

**SUMMARY**  
**Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC**  
**December 19, 2010**

Canada Goose	4	American Crow	315
Mallard	3	Black-capped Chickadee	185
Gray Partridge	4 (low)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	9
Ring-necked Pheasant	10	White-breasted Nuthatch	53
Sharp-tailed Grouse	75	Brown Creeper	CW
Bald Eagle	3	Golden-crowned Kinglet	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	American Robin	21
Cooper's Hawk	2 (3rd record)	European Starling	378
Northern Goshawk	CW	Bohemian Waxwing	47
Merlin	3	Cedar Waxwing	120
Rough-legged Hawk	30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> highest)	White-throated Sparrow	6
Rock Pigeon	1002	Harris's Sparrow	CW
Mourning Dove	4	Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco	130
Eurasian Collared-Dove	10	Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	2
Great Horned Owl	4	Lapland Longspur	31
Snowy Owl	CW	Snow Bunting	315
Short-eared Owl	3	Northern Cardinal	3
N. Saw-whet Owl	1 (4th record)	Red-winged Blackbird	16
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	Common Grackle	3
Downy Woodpecker	45	Purple Finch	4
Hairy Woodpecker	33	House Finch	186
Pileated Woodpecker	3	Common Redpoll	85
Northern Shrike	8	Pine Siskin	26
Blue Jay	22	American Goldfinch	4
Black-billed Magpie	4	House Sparrow	1172

Total of 45 species plus one race (Oregon Junco) on Count Day. Four additional species were observed during Count Week, making a total of 49 species. Total individuals = 4392

**Observers:** 26 observers in field in 14 parties, plus 15 observers at feeders. **Time and Distance:** 70 hours at feeders; 2 hours and 10 miles owling (nocturnal). Total party-hours = 78 and total party miles = 813 (7 hours and 7 miles on foot; 71 hours and 806 miles by car).

**Participants in Field:**

Marissa Ahlering, Sandy Aubol, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Melissa Bonner, Charlie Christianson, Don Croeker, Greg Cain, Jane Croeker, Ann Flower, Erik Fritzell, Eve Freeberg, Will Gosnold, Deb Hanson, Judy Johnson, Marshall Johnson, Frank Kelley, Dave Lambeth, Gary Masilko, Chris Merkord, Rolf Paulson, Bob Seabloom, Nancy Swerdlow, Pat Wilber, Russ Wilber, Sharon Watson, Bill Zaks

**Feeder Watchers:** Mike Aubol, Tim Aubol, Charlie Christianson, Ann Flower, Tom Hill, Gordon Iseminger, Terry Johnson, Mike Kamedula, Cec Lambeth, Mike Poellot, Paul Ray, Virginia Stewart, Julia and Paul Wallin, Russ Wilbur

**Weather:** Temperature range: -2 to 8 deg F. Winds westerly - southwesterly, 7-12 mph. Partly to mostly cloudy. Snow depth 5 inches.

**Conditions:** Excellent crop of crabapples and mountain ash. Cone crop fair. Sunflowers and corn mostly harvested. Small patches of open water were present below the dams on the Red and Red Lake Rivers, and Grand Forks lagoons.

**Comments:**

This was the 50th consecutive year for this count in its present location. The count was conducted under very good conditions with little wind and moderate temperatures. Most of the minimum-maintenance roads could be driven. The total of 30 Rough-legged Hawks was just short of the record count of 31. Cooper's Hawk was reported for the third time, and Northern Saw-whet Owl for the 4th time. This was not a particularly good year for rare vagrants or overwintering semi-hardy species. A Snowy Owl was seen by Lyla Odstreil on the last day of count week, which kept alive the streak of this species being seen count day or count week every year beginning in 1970.