

2009 Christmas Bird Count for Green Bay

Dear Area Coordinators and Feeder Counters: **61 species and 18,284 Total birds**

This year was a very good count for the number of species and total numbers. See the next page for a complete list of all birds seen on the 2009 count and the last 5 years of GB-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 up slightly.

Weather was very winter-like during most of December, starting with the blizzard on the 8-9th. 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. Although the Baumanns had 40 species, Jim & Bob Johnson/Mike Gottfredsen topped the list with **43**, Ed Houston/Larry Schroepfer had 34, Don VanDuyse had 30 (with 8 Screech Owls- he started at midnight), Bob Mead had 29.

Rare birds seen on count day were: Tufted Titmouse, Bohemian Waxwing, and White Pelican. Wood duck, N Shoveler, Hooded Merganser, Coot, Red-headed WP, Northern Flicker, Pileated WP, Brown Creeper, Peregrine Falcon, and Horned Larks were all good sightings. Although Robins are regularly recorded on the CBC, numbers were up this year, they were seen by 7 different field parties. Numbers for Canada Geese were low again for the 3rd 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. Four fewer Bald Eagles than last 2 years. Lower number of Red-tailed Hawks is probably due to weather. Crow numbers have recovered.

Summary of totals for last 10 years

Year	Species	Total	# in Field	Field Parties	Hours	Miles	Feeder watchers
2009	61	18,284	28	13	77	662	15
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

Please share this information with others in your group.

Thank you for your help, the interesting notes, and especially to those who filled out the rare bird report forms.

Sincerely, John Jacobs

The count for 2010 will be held on Saturday Dec 18. Mark your calendar now. Invite neighbors and friends to join you.

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	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Double-cr Cormorant	17	4	21	78	39	34	
Great Blue Heron				1		1	
Snow Goose				1	CW		
Canada Goose	831	324	687	5136-	1220-	4667	
Tundra Swan				11			
Wood Duck	2	1		1		1	
Am Black Duck	245	329	348	216	191	142	
Mallard	3200	2443	2897	2872	3210	2537	
N. Shoveler	2			1			
Redhead				5	2		
Lesser Scaup	83		9		5	7	
Bufflehead		1					
Common Goldeneye	1357	80	158	8	50	2	
Hooded Merganser	2	2	5	5	5	3	
Common Merganser	3878	75	575	140	84	847	
Red-br Merganser			6		2		
Ruddy						1	
Bald Eagle	13	17	17	12	15	14	
Northern Harrier			1	4	1	cw	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	cw		3		3	1	
Cooper's Hawk	13	16	14	13	20	11	
Red-shouldered H					1		
Red-tailed Hawk	38	76	76	90	65	47	
Rough-legged Hawk	3	3	1		8	1	
American Kestrel	11	3	14	22	7	14	
Merlin				1		1	
Peregrine Falcon	4	3	1	2	1	1	
Gray Partridge			14		14		
Pheasant	1		2	2	1		
Ruffed Grouse			2		1		
Wild Turkey	142	157	230	48	37	22	
American Coot	4						
Ring-billed Gull	31	14	50	48	10	100	
Herring Gull	914	84	1833	538	1067	336	
Thayer's Gull		1					
L. blk-bked Gull					1		
Glaucous Gull			1				
Rock Dove	490	591	861	1457	1972	833	
Mourning Dove	826	1088	1671	843	745	686	
Screech Owl	8	6	7	1	3	3	
Great Horned Owl	14	17	18	9	9	5	
Snowy Owl		1					
Barred Owl			6	1	1	1	
Belted Kingfisher					1		
Red-headed Wdpckr	2	1				1	
Red-bellied Wdpckr	32	35	58	36	36	33	
Y-B Sapsucker	1				1		
Downy Wdpckr	65	53	90	62	91	74	
Hairy Wdpckr	29	18	53	26	17	42	
N. Flicker	3	1	1				
Pileated Wdpckr	3	1	3			2	
Northern Shrike	1	5	9	1		4	
Blue Jay	87	80	85	41	132	45	
American Crow	440	168	241	102	450	356	
Horned Lark	38			6	70		
Bk-Cpd Chickadee	318	219	437	320	230	375	

Red-B Nuthatch	14	7	57	28	12	26
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Bird	year	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Tufted Titmouse		1					
White-B Nuthatch		67	63	129	82	69	88
Brown Creeper		2	2	2	1	2	3
Carolina Wren				1			
Winter Wren			1	1		CW	
Golden-c Kinglet			2		1	3	
Eastern Bluebird			6			11	
Am Robin		123	49	121	122	131	16
Varied Thrush						CW	
Gray Catbird							
Brown Thrasher							
E. Starling		1029	1443	549	1645	866	1171
Cedar Waxwing		249	63	285	79	43	41
Bohemian Wxwing		1					
Y-R Warbler				1			
Pine Warbler			1				
Am Tree Sparrow		126	74	209	82	191	120
Fox Sparrow				2		2	
Song Sparrow		1		1		2	2
W. Thr Sparrow		2	5	12	3	12	5
Swamp Sparrow							
W. Crowned Sparrow				1	1		
Lincoln's Sparrow							
Dk eyed Junco		245	272	487	221	449	345
Lapland Longspur							
Snow Bunting		381	47	300	226	237	4
N Cardinal		129	136	216	110	148	136
RW Blackbird		6	2	7	3	2	13
C Grackle		2	2	2	5	4	
Br-head Cowbird		4	108	5		2	
Pine Grosbeak							
Purple Finch		9	2	6		20	
House Finch		505	642	496	188	814	311
Common Redpoll		10		12	10	18	CW
Pine Siskin		13	53	47	2	40	3
Am Goldfinch		501	831	691	271	580	446
House Sparrow		1711	1438	1630	1458	1374	1702
White Pelican		4	4	11	9	4	
Gr Wt- Fr Goose							
Brant							
Bk-Cr Night Heron							
Snow x Can hybrid							2