



Little Gull

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EARLY 2021 EVENTS & BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

Please Note: Pre-registration is now required for all field trips (see the COVID-19 field trip guidelines in the revised field trip schedule or on the [RBA website](http://www.RochesterBirding.org)). Bring your own binoculars and scopes if you have them, as there will be no sharing of equipment. Social distancing will be practiced, and masks will be required.

Editor's Note: The February 14 field trip is a definite "go", according to the RBA Board of Directors, but will be limited to 10 participants. The field trips scheduled for March and later are still tentative because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Feb 11
Thursday

RBA Virtual Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Allan Strong. Title: Conserving Grassland Birds in Agricultural Landscapes. See the article on p. 3 for more information.

Feb 14
Sunday

WINTER WATERFOWL AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES

We will look for Long-tailed Ducks, mergansers, scaup and others that may be present. We will then drive over to Summerville and Charlotte to see what is in the river. If crossbills and redpolls are being seen, we may stop at Durand-Eastman Park on the way. There will be flat walking on pavement or boardwalk. Restrooms are available at Charlotte. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** in the large parking lot on the west side of Irondequoit Bay outlet.

Dress for the weather. Spotting scopes would be very useful.

Leader: Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Robert Buckert

Mar 13
Saturday

LAKE SHORE MARSHES EAST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

This extensive driving tour of the large natural area to our northeast always turns up some great birds! We'll look for unusual ducks, late winter birds, and interesting migrants like Fox Sparrows. One portion of the trip is walking on a wide, flat trail. Bring a snack to munch on to keep your energy up, and dress for the weather! Restrooms are available at Sodus Point Park. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** in Webster Plaza at the junction of Route 404 and Hard Road near Starbucks. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leader: Kinsley Whittum 585-872-7334 and co-leader Christina Hoh 973-224-7009

Mar 20
Saturday

HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

We will gather at Braddock Bay Park and drive to Hamlin Beach State Park where we will be looking for migrating waterfowl as we work our way back east. We will stop at the Owl Woods in search of migrating owls. We will end at the Braddock Bay Hawk Watch in hopes of spotting Rough-legged and Red-shouldered Hawks and Bald Eagles. **Dress warmly** as the lakeshore can be cold this time of year. Trails are flat. Waterproof boots are strongly recommended. Restrooms are available at Hamlin Beach only. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Braddock Bay Park main parking lot. Use the East Manitou Road exit from the Ontario State Parkway.

Spotting scopes would be very useful.

Leader: Mike Tetlow 585-425-7849 and co-leader Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422

Mar 27
Saturday

BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP -- OWL WOODS AND HAWK WATCH SITE

We'll look primarily for our smallest visiting owl, the Northern Saw-whet, which returns to this spot on a yearly basis. Long-eared Owls generally put in an appearance, too, although they're quite shy and great at hiding. After the owl walk, we'll head to the Hawk Watch site to learn how to identify raptors on the wing. At this time of year, we might witness spectacular flights of thousands of raptors! The Owl Woods trails are flat and likely will be wet and muddy. **Boots are STRONGLY recommended – they're almost mandatory!** No restrooms are available. **Bring binoculars and, if you have them, spotting scopes.** Meet at **8:30 a.m.** in the parking lot on the right side of Manitou Beach Road across from the Owl Woods trailhead.

Leader: Liz Magnanti 585-748-0309 and co-leaders Daena Ford 585-321-1616 and 2 TBA

Welcome to the Flock



Join us in welcoming these 20 new and returning members (15 memberships) who joined in the last month.

Oswaldo Araya
Lydia Martin & Sammy Sosa
Janet DeGraw & Lee Bertsch
Kris Montalbano
Ted & Carol Barnett
Laurie Baldwin
Mary Pat Maciuska
Aldan Mutschler
Joe Marino
Katherine Bower
Jen Scharbach & Paul Fedele, Jr.
Patricia & Christopher Albert
Carmen Gumina
Paula Douglass
Gabriel Moore

Current RBA membership as of January 15 is 359:

343 household memberships
2 young birders
1 *Little Gull* membership
13 complimentary

Membership Status

I have refreshed the database, omitting members who have not renewed for 2021. As in years past, we lost a bunch of people. On December 31, 2020 there were 467 members. We will get some of these folks back as late renewals. With this *Little Gull* you will also be getting the current roster of members, which can also be found in the members' area of the website.

Jo Taylor
Membership Data

Adrianna Anderson
Membership Outreach

President's Column

Liz Magnanti



Happy New Year! I would like to thank you for renewing your membership to the Rochester Birding Association for another year. 2020 was a challenge at best, but

rest assured the board, committee chairs, and committees are hard at work to provide interesting speakers and field trips for the year, even as challenges remain.

The New York Breeding Bird Atlas is entering year 2 of its 5 year duration. This is the third breeding bird atlas that has been done in the state, with the last one being completed in 2005. The data gathered throughout the atlas is crucial to land management and conservation efforts. The data are used to determine species of concern designations, as well as to review the impacts of development projects. Because of this, the board has decided to donate \$5,000 to the Breeding Bird Atlas Project. This important initiative will run through 2024. Remember, you can always submit breeding bird data through eBird's New York Breeding Bird Atlas portal! If you use the eBird app now to submit your sightings, there is a simple settings change you can make so your data goes to eBird, but also to the Breeding Bird Atlas portal. When logged into the eBird app, go to settings. Scroll down to "portal" and change it from "eBird" to "New York Breeding Bird Atlas." And that's it! Now you can submit breeding behaviors like singing birds, territorial defenses, birds visiting nesting sites and more!

At the current time RBA monthly membership meetings will continue via Zoom, and field trips will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Field trips are still signup only, and the signups via Eventbrite open up one week before the trip. Check out rochesterbirding.org and Facebook for the most up-to-date information!

I am very excited to serve you another year as president of the RBA and happy that last year's

board members have all agreed to stay on for 2021. It is a great feeling to be surrounded by such a great group of dedicated and capable people! As always, please reach out if there is a way the RBA can better serve you. Cheers to a happy and healthy 2021!

Editor's Corner

Jay Greenberg

The Decline of Insects, Again



Laura Erickson's presentation at the virtual RBA Annual Meeting on January 16, 2021 was about the love lives of birds.

However, during the question and answer period, she mentioned that aerial insectivores such as Common Nighthawks and Purple Martins are in severe decline due in part to a scarcity of the flying insects they feed on. There is now widespread agreement among scientists that insects, like other animals and plants, are in human-caused severe decline in many places for numerous reasons. Perhaps not entirely by coincidence, the January 12, 2021 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* has a special section on insect decline with 13 articles. One of these was an opinion piece on what average people can do to help stop the decline of insects.* Some of these are common sense and have been discussed previously in the *Little Gull*, but here is the list, for whatever it is worth:

1. Convert lawns into diverse natural habitats.
2. Grow native plants.
3. Reduce pesticide and herbicide use.
4. Limit use of exterior lighting.
5. Lessen soap runoff from washing vehicles and building exteriors, and reduce use of driveway sealants and de-icing salts.
6. Counter negative perceptions of insects.

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February Talk and Speaker

Conserving Grassland Birds in Agricultural Landscapes

Grassland birds show some of the most dramatic population declines in North America as a result of habitat loss and intensive agricultural management. Allan Strong has studied Bobolinks and Savannah Sparrows in the dairy country of Vermont's Champlain Valley since 2002. He will present some of his research results that have led to innovative conservation practices in the region that work to support grassland bird populations and maintain economic viability for landowners.

Allan Strong is a professor in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont. His research focuses on avian ecology and the factors that influence habitat quality. He has taught at the University of Vermont since 1999 after receiving his Ph.D. from Tulane University. He grew up in the Rochester area and he comes back regularly to visit his Dad (long-time RBA member, David Strong) and to bird.



December 2020 Sightings Report

December 2020 was a quiet month weather-wise, with only a continuing series of nuisance snows and no extremes in temperatures. Temperatures averaged 32.9 °F, 2.9° above normal. There were 3 days exceeding 50° for highs and 2 periods cooler than normal, December 6-8 and 15-19.

Precipitation totaled 2.31", 0.50" below normal, with 20 days with measurable precipitation. Snowfall totaled 10.5", 11.3" below normal. The maximum snowfall was 2.7", and snow depth 2". As seems typical in recent years, the Christmas Bird Counts were again all affected to some extent by weather issues from some precipitation to windy periods.

Species counts for these Christmas Bird Counts were back to average or above, in spite of the weather, waterfowl seasons open, COVID restrictions, and no countdown gatherings. The species total was 74 (76 with count week species) for Letchworth-Silver Lake, with 3 new high counts – Bald Eagle, Blue Jay, and American Crow. For the Rochester CBC it was 95 (108) species, with two new highs – Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Hermit Thrush, 2 tie highs – Northern Saw-whet Owl and Common Raven, and one tie cw – Black-legged Kittiwake – plus a new species, Swainson's Thrush, and a new cw species, Pine Warbler. Also the Rochester crow roost tally was less organized and only totaled 14,066 this year. Finally, the Conesus-Hemlock (Little Lakes) CBC tallied 83 (83) species, with 4 new highs – Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Tufted Titmouse, White-crowned Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco.

Again, all the expected waterfowl for the season were reported, but in generally low to modest numbers, as can be seen in the Noteworthy Records table on the RBA website. High numbers were noted for Snow Goose, Canada Goose, Mallard, and Redhead, but generally on only one or a very few dates. Rarer ducks were only King Eider and Harlequin Duck in the area at or just east of Braddock Bay. Mute Swan numbers were high at several locations, but the other swan species low. Again, Long-tailed Duck flocks were noted on Lake Ontario off Greece, but in numbers lower than some recent years. Redheads were again numerous on Conesus Lake and Ring-necked Ducks on Hemlock Lake. Merganser numbers were relatively low. Grebes were scarce, but Brad Carlson counted 118 Red-necked Grebes off Hamlin Beach State Park on the 14th,

high historically but down a bit for very recent years. Sandhill Crane numbers into early winter continue to climb, with the maximum 138 in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) in our region and 9 noted in the Taylor Marsh area.

As usual, shorebird reports were scarce, with only a Killdeer showing up on the barrier island in Braddock Bay late in the month, Purple Sandpipers there and at Point Breeze, and Wilson's Snipe at 2 locations. Two more surprises in this part of the list were a **Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird** photographed at a feeder near Sodus and a Sora in Mendon Ponds Park mid-month. With the bays and ponds varying in ice cover through the month, the location of gull gatherings moved about, and generally numbers were relatively low. Surprises were a first winter Black-legged Kittiwake seen on the docks at the Newport Marina and sites nearby on the 18th-19th and an adult Little Gull from Turning Point Park to the Genesee River mouth on the 18th. The usual winter visitor gulls—Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous—were present at a few locations in low numbers. Though there were a couple of decent Red-throated Loon counts, loon reports were low. The bird of the season was a regional 1st and state 5th adult male **Anhinga** found in Churchville Park on Black Creek and first photographed by Pam Inzinna on December 13, and then seen and photographed by many through the 18th. Lingering Double-crested Cormorant counts ranged to 32 at the Newport Marina through month's end.

Turkey Vultures and diurnal raptor records were also on the low side. A rare-in-winter Golden Eagle was reported from the Honeoye Lake Inlet Wildlife Management Area, Bald Eagle numbers were good, Cooper's Hawk reports again outnumbered Sharp-shinned Hawk by more than 5:1, there were no Northern Goshawk reports, and only 3 Red-shouldered Hawk reports, and Rough-legged Hawks were relatively scarce. Among the owls, at least for the RCBC, the count for Eastern Screech-Owl seemed surprisingly good for a morning with light snow and rain and

low effort. Only about 3 Snowy Owls were reported, and none lingered long. The annual, DEC Short-eared Owl surveys reported good numbers this month at several sites. A Long-eared Owl and two Northern Saw-whet Owls were found in the Owl Woods area, and another saw-whet was heard on the RCBC at Frisbee Hill Park. There were no Red-headed Woodpecker reports, but ~40 reports for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Finally, numbers of individuals and different locations were good for all 3 of our regular falcon species.

Among the passerines, species variety was very good; essentially all of the half-hardy lingering species were located, many in good numbers. All cannot be noted in these short notes, but the Noteworthy Records table has a good sampling with some numbers. We can start with another contestant for bird of the season, with a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** netted and banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory with photos, audio recording, and a feather sent out for DNA analysis to support this record late occurrence. Moving on, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was record late and Ruby-crowned Kinglet unusual this late with 2 reports. A **Swainson's Thrush** on the RCBC is a regional record late report. Brown Thrasher, Fox Sparrow, and Pine Warbler are rarely reported in winter. Numbers of reports for Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, and White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows were high. Marsh Wren; Gray Catbird; Chipping, Field, Vesper, and Savannah Sparrows; Rusty Blackbird; and Common Yellowthroat are often missing. Add to this a lingering winter finch winter, with all species continuing to be reported, though numbers down quite a bit from earlier for most species. The rarest of that group, Hoary Redpoll, was reported at 3 sites, frequently on the Braddock Bay barrier island. Interestingly, blackbird numbers were generally low, especially for Common Grackle.

This month's eBird download reflected the numbers of lingering half-hardy birds, noted also in the past 2 months, and produced a large rebound from last December's low total to 24,222 records, almost double last year's download. Clearly, a part of this is the continuing input of non-breeding-bird data through the NY Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA) eBird portal; a positive for overall bird records, but a negative in terms of the records review that will be needed to sort out real BBA data.

Please send your reports by the 5th of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618.

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

| | 2020 | 2019 | 10-year Average (2010-2019) |
|----------------------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| Species for December | 147 | 125 | 132.0 |
| New for the year | 2 | 3 | 1.3 |
| Total for the year | 297 | 295 | 291.7 |

Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Cynthia Barlow, Ted Barnett, Carolyn & Jerry Barnhart, Jim Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, Douglas Bassett, Will Baxter-Bray, BBBO (Andrea Patterson), BBRR owl counter, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Linda Clark Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Chris Bertola, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Joe Brin, Kyle Brock, Logan Brunner, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Gary Chapin, Douglas Carpenter, Tom Cerdillo, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Gregg Dashnau, Peter Debes, Joe Fell, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Janis George, Jessica George, Candy Giles, Bill Gillette, Christopher Goetz, John Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Michael Gullo, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Christina Hoh, Debi Holt, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Alec Humann, IBA Monitoring, Bella Inigo-Payne, Pam Inzinna, Nancy Jameson, Alyssa Johnson, Jordan Juzdowski, Nicholas Kachala, Laura & Paul Kammermeier, Hayden Keene, David Kennedy, Bernie Kester, Josh Ketry, Jim Kimball, Cindy Kindler, Kathy Kirsch, Renee Kittleman, Hans Kunze, Karl Kunze, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Bill Maier, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Donna Mason-Spier, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Daniel McDermott, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Chita McKinney, Ann McMican, Matthew Medler, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Adrielle Mitchell, Mike Morgante, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Leah Mould, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Dave Odell, Tom & Susan O'Donnell, Erma Perkins, Mike Peters, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, Jay Powell, Bill Purcell, RBA Field Trips, Susan Roberts, Neal Reilly, Rosemary Reilly, Bruce Robinson, Susan Roberts, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Carole & Jim Rudman, Robert Ryan, Kevin Rybczynski, Jackie Salisbury, Karl Schmidt, Erin Shannon, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Cathy Spahn, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Nancy Sprague, Chris Stanger, Rick Stevens, David Strong, David Tetlow, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, John Thomas, Brian Tuttle, Nathan Ukens, Jeanne & Tom Verhulst, Jules Wagner, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Drew Weber, David Wheeler, Kinsley Whittum, Joe Wing, Jim Wood, Rochester Young Birders, and nearly 300 additional eBird observers.

(Editor's Corner, continued)

7. Become an educator, ambassador, and advocate for insect conservation.
8. Get involved in local politics, support science, and vote.

*Kawahara, Akito Y, Reeves, Lawrence E., Barber, Jesse R. and Black, Scott H. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2021 Vol. 118 No. 2 e2002547117. This article and all the others in the special section are open access. They can be viewed and downloaded freely at <https://www.pnas.org/content/118/2>.



The Churchville Park **Anhinga** with a fish. Photo by Jay Greenberg.



The Churchville Park **Anhinga** about to enter the water. Photo by Jay Greenberg.

Rochester, NY Area Christmas Bird Count Summary 2020

| | Letchworth- Silver Lake | Rochester | Conesus- Hemlock | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Dec. 19, 2020 | Dec. 20, 2020 | Dec. 26, 2020 | Total |
| Cackling Goose | 4 | cw | | 4 |
| Canada Goose | 4,255 | 3,653 | 1431 | 9,339 |
| Mute Swan | | 483 | | 483 |
| Trumpeter Swan | | 3 | | 3 |
| Tundra Swan | | 6 | 44 | 50 |
| Gadwall | | 29 | 8 | 37 |
| Northern Shoveler | | 19 | 3 | 22 |
| American Wigeon | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| American Black Duck | 54 | 49 | 176 | 279 |
| Mallard | 93 | 1,603 | 397 | 2,093 |
| Northern Pintail | | | 1 | 1 |
| Green-winged Teal | | 2 | | 2 |
| Canvasback | | cw | 6 | 6 |
| Redhead | 8 | 25 | 2,533 | 2,566 |
| Ring-necked Duck | 10 | 1 | 365 | 376 |
| Greater Scaup | | 1 | 12 | 13 |
| Lesser Scaup | 6 | 52 | 11 | 69 |
| King Eider | | cw | | cw |
| Harlequin Duck | | cw | | cw |
| Surf Scoter | | 2 | | 2 |
| White-winged Scoter | | 63 | | 63 |
| Black Scoter | | 1 | | 1 |
| Long-tailed Duck | | 1,455 | | 1,455 |
| Bufflehead | 22 | 17 | 118 | 157 |
| Common Goldeneye | 34 | 110 | 526 | 670 |
| Hooded Merganser | 6 | 36 | 100 | 142 |
| Common Merganser | 19 | 73 | 28 | 120 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | | 357 | | 357 |

| <u>Rochester, NY Area Christmas Bird Count Summary 2020 (continued)</u> | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Letchworth- Silver Lake | Rochester | Conesus- Hemlock | |
| | Dec. 19, 2020 | Dec. 20, 2020 | Dec. 26, 2020 | Total |
| Ruddy Duck | 1 | cw | 2 | 3 |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 1 | | | 1 |
| Ruffed Grouse | | | 1 | 1 |
| Wild Turkey | 35 | 9 | 31 | 75 |
| Red-throated Loon | | 5 | | 5 |
| Common Loon | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | | 1 | | 1 |
| Red-necked Grebe | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 1 | 38 | | 39 |
| Great Blue Heron | 1 | 8 | 2 | 12 |
| Turkey Vulture | | | 3 | 12 |
| Bald Eagle | 12 | 7 | 5 | 24 |
| Northern Harrier | 7 | cw | 10 | 17 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 5 | 10 | 7 | 22 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 60 | 35 | 57 | 152 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| American Coot | | 30 | | 30 |
| Killdeer | cw | | | cw |
| Sandhill Crane | | | 9 | 9 |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | | cw | | cw |
| Little Gull | | cw | | cw |
| Bonaparte's Gull | | 52 | | 52 |
| Ring-billed Gull | 125 | 5,282 | 340 | 5,747 |
| Herring Gull | 7 | 2,285 | 48 | 2,340 |
| Iceland Gull | | 1 | | 1 |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | | cw | | cw |
| Glaucous Gull | | 1 | | 1 |
| Great Black-backed Gull | | 47 | 1 | 48 |
| Rock Pigeon | 567 | 1,408 | 222 | 2,197 |
| Mourning Dove | 607 | 249 | 230 | 1,086 |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | 3 | 62 | 9 | 74 |
| Great Horned Owl | 1 | 4 | | 5 |
| Snowy Owl | | cw | | cw |
| Barred Owl | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Short-eared Owl | 3 | | 6 | 9 |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | | 1 | | 1 |
| Belted Kingfisher | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 52 | 164 | 59 | 275 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 75 | 145 | 110 | 330 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 24 | 47 | 22 | 93 |
| Northern Flicker | 12 | 38 | 19 | 69 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 8 | 17 | 6 | 31 |
| American Kestrel | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Merlin | cw | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Peregrine Falcon | | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Northern Shrike | | cw | | cw |
| Blue Jay | 317 | 289 | 334 | 940 |
| American Crow | 2,801 | 16,349 | 331 | 19,481 |

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|--|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Letchworth- Silver Lake | Rochester | Conesus- Hemlock | |
| | Dec. 19, 2020 | Dec. 20, 2020 | Dec. 26, 2020 | Total |
| Fish Crow | | 6 | | 6 |
| Common Raven | 7 | 4 | 8 | 19 |
| Horned Lark | 222 | | 3 | 225 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 262 | 503 | 535 | 1,300 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 78 | 104 | 147 | 329 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 10 | 31 | 15 | 56 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 108 | 105 | 124 | 337 |
| Brown Creeper | 7 | 12 | 2 | 21 |
| Winter Wren | | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| Carolina Wren | 8 | 17 | 24 | 49 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| Eastern Bluebird | 15 | 31 | 70 | 116 |
| Swainson's Thrush | | 1 | | 1 |
| Hermit Thrush | | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| American Robin | 113 | 1975 | 21 | 2,109 |
| Gray Catbird | | 2 | | 2 |
| Northern Mockingbird | 7 | 16 | 6 | 29 |
| European Starling | 4,583 | 6,288 | 1,982 | 12,853 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 23 | 22 | 33 | 78 |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | 1 | 1 |
| Pine Warbler | | cw | | cw |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | 11 | 1 | 12 |
| Lapland Longspur | 1 | | | 1 |
| Snow Bunting | 291 | 7 | 30 | 328 |
| American Tree Sparrow | 148 | 147 | 268 | 563 |
| Field Sparrow | | | 1 | 1 |
| Vesper Sparrow | | | 1 | 1 |
| Savannah Sparrow | 1 | | | 1 |
| Fox Sparrow | | cw | | cw |
| Song Sparrow | 36 | 29 | 45 | 110 |
| Swamp Sparrow | 1 | 4 | 5 | 10 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 36 | 83 | 40 | 159 |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 38 | 24 | 11 | 73 |
| Dark-eyed (S-c) Junco | 649 | 279 | 434 | 1,362 |
| Northern Cardinal | 82 | 362 | 225 | 669 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 51 | 382 | | 433 |
| Rusty Blackbird | | | 1 | 1 |
| Common Grackle | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 64 | | 7 | 71 |
| House Finch | 32 | 102 | 59 | 193 |
| Purple Finch | | 6 | | 6 |
| Common Redpoll | 62 | 68 | 302 | 432 |
| Hoary Redpoll | | cw | | cw |
| Pine Siskin | 23 | 15 | | 38 |
| American Goldfinch | 186 | 151 | 196 | 533 |
| House Sparrow | 442 | 1,579 | 276 | 2,297 |
| Total Individuals (count day) | 16,845 | 47,029 | 12,522 | 76,396 |
| Total species (count day) | 74 | 95 | 83 | 114 |
| Total species (incl. count week) | 76 | 108 | 83 | 124 |
| Bold number indicates new high or low count | | | | |



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