

2008 Christmas Bird Count for Green Bay

Dear Area Coordinators and Feeder Counters: **58 species and 11,170 Total birds**

This year was a good count for the number of species, considering the weather in December and on count day. See the next page for a complete list of all birds seen on the 2008 count and the last 5 years of CBCs. The number of parties, people in the field, total hours and total miles were similar to most years. The number of feeder watchers was less.

Weather was very winter-like during most of December, including wind and snow on count day. The ground was snow covered and most water was frozen. Most groups saw at least one bird species that no other group saw. Most of us had 15-25 species. The Baumanns had 37 species as did Jim and Bob Johnson, Ed Houston/Larry Schroepfer had 32, Bob Mead/Lee Bialkowski had 30, as did Don VanDuyse/Paul Schilke.

Rare birds seen on count day were: Thayer's Gull, White Pelican, Pine Warbler, Winter Wren, Wood duck and Bufflehead. Snowy Owl, Red-headed WP, Northern Flicker, Pileated WP, Brown Creeper, GC Kinglet, Bluebirds, Peregrine Falcon, and Cedar Waxwings were all good sightings. Although Robins are regularly recorded on the CBC, this year they were seen by 9 different field parties. Their numbers might have been affected by the severe weather. Numbers for Canada geese were really down again for the second straight year, they were usually our most numerous bird reported. Probably the lack of open water and deep snow cover have moved many of them out of our area. Mallard numbers are still high. Turkeys are now very numerous.

Summary of totals for last 10years

Year	Species	Total	# in Field	Field Parties	Hours	Miles	Feeder watchers
2008	58	11,170	28	13	77	580.5	10
2007	66	15,787	29	15	84	570	17
2006	55	16,700	24	12	72	544.5	13
2005	65	14,855	23	11	76.5	641	22
2004	54	15686	24	12	74	724	21
2003	59	29,029	27	14	92	735	16
2002	57	23,390	31	16	89	735.5	16
2001	67	22,659	27	15	90	720	17
2000	63	22,077	27	12	79	603.5	23
1999	59	30,007	27	14	85	595	21

Please share this information with others in your group.

Thank you for your help, the interesting notes, and to those who filled out the rare bird report form. Several people have not paid their participation fee. I will email them a reminder shortly.

Sincerely, John Jacobs

The count for 2009 will be held on Saturday Dec 19.

That is the first Saturday in the count period.

See the next page for comparison of species seen in last six years.

Summary of birds seen on Christmas Bird Count in Green Bay

CW = bird was seen within 3 days of count day.

Bird	year	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Double-cr Cormorant		4	21	78	39	34	32
Great Blue Heron				1		1	
Snow Goose				1	CW		
Canada Goose		324	687	5136	1220	4667	12,316
Tundra Swan				11			
Wood Duck		1	1			1	1
Am Black Duck		329	348	216	191	142	260
Mallard		2443	2897	2872	3210	2537	4133
N. Shoveler				1			
Redhead				5	2		1
Lesser Scaup			9		5	7	3
Bufflehead		1					
Common Goldeneye		80	158	8	50	2	19
Hooded Merganser		2	5	5	5	3	2
Common Merganser		75	575	140	84	847	608
Red-br Merganser			6		2		
Ruddy						1	
Bald Eagle		17	17	12	15	14	20
Northern Harrier			1	4	1	cw	12
Sharp-shinned Hawk			3		3	1	1
Cooper's Hawk		16	14	13	20	11	5
Red-shouldered H					1		1
Red-tailed Hawk		76	76	90	65	47	93
Rough-legged Hawk		3	1		8	1	5
American Kestrel		3	14	22	7	14	22
Merlin				1		1	
Peregrine Falcon		3	1	2	1	1	3
Gray Partridge			14		14		3
Pheasant			2	2	1		
Ruffed Grouse			2		1		3
Wild Turkey		157	230	48	37	22	10
Ring-billed Gull		14	50	48	10	100	26
Herring Gull		84	1833	538	1067	336	89
Thayer's Gull		1					
L. blk-bked Gull					1		
Glaucous Gull			1				
Rock Dove		591	861	1457	1972	833	840
Mourning Dove		1088	1671	843	745	686	944
Screech Owl		6	7	1	3	3	5
Great Horned Owl		17	18	9	9	5	15
Snowy Owl		1					
Barred Owl			6	1	1	1	3
Belted Kingfisher					1		1
Red-headed Wdpckr		1				1	9
Red-bellied Wdpckr		35	58	36	36	33	40
Y-B Sapsucker					1		
Downy Wdpckr		53	90	62	91	74	77
Hairy Wdpckr		18	53	26	17	42	17
N. Flicker		1	1				
Pileated Wdpckr		1	3			2	
Northern Shrike		5	9	1		4	7
Blue Jay		80	85	41	132	45	117
American Crow		168	241	102	450	356	360
Horned Lark				6	70		
Bk-Cpd Chickadee		219	437	320	230	375	340
Red-B Nuthatch		7	57	28	12	26	26

Bird	year	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
White-B Nuthatch		63	129	82	69	88	70
Brown Creeper		2	2	1	2	3	3
Carolina Wren			1				
Winter Wren		1	1		CW		
Golden-c Kinglet		2		1	3		2
Eastern Bluebird		6			11		12
Am Robin		49	121	122	131	16	10
Varied Thrush					CW		
Gray Catbird							CW
Brown Thrasher							1
E. Starling		1443	549	1645	866	1171	4459
Cedar Waxwing		63	285	79	43	41	108
Y-R Warbler			1				1
Pine Warbler		1					
Am Tree Sparrow		74	209	82	191	120	541
Fox Sparrow			2		2		
Song Sparrow			1		2	2	4
W. Thr Sparrow		5	12	3	12	5	3
Swamp Sparrow							
W. Crowned Sparrow			1	1			
Lincoln's Sparrow							
Dk eyed Junco		272	487	221	449	345	547
Lapland Longspur							
Snow Bunting		47	300	226	237	4	200
N Cardinal		136	216	110	148	136	132
RW Blackbird		2	7	3	2	13	4
C Grackle		2	2	5	4		6
Br-head Cowbird		108	5		2		
Pine Grosbeak							
Purple Finch		2	6		20		
House Finch		642	496	188	814	311	452
Common Redpoll			12	10	18	CW	38
Pine Siskin		53	47	2	40	3	18
Am Goldfinch		831	691	271	580	446	345
House Sparrow		1438	1630	1458	1374	1702	1615
White Pelican		4	11	9	4		1
Gr Wt- Fr Goose							
Brant							
Bk-Cr Night Heron							2
Snow x Can hybrid							