merganser, brown-headed cowbird, coot, brown creeper, golden-cr. kinglet and snowy owl were other unusual species. Unusual high numbers: 22 Am robins, and good numbers of most finches. Unusual low numbers: 41 common merganser, few other waterfowl species seen. Screech and great horned owl numbers were good.

Cedar waxwing, ruffed grouse, horned larks, red-winged blackbird, snow buntings and gray partridge are birds that we know or are relatively certain are in this area but we failed to see them on the count day.

Weather was windy and overcast with early morning snow flurries, snow cover was less than 1", mostly bare ground. The early morning temperature of 17 with a wind gusting to 28 mph was cold. The strong wind all day kept the birds low and inactive.

Seven more people participated this year (31) than last year in the field. Feeder counts were up (16) from last year (9). Party hours were up from last year. Party miles (715) were up 12 miles. Hours and miles owling almost the same as last year.

Overall it was another good count for the Green Bay area thanks to your help. Please share this information with others in your group.

**THE 1997 CBC WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, DEC. 20 th.,
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely, John Jacobs

Merlin update- the merlin was not seen at Fisk Park on the count day, but pellets were found under the roost trees.

A female merlin was seen near Kennedy school - Ninth St. on Dec. 29th.

Record the number of each species seen or heard on the day of the count. Indicate with an "X" (no numbers) any species seen or heard within 3 days before or after the count day but not on the count day.

COMMON BIRDS

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|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Canada Goose | <u>3372</u> | Great Horned Owl | <u>8</u> | Am. Robin | <u>22</u> |
| Am. Black Duck | <u>389</u> | Barred Owl | <u> </u> | Cedar Waxwing | <u> </u> |
| Mallard | <u>2456</u> | Belted Kingfisher | <u>1</u> | Northern Shrike | <u>2</u> |
| Common Goldeneye | <u>3</u> | Red-headed Woodpecker | <u>1</u> | European Starling | <u>133</u> |
| Common Merganser | <u>41</u> | Red-bel. Woodpecker | <u>24</u> | Northern Cardinal | <u>132</u> |
| Bald Eagle | <u>3</u> | Downy Woodpecker | <u>66</u> | Am. Tree Sparrow | <u>53</u> |
| Northern Harrier | <u>3</u> | Hairy Woodpecker | <u>34</u> | Song Sparrow | <u>6</u> |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | <u>2</u> | Northern Flicker | <u> </u> | White-thr. Sparrow | <u>4</u> |
| Cooper's Hawk | <u>7</u> | Pileated Woodpecker | <u>1</u> | Dark-eyed Junco | <u>206</u> |
| Northern Goshawk | <u> </u> | Horned Lark | <u> </u> | Snow Bunting | <u> </u> |
| Red-tailed Hawk | <u>57</u> | Blue Jay | <u>108</u> | Red-winged Blackbird | <u> </u> |
| Rough-legged Hawk | <u> </u> | American Crow | <u>490</u> | Common Grackle | <u>1</u> |
| American Kestrel | <u>23</u> | Common Raven | <u> </u> | Pine Grosbeak | <u> </u> |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | <u>1</u> | Black-cap. Chickadee | <u>178</u> | Purple Finch | <u>20</u> |
| Ruffed Grouse | <u> </u> | Tufted Titmouse | <u> </u> | House Finch | <u>404</u> |
| Wild Turkey | <u> </u> | Red-breasted Nuthatch | <u>10</u> | Common Redpoll | <u>26</u> |
| Ring-billed Gull | <u>11</u> | White-br Nuthatch | <u>66</u> | Pine Siskin | <u>19</u> |
| Herring Gull | <u>172</u> | Brown Creeper | <u>5</u> | American Goldfinch | <u>137</u> |
| Rock Dove | <u>1356</u> | Golden-cr. Kinglet | <u>3</u> | Evening Grosbeak | <u>2</u> |
| Mourning Dove | <u>815</u> | | | House Sparrow | <u>1865</u> |
| Eastern Screech Owl | <u>3</u> | | | | |

UNCOMMON BIRDS

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|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Common Loon | <u> </u> | Golden Eagle* | <u> </u> | Gray Catbird | <u> </u> |
| Pied-billed Grebe | <u> </u> | Gray Partridge | <u> </u> | Brown Thrasher | <u> </u> |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | <u>2</u> | Gr. Prairie Chicken | <u> </u> | Bohemian Waxwing | <u> </u> |
| Great Blue Heron | <u> </u> | Sharp-tailed Grouse | <u> </u> | Yellow-rumped Warbler | <u> </u> |
| Tundra Swan | <u> </u> | Northern Bobwhite | <u> </u> | Rufous-sided Towhee | <u> </u> |
| Trumpeter Swan* | <u> </u> | American Coot | <u>1</u> | Field Sparrow | <u> </u> |
| Mute Swan | <u> </u> | Killdeer | <u> </u> | Fox Sparrow | <u> </u> |
| Snow Goose | <u> </u> | Common Snipe | <u> </u> | Swamp Sparrow | <u> </u> |
| Wood Duck | <u> </u> | Bonaparte's Gull | <u> </u> | White-crowned Sparrow* | <u> </u> |
| Green-winged Teal | <u> </u> | Glaucous Gull | <u> </u> | Lapland Longspur | <u> </u> |
| Northern Pintail | <u>1</u> | Snowy Owl | <u>1</u> | meadowlark spp. | <u> </u> |
| Northern Shoveler | <u> </u> | Long-eared Owl | <u> </u> | Rusty Blackbird | <u> </u> |
| Gadwall | <u> </u> | Short-eared Owl | <u> </u> | Brewer's Blackbird | <u> </u> |
| American Wigeon | <u> </u> | Northern Saw-whet Owl | <u> </u> | Brown-headed Cowbird | <u>1</u> |
| Canvasback | <u> </u> | Yellow-bel. Sapsucker | <u> </u> | Red Crossbill | <u> </u> |
| Redhead | <u> </u> | Gray Jay | <u> </u> | White-wing. Crossbill | <u> </u> |
| Ring-necked Duck | <u> </u> | Boreal Chickadee | <u> </u> | <u>YEL-HEADED BLACKBIRD</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Greater Scaup | <u> </u> | Carolina Wren | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Lesser Scaup | <u> </u> | Winter Wren | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Oldsquaw | <u> </u> | Ruby-crowned Kinglet* | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Bufflehead | <u> </u> | Eastern Bluebird | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Hooded Merganser | <u>3</u> | Hermit Thrush | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Red-br. Merganser | <u> </u> | Varied Thrush | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Ruddy Duck | <u> </u> | | | | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | <u> </u> | | | | |

Total Species (on day of count): 54

Total Individuals: 13,899

Provide documentation for species marked with an asterisk or not listed above.
 Document Greater Scaup away from and Lesser Scaup on the Great Lakes.
 Record the correct species for meadowlarks identified by voice.