



Carolina Wren by Jerry Pruett



Tufted Titmouse by
Sandy Hokanson



Red Breasted Nuthatch
by Terry Grier

The Official 2016 Rochester Christmas Bird Count

January 5, 2017:

The annual Rochester Christmas Bird Count, originally scheduled for Saturday December 17, was postponed one day due to a winter storm warning. The new day of the count, while clear, was bitterly cold, with a temperature of -18 degrees F when we first assembled at 7:15 a.m. and not rising above 0 degrees all day.

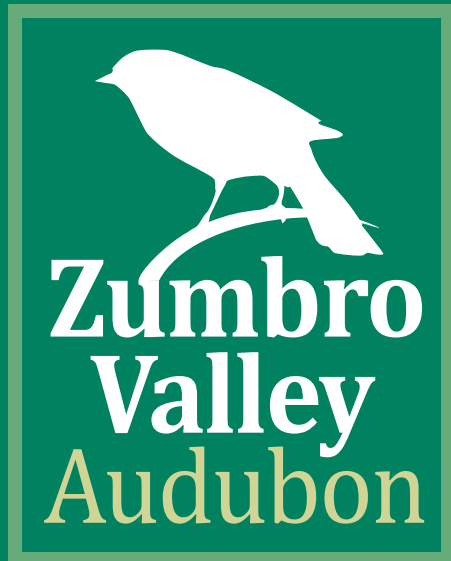
There were 21 field observers. Two planned section leaders could not participate on the rescheduled day. Six people submitted feeder reports.

44 species were discovered on the day of the count, including two that were found only by people who submitted feeder reports (red-breasted nuthatch and northern flicker). An additional six species were seen or heard within three days of the count and are reported as "count week" birds.

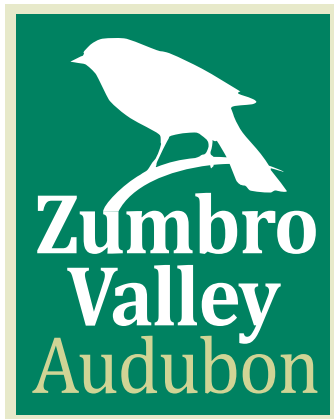
The most unusual species found on the count were a Harris's sparrow that has been showing up regularly at Kirk Payne's bird feeder, a Carolina wren that has been showing up at another Rochester feeder, and a pied-billed grebe. None of the species found this year required special M.O.U. documentation.

Submitted by Clifford Hansen

See species list on page 2.



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Red-bellied Woodpecker
by Sandy Hokanson



Harris Sparrow by Kirk
Payne



Pheasant by Patty Trncka

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Species count list compiled by Clifford Hansen

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| Canada goose -- 4000 | Brown creeper -- 5 |
| Wood duck -- 1 | Carolina wren -- 1 |
| American black duck -- 1 | American robin -- 39 |
| Mallard -- 594 | European starling -- 277 |
| Common merganser -- 7 | Lapland longspur -- 34 |
| Ring-necked pheasant -- 6 | Snow bunting -- 5 |
| Wild turkey -- 69 | American tree sparrow -- 189 |
| Pied-billed grebe -- 1 | Dark-eyed junco -- 542 |
| Sharp-shinned hawk -- 1 | Harris's sparrow -- 1 |
| Cooper's hawk -- 4 | White-throated sparrow -- count
week. reported by Kirk Payne |
| Bald eagle -- 31 | Song sparrow -- 1 |
| Red-shouldered hawk -- count week,
reported by Diane Anderson | Northern cardinal -- 181 |
| Red-tailed hawk -- 40 | Brown-headed cowbird -- count week,
reported by James Griffin |
| Rough-legged hawk -- 5 | House finch -- 75 |
| Rock pigeon -- 457 | Purple finch -- 1 |
| Mourning dove -- 63 | Pine siskin -- 1 |
| Great-horned owl -- count week,
reported by Diane Anderson | American goldfinch -- 76 |
| Barred owl -- count week, reported by
Diane Anderson | House sparrow -- 673 |
| Red-bellied woodpecker -- 45 | |
| Downy woodpecker -- 135 | |
| Hairy woodpecker -- 34 | |
| Northern flicker -- 1 | |
| Pileated woodpecker -- 18 | |
| Peregrin falcon -- count week,
reported by Kirk Severson | |
| Northern shrike -- 2 | |
| Blue jay -- 119 | |
| American crow -- 1471 | |
| Horned lark -- 10 | |
| Black-capped chickadee -- 284 | |
| Tufted titmouse -- 10 | |
| Red-breasted nuthatch -- 3 | |
| White-breasted nuthatch -- 82 | |