Dear Area Coordinators and Feeder Counters:

2011

This year was by far the highest total numbers we have ever had on a CBC. See the next page for a complete list of all birds seen on the 2011 count. Number of species was average

Weather was very mild during most of December. Moving water was open, most still water frozen, no snow on the ground and most lawns were still green. Jim & Bob Johnson/Mike Gottfredsen topped the list with **40 species**, Bob Mead's group had 37, Ed Houston/Larry Schroepfer had 35, Don VanDuyse had 31 (with 8 Screech Owls- he started at midnight).

No rare birds were seen on count day, but unusual birds like: White Pelican, Wood duck, Tundra Swan, Hooded Merganser, Red-headed WP, Northern Flicker, Pileated WP, Brown Creeper, Peregrine Falcon, Fox Sparrow, Bluebirds, Red-breasted Mergansers, Pintail, Ruddy Duck, Redpoll, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Kingfisher, and Cowbird were all good sightings.

The mild weather, open water and available food kept a huge number of waterfowl and gulls here, as well as a good number of Bald Eagles.

With mild weather one would hope to see a lot or rare birds, but not the case this year, even kinglets, blackbirds, and yel-rump warblers could not be found.

## Summary of totals for last 12 years

Year	Species	Total	# in Field	Field Parties	Hours	Miles	Feeder watchers
2011	59	34,299	23	12			14
2010	64	13,366	24				13
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 2012 will be held on Saturday Dec 15.

Mark your calendar now. Invite neighbors and friends to join you.

Please enter the number of each species seen or heard on the count day. Enter "CW" for any species seen or heard during the count week but not recorded on the count day. The count week is defined as 3 days before or after the count date.

Snow Goose Canada Goose	11859
Cackling Goose	11039
Mute Swan	11
Trumpeter Swan	1
Tundra Swan	217
Wood Duck	1
Gadwall	1
American Wigeon	
Am. Black Duck	212
Mallard	4058
Northern Shoveler	cw
Northern Pintail	1
Green-winged Teal	
Canvasback	
Redhead	
Ring-necked Duck	
# Greater Scaup	
Lesser Scaup	2
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# Harlequin Duck	
# Surf Scoter	
# White-winged Scoter	
# Black Scoter	
# Long-tailed Duck	
Bufflehead	
Common Goldeneye	69
Barrow's Goldeneye	
Hooded Merganser	6
Common Merganser	6754
Red-breasted Merganser	506
Ruddy Duck	1
Gray Partridge	
Ring-necked Pheasant	
Ruffed Grouse	
Spruce Grouse	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	
Greater Prairie Chicken	
Wild Turkey	257
Northern Bobwhite	
Common Loon	
Red-throated Loon	
Pied-billed Grebe	
Horned Grebe	
Double-crested Cormorant	952
Great Blue Heron	
Turkey Vulture	
Bald Eagle	55
Northern Harrier	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	
Cooper's Hawk	6
Northern Goshawk	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	
Red-tailed Hawk	61
Rough-legged Hawk	
Golden Eagle	
American Kestrel	13
Merlin	
Gyrfalcon	
Peregrine Falcon	5

Virginia Rail	
American Coot	
Sandhill Crane	
Killdeer	
Wilson's Snipe	
Bonaparte's Gull	
Ring-billed Gull	650
Herring Gull	4153
Thayer's Gull	
Iceland Gull	cw
Lesser Black-backed Gull	
Glaucous Gull	cw
Great Black-backed Gull	
Rock Pigeon	423
Eurasian Collared-Dove	
Mourning Dove	296
E. Screech-Owl	10
Great Horned Owl	12
Snowy Owl	12
N. Hawk-Owl	4
Barred Owl	1
Great Gray Owl	
Long-eared Owl	
Short-eared Owl	
N. Saw-whet Owl	
Belted Kingfisher	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	44
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2
Downy Woodpecker	81
Hairy Woodpecker	25
Black-backed Woodpecker	
Northern Flicker	3
Pileated Woodpecker	3
Northern Shrike	2
Gray Jay	
Blue Jay	71
American Crow	391
Common Raven	391
Horned Lark	
	212
Black-capped Chickadee	312
Boreal Chickadee	
Tufted Titmouse	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	11
White-breasted Nuthatch	89
Brown Creeper	2
Carolina Wren	
Winter Wren	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Eastern Bluebird	4
Townsend's Solitaire	
Hermit Thrush	
American Robin	19
Varied Thrush	
Northern Mockingbird	
Gray Catbird	<u> </u>
Brown Thrasher	
European Starling	819
Cedar Waxwing	146
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Bohemian Waxwing	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Eastern Towhee	
Am. Tree Sparrow	63
Chipping Sparrow	
Field Sparrow	
Fox Sparrow	1
Song Sparrow	
Lincoln's Sparrow	
Swamp Sparrow	
White-throated Sparrow	
Harris's Sparrow	
White-crowned Sparrow	
Dark-eyed Junco	272
Lapland Longspur	
Snow Bunting	75
Northern Cardinal	85
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	
Red-winged Blackbird	
Eastern Meadowlark	
Western Meadowlark	
Meadowlark sp.	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	
Rusty Blackbird	
Brewer's Blackbird	
Common Grackle	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Pine Grosbeak	
Purple Finch	
House Finch	165
Red Crossbill	
White-winged Crossbill	
Common Redpoll	1
Hoary Redpoll	
Pine Siskin	5
American Goldfinch	308
Evening Grosbeak	
House Sparrow	695
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Total Species	<b>3</b> 7

\*American White Pelican 10

Provide documentation for any species noted in bold print and for any species not listed above.

# Document if found AWAY from Lake Michigan.

**Total 34,299**