

## SUMMARY

### Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC December 19, 2021

	MN	ND	TOTAL
Canada Goose	507	2	509
<b>American Wigeon</b>	1	0	1
Mallard	65	0	65
Wild Turkey	0	2	2
Sharp-tailed Grouse	0	61	61
Gray Partridge	7	29	36
Ring-necked Pheasant	0	22	22
Rock Pigeon	115	282	397
Eurasian Collared-Dove	0	2	2
Mourning Dove	1	1	2
Northern Harrier	0	1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	CW	CW
Cooper's Hawk	1	1	2
Northern Goshawk	1	0	1
Bald Eagle	2	6	8
Red-tailed Hawk	1	0	1
Rough-legged Hawk	0	4	4
Great Horned Owl	1	5	6
Snowy Owl	1	1	2
Barred Owl	0	1	1
Short-eared Owl	0	1	1
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>		CW	0
<b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b>	CW		0
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	2	4
Downy Woodpecker	11	24	35
Hairy Woodpecker	10	17	27
Pileated Woodpecker	7	1	8
Northern Flicker	0	7	7
Merlin	0	2	2
Northern Shrike	0	1	1

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

Blue Jay	14	13	27
Black-billed Magpie	0	2	2
American Crow	67	212	279
Common Raven	1	6	7
Black-capped Chickadee	39	125	164
Horned Lark	0	2	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	10	19
White-breasted Nuthatch	9	38	47
European Starling	20	160	180
American Robin	1	42	43
Cedar Waxwing	23	34	57
House Sparrow	62	320	382
House Finch	45	156	201
Purple Finch	11	3	14
Common Redpoll	139	258	397
Hoary Redpoll	1	0	1
White-winged Crossbill	6	0	6
Pine Siskin	5	2	7
American Goldfinch	1	0	1
Lapland Longspur	0	6	6
Snow Bunting	0	98	98
American Tree Sparrow	0	1	1
Fox Sparrow	0	1	1
Dark-eyed Junco	206	344	<b>550</b>
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	1	0	1
White-crowned Sparrow	0	1	1
Harris's Sparrow	0	CW	0
White-throated Sparrow	2	5	7
Song Sparrow	1	0	1
Red-winged Blackbird	0	1	1
Northern Cardinal	6	6	12

**Summary:** 56 species reported for Count Day and 4 additional species during Count Week giving a total of 60 species. Total number of individuals = 3721.

## **MN Side of the Count:**

**Effort:** 5 Field Participants in 3 parties. Total Party-hours = 10.75 and total party miles = 66 (8 hours and 63.5 miles in cars, 1 hour and 1 mile on foot, 0.75 hours and 0.5 miles on snowshoes, 1 hour and 1 mile of nocturnal birding). A total of 14.5 hours was spent by 7 feeder watchers.

**Participants in Field:** Catherine Johnson, Terry and Joanne Johnson, Bruce Kiefenheim, Dave Lambeth.

**Feeder Watchers:** Sandy and Tim Aubol, Terry and Joanne Johnson, Sandy Martens, Diane Wales, Collin Wilke.

## **ND Side of the Count:**

**Effort:** 18 field participants in 13 parties. Total party-hours = 54.5 and total party miles = 477 (48 hours and 466 miles in cars, 5.5 hours and 9 miles on foot; 1 hours and 2 miles of nocturnal birding (using playbacks for owls)). A total of 32 hours was spent by 23 feeder watchers.

**Participants in Field:** Patti Alleva, Sandy Aubol, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Tara Beck and Rabie Fadil, Jodi Boe, John Breker, Adam Chambers, Jane Croeker, Tim Driscoll, Ron Franz, Deb Hanson, Catherine Johnson, Judy Johnson, Pat and Russ Wilber, Bill and Deb Zaks.

**Feeder Watchers:** John Breker, Thersa Briske, Marcia Brossart, Adam Chambers, Ron Elgin, Ann and Barry Folsom, Erik Fritzell, Karen George, Julie Gladwin, Kim Greendahl, Maryjane Hennemann, Karen George, Gordon and Trudy Iseminger, Cec Lambeth, Lucy Matejcek, Merle Mikkelsen, AJ Miller, Dexter and Betsy Perkins, Wanda Poellot, Robert Seabloom.

## **The Count Overall**

**Time:** 6 AM to 5 PM

**Weather:** Temperature range: 12 to 24 deg F. Winds southerly, 21 mph in the morning and south-southwest at 12 mph at 5 pm. Cloudy sky. Snowpack up to 5 inches but ag fields in open country were nearly snow-free. Still water frozen. Open water below the dams on the Red River and Red Lake Rivers, and the Crystal Sugar lagoons in MN where warm water is discharged.

### **General Comments:**

This was the 61st consecutive Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC conducted within the present circle located on U.S. 2, one mile east of the stoplight for the airport. The 56 species Count Day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest. Four additional species were recorded during Count Week. Numbers of the more commonly species seen on the count were within the normal range except for Dark-eyed Junco, which was almost double its previous high. Two immature Red-headed Woodpeckers in the Red River State Recreation Area provided a first for the count (Catherine Johnson, photos). A well-described male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker count week was the second record for this count (Isemingers). An American Wigeon at the Crystal Sugar ponds was also the second record for the count (DL and BK). Red-winged Blackbird was the only blackbird. There was only one American Goldfinch and just seven Pine Siskins.

Strong winds made finding birds in open country difficult. Despite the conditions, the entire Greenway south of downtown Grand Forks was walked by John Breker and Jodi Boe.

This report and other CBC-related information will be archived under the Christmas Bird Count link at <http://grandcitiesbirdclub.weebly.com/>. Count data will be submitted to the National Audubon Society and the Minnesota Ornithological Union.-