

SUMMARY
Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC
December 18, 2022

SPECIES	MN	ND	TOTAL
Canada Goose	125		125
Mallard	3	2	5
Common Goldeneye	3		3
Sharp-tailed Grouse		12	12
Gray Partridge		141	141
Ring-necked Pheasant		14	14
Rock Pigeon	26	339	365
Eurasian Collared-Dove		2	2
Bald Eagle	1	4	5
Red-tailed Hawk	CW	2	2
Rough-legged Hawk		4	4
Great Horned Owl		3	3
Barred Owl		CW	CW
Short-eared Owl		2	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker		CW	CW
Downy Woodpecker	4	25	29
Hairy Woodpecker	4	20	24
Pileated Woodpecker	CW	2	2
Northern Flicker		1	1
Merlin	CW	1	1
Northern Shrike	CW	2	2
Blue Jay	7	20	27
American Crow	32	342	374
Common Raven		1	1
Black-capped Chickadee	27	55	82
Horned Lark		6	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	9	12
White-breasted Nuthatch	4	18	22
Brown Creeper		CW	CW
European Starling	42	60	102
American Robin	CW	16	16
Bohemian Waxwing		3	3
Cedar Waxwing	6	7	13
House Sparrow	82	68	150
House Finch	52	93	145
Purple Finch		12	12

American Goldfinch	27	45	72
Lapland Longspur		2	2
Snow Bunting	CW	172	172
Dark-eyed Junco	69	105	174
White-crowned Sparrow		1	1
White-throated Sparrow	CW	1	1
Eastern Towhee		1	1
Common Grackle	CW	1	1
Northern Cardinal	8	17	25

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

Summary: 42 species reported for Count Day and 3 additional species during Count Week giving a total of 45 species.
Total number of individuals = 2156

MN Side of the Count:

Nineteen species on Count Day plus 8 additional species in Count Week = 27 species.

Effort: 5 Field Participants in 4 parties. Total Party-hours = 4 and total party miles = 22.33 (3.25 hours and 22 miles in cars; 0.12 miles and 0.25 hours on foot; 0.5 hours and 0.33 miles on snowshoes). A total of 11.25 hours was spent by 7 feeder watchers.

Participants in Field: Sandy Aubol, Catherine Johnson, Terry and Joanne Johnson, Bruce Kiefenheim,. **Feeder Watchers:** Sandy Aubol, Terry and Joanne Johnson, Martha and Bruce Keifenheim, Sandy Martens, Diane Wales.

ND Side of the Count:

Forty species on Count Day plus 3 additional species in Count Week = 43 species

Effort: 11 field participants in 10 parties. Total party-hours = 25.05 and total party miles = 219.6 (23 hours 217 miles in cars, 2 hours and 2.6 miles on foot; 0.05 hours nocturnal birding). A total of 59 hours was spent by 17 feeder watchers.

Participants in Field: Patti Alleva, Jodi Boe, Adam Chambers, Deb Hanson, Catherine Johnson, Bruce Keifenheim, Dave Lambeth, Seth Owens, Pat and Russ Wilber.

Feeder Watchers: Brent Braga, Adam Chambers, Tim Driscoll, Ron Elgin, Erik Fritzell, Julie Gladwin, Kim Greendahl, Gordon and Trudy Iseminger, Catherine Johnson, Heidi Lamb, Cec Lambeth, AJ Miller, Rolf Paulson, Rhonda Poellot, Pat and Russ Wilber.

The Count Overall

Time: 8 AM to 5 PM

Weather: Temperature range: -12 to -2 deg F. Winds northwesterly, 5-10 mph in the morning and northwesterly 10-15 in the afternoon. Sunny. Snowpack = 13 inches. Open water only 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 62nd consecutive CBC for the GF-EGF Count. The 42 species on Count Day although the lowest since 2008 was surprisingly good given the difficulties in surveying some areas. Participation in the count was about one-half of usual. This was largely due to the 16 inches of snow in December which left streets and roads icy, and in some places, especially the country, blocked by snow drifts. This was a count carried out mostly by observing feeders and looking for birds from vehicles.

The Eastern Towhee (previously known as Rufous-sided Towhee) was the fourth record for the CBC; the White-crowned Sparrow was the 10th. A dark morph of the western adult Red-tailed Hawk subspecies (*calurus/alaascensis*) was photographed in flight and is a first for the winter period. Deep snow caused Gray Partridge to be readily seen as they foraged along graded country roads. The number of 141 is exceeded only by the 150 counted in 1983. The count of 25 cardinals is the most ever. Its only since 2018 that more than 10 has been reported.

American Goldfinch and Purple Finch were present in good numbers. Snowy Owl was missed for just the second time in over 50 years. There had been very few if any reports of Pine Siskins and redpolls in the months leading up to the count, and none were seen during count week.

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

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