

Sturgeon Bay Christmas Bird Count – 12-17-11 – Final Report

Thank you for helping again this year! There were 19 feeder reports and data from 8 field parties consisting of 20 observers. The most often reported species was the black-capped chickadee, seen by all 27 groups. The next most frequently seen species were dark-eyed junco (20 groups), American goldfinch (19) and red-bellied woodpecker and American crow (18). The following species were seen by only one group: mute swan, American black duck, long-tailed duck, bufflehead, American kestrel, merlin, great horned owl, barred owl, brown creeper, American robin, song sparrow, snow bunting and white-winged crossbill. Species seen during the count week, but not on the count day, were: cackling goose, horned grebe, sharp-shinned hawk, American coot, snowy owl, northern flicker and common redpoll.

Canada Goose	6168
Mute Swan	8
Tundra Swan	227
American Black Duck	18
Mallard	748
Redhead	36
Greater Scaup	45
Long-tailed Duck	8
Bufflehead	72
Common Goldeneye	70
Hooded Merganser	5
Common Merganser	519
Red-breast. Merganser	101
Ring-neck. Pheasant	2
Ruffed Grouse	2
Wild Turkey	295
Bald Eagle	8
Northern Harrier	3
Cooper's Hawk	2
Red-tailed Hawk	16
Rough-legged Hawk	26
American Kestrel	2
Merlin	1
Ring-billed Gull	3
Herring Gull	100
Rock Pigeon	448
Mourning Dove	151
Great Horned Owl	3
Barred Owl	1
Red-belli. Woodpecker	27
Downy Woodpecker	25
Hairy Woodpecker	28
Pileated Woodpecker	9
Northern Shrike	11
Blue Jay	113
American Crow	568
Common Raven	15
Black-cap. Chickadee	339
Red-breasted Nuthatch	24
White-br. Nuthatch	19
Brown Creeper	1
Golden-crown. Kinglet	3
American Robin	9
European Starling	864
Cedar Waxwing	447

American Tree Sparrow	16
Song Sparrow	1
Dark-eyed Junco	156
Snow Bunting	8
Northern Cardinal	50
Red-winged Blackbird	2
Purple Finch	9
House Finch	46
White-winged Crossbill	1
Pine Siskin	40
American Goldfinch	220
House Sparrow	<u>91</u>
TOTAL BIRDS	12,230

TOTAL SPECIES 57

New records with previous # and year

Canada Goose	6168	4945 in 2003
Tundra Swan	227	74 in 2004
Rock (Barn) Pigeon	448	416 in 2006
Downy Woodpecker	25 (low)	42 in 2004
Hairy Woodpecker	28	2 nd lowest total
Wt-breast. Nuthatch	20 (low)	24 in 2010
Cedar Waxwing	447	379 in 2002
Northern Cardinal	50 (low)	53 in 2002

Field parties 8 (new low) high was 21 in 2001
 Field observers 20 (new low) high 41 in 2002
 Field hours 49.75 (new low) high 116 in 2001

Many former observers have quit due to age and health or moved away which results in a lower number of birds counted. We need to find more younger birders!

Weather also creates a major factor in finding birds. When there is heavy snow cover most of the natural food is hidden and more birds come to feeders. This year's lack of snow made many feeder watchers say that they did not see as many birds as usual.

A list of all observers is on the next page.

Charlotte Lukes, Compiler

2011 Sturgeon Bay CBC Observers

Nick Anderson - field
Scott Bader – feeder
Cal Bonnivier – feeder
Cindy Brennan – feeder
Paul Brennan – field
Victoria Cerinich – feeder
Jane Dalton – feeder
Adele Douglass – feeder
Cliff Ehlers – feeder
Shirley Griffin - field
Mike Grimm – field
Donald Haase – feeder
Lucy Kile – field
Michael Kile – field
Tom Kile – feeder & field
Eldor Kaiser – feeder
Brenda Keys – feeder
Eileen Koelpien – feeder
Ron Lokken – feeder
Charlotte Lukes- field
Roy Lukes – field
Wendy Lukes – field
Mike Madden – field
Margaret Madel – feeder
Virginia Nairn – feeder
Clifford Orsted – feeder
Glenna Peters – field
Stefan Peters – field
Patrick Pflieger – field
Tim Pflieger – field
Richard Regnery – feeder
Carl Scholz – field
Clint Seely – field
Hap Smith – feeder
Darrin Swagel – field
Kevin Swagel – field
Bobbie Webster – field
Keith Yanda – field
Leann Yanda - feeder