

**SUMMARY**  
**Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC**  
**December 16, 2018**

**Note:** Species names that are bold-faced have been seen five or fewer times.

Mallard	1	Horned Lark	CW
Ring-necked Pheasant	12	Black-capped Chickadee	190
Gray Partridge	15	Red-breasted Nuthatch	28
Sharp-tailed Grouse	35	White-breasted Nuthatch	48
Greater Prairie-Chicken	7	American Robin	34
Rock Pigeon	1034	European Starling	431
Eurasian Collared-Dove	8	Bohemian Waxwing	1
Northern Harrier	2	Cedar Waxwing	137
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	House Finch	69
Cooper's Hawk	2	Purple Finch	5
Bald Eagle	10	Common Redpoll	134
Red-tailed Hawk	1	Pine Siskin	115
Rough-legged Hawk	3	American Goldfinch	22
Great Horned Owl	5	Snow Bunting	105
Snowy Owl	CW	<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	<b>1</b>
Short-eared Owl	2	American Tree Sparrow	CW
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	<b>Fox Sparrow</b>	<b>1</b>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	169
Downy Woodpecker	29	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	2
Hairy Woodpecker	23	White-throated Sparrow	22
Pileated Woodpecker	3	Western Meadowlark	1
Northern Flicker	8	Red-winged Blackbird	1
Merlin	CW	Rusty Blackbird	1
Northern Shrike	1	<b>Brewer's Blackbird</b>	CW
Blue Jay	33	Northern Cardinal	11
Black-billed Magpie	1	House Sparrow	337
American Crow	179		
Common Raven	3		

**Species Summary:** On Count Day, total of 48 species. There were 5 additional Count Week species giving a total of 53 species. In addition, one race (Oregon Junco) was observed on Count Day. Total number of individuals = 3287.

**Observers:** 25 observers in field in 15 parties (4 observers in 2 parties in MN, 22 observers in 14 parties in ND), plus 24 observers at 20 feeding stations (2 in MN, 22 in ND).

**Effort:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 P.M. Total party-hours by Field Participants = 105 and total party miles = 635.5 (98 hours and 630 miles in cars, 7 hours and 5.5 miles on foot. 0.5 hours and 0.5 miles on foot owling. A total of 78.25 hours were spent by 24 feeder watchers.

**Participants in Field:**

*In Minnesota:* Terry and Joanne Johnson, Dave Lambeth, and Bruce Kiefenheim. *In North Dakota:* Julie and Harmon Abrahamson, Patti Alleva, Sandy Aubol, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Charlie Christianson, Jane Croeker, Tim Driscoll, Ann Flower, Ron Franz, Will Gosnold, Deb Hanson, Mary Jane Hennemann, Catherine Johnson, Judy Johnson, Bruce Kiefenheim, Dave Lambeth, Merle Mikkelsen, Rolf Paulson, Diane Wales, Russ and Pat Wilber, Bill Zaks.

**Feeder Watchers:** *In Minnesota:* Tim Aubol, Sandy Martens. *In North Dakota:* Patti Alleva, Julie and Harmon Abrahamson, Adam Chambers, David Berg, Charlie Christianson, Elizabeth Delgado, Ann Flower, Erik Fritzell, Julie Gladwin, Gordon and Trudy Iseminger, Cindi Kavadas, Cec Lambeth, AJ Miller, Betsy and Dexter Perkins, Rhonda Poellot, Bob Seabloom, Keith Tryznka, Diane Wales, Julia Wallin.

**Weather:** Temperature range: 21 to 32 deg F. Winds west-northwest, 12-23 mph. Clear skies. 2-3 inches snow -pack. Still water frozen. There were areas of open water in Grand Forks Lagoons, below dams on Red River and Red Lake River, and Crystal Sugar lagoons in MN.

**Comments:**

This was the 58<sup>th</sup> Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC. Forty-eight species were found on Count Day, and an additional five species during Count Week, to give a total of 53.

The conditions for counting were excellent because of a temperature range that was favorable for participants to be out and about. The 2018 CBC was preceded by a generally mild fall and early winter although there was a major snowfall in early October.

For the first time in a decade waterfowl were absent, except for a lone mallard. The considerable work and renovation taking place at both the Grand Forks lagoons and the Crystal Sugar ponds may be responsible. Birds were very scarce in open country where several species were absent or seen in very low numbers. Snowy Owl and Lapland Longspur were seen only during Count Week. Several feeder watchers commented on the very low activity. However, there were good numbers of Cedar Waxwing, American Robin, White-throated Sparrow, and Northern Cardinal.

The most notable records were: The 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Chipping Sparrow and the 4<sup>th</sup> for Fox Sparrow. Both had been coming to Sandy Aubol’s feeder for several days. The Brewer’s Blackbird was the 3<sup>rd</sup> record for the count. Common Raven is becoming a regular species on our CBCs. A saw-whet owl responded to playbacks in the woodland between Lincoln Golf Course and the former Koininia area where found last year. Two Cooper’s Hawks were found, one being a female that was banded by Tim Driscoll about five years ago.

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