

2007 Christmas Bird Count

Summary Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC December 16, 2007

Mallard	3
Common Goldeneye	CW (3 rd count record)
Bufflehead	CW (1 st ever)
Gray Partridge	72
Ring-necked Pheasant	17
Sharp-tailed Grouse	118 (highest ever)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	22 (highest ever)
Wild Turkey	4
Great Blue Heron	2 (1 st ever)
Bald Eagle	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3
Red-tailed Hawk	CW
Rough-legged Hawk	7
American Kestrel	CW
Merlin	2
Prairie Falcon	1
Rock Pigeon	1500
Eurasian Collared-Dove	19 (4 th count, highest ever)
Great Horned Owl	4
Snowy Owl	1
Short-eared Owl	5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4 (2 nd highest)
Downy Woodpecker	47
Hairy Woodpecker	30
Northern Flicker	2
Pileated Woodpecker	4
Northern Shrike	10
Blue Jay	28
Black-billed Magpie	3
American Crow	129
Horned Lark	1
Black-capped Chickadee	273
Red-breasted Nuthatch	47 (highest ever)
White-breasted Nuthatch	54
Brown Creeper	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4
American Robin	7
European Starling	3200
Bohemian Waxwing	205 (highest since '86)
Cedar Waxwing	60
White-throated Sparrow	6
Harris's Sparrow	1
Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco	304 (highest ever)
Dark-eyed (pink-sided)	1
Lapland Longspur	3
Snow Bunting	1500
Northern Cardinal	6
Red-winged Blackbird	CW

Western Meadowlark	1	
Common Grackle	5	
Purple Finch	11	
House Finch	441	(highest ever)
Common Redpoll	26	
Pine Siskin	200	
American Goldfinch	161	
House Sparrow	1750	

Total of 50 species plus one race (Pink-sided Junco) on Count Day. This is the 2nd highest count day total with the record being 55 species. Five additional species were observed during Count Week. Total individuals = 10,306.

Observers: 19 observers in field in 10 parties, plus 31 observers at feeders. **Time and Distance:** 40 hours at feeders; 4 hours and 40 miles owling. Total party-hours = 58 and total party miles = 661 (5 hours and 6 miles on foot; 53 hours and 655 miles by car).

Participants in Field:

Charles Christianson, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Tim Driscoll, Ann Flower, Eve Freeberg, Erik Fritzell, Alicia Kelley, Frank Kelley, Judy Johnson, Cec Lambeth, Dave Lambeth, Robert W. Lewis, Gary Masilko, Lucy Matejcek, Rolf Paulson, Bob Seabloom, Pat Wilbur, Russ Wilbur, and Bill Zaks

Feeder Watchers: Harmon & Julie Abrahamson, Patti Allewa, Gene Bruckner, Cassie Carlson, Charles Christianson, Diana Deats-O'Reilly, Paul Erickson, Ann Flower, James Hawley, Tom Hill, Gordon Iseminger, Mike Kamedula, Frank Kelley, Cec Lambeth, Lucy Matejcek, Vickie & Matt Misialek, Linda Opstad, Ed O'Reilly, Garl & Judy Rieke, Rhonda Poellot, Carol Rerick, Sutin Sorawat, Virginia Stewart, Nancy Swerdlow, Keith Trzynka, Julia Wallin, Russ Wilbur, AJ Winter

Weather: Temperature range -11 to 15 deg F. Winds were southerly, 0-5 mph, and 10-20 mph in the afternoon. Fog in AM and flurries in PM. Skies were mostly cloudy.

Conditions: Weather had been mild until early December when temperatures more typical of January arrived. Snow depth = 10 inches. Excellent crop of crabapples, and mountain ash is making a comeback. Open water only below Riverside Dam, a small area at the Grand Forks lagoons, and at small springs and seeps in Kellys Slough.

Comments:

This is the 47th consecutive year for this count in its present location. New species for the count were Bufflehead which appeared at the lagoons for the day after the count only, and Great Blue Heron. The two Great Blues were using a small open area at Kellys Slough, along with 3 Mallards. With the addition of these two species, the list of species for all counts now totals 100.

A Song Sparrow was present until one day before the start of Count Week. The Common Goldeneye was present at the beginning of Count Week. Although perhaps as many as 3 Red-tailed Hawks were along the Greenway at some time during Count Week, none could be found on Count Day. One of the Red-tailed was the Harlans subspecies.

An apparent pink-sided form of Dark-eyed Junco was reported.

Species setting new highs for numbers are indicated above. There is concern that the number of Black-billed Magpie may be in strong decline, perhaps because of West Nile Virus.