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Sharpshin Hawk by  
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Juvenile Red-headed WP  
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Brown Creeper by  
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# Christmas Bird Count 2019

## Final results - Dec. 14, 2019

By Clifford Hansen

Searching for owls at 3am - that's how this year's Christmas Bird Count started for some of our volunteers ... and they succeeded in finding Great Horned, Barred and Screech Owls. The rest of us started the day at 7:15 with 9 teams searching a 15 mile radius area centered on Rochester. It was a gray day with light flurries, temps in the teens, and a north breeze that felt pretty cold at times. Some rarities including a Varied Thrush, a Red-headed Woodpecker, a Merlin, a Hermit Thrush, and several Northern Shrike were spotted.

Three count week birds were reported after December 14, but no new count day species. The count week birds are: Song Sparrow, Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, and Red-winged Blackbird. **A total of 50 species were found on the count day.** The results below include six feeder reports.

The most unusual species were hermit thrush, varied thrush, and trumpeter swan. A varied thrush was found in only one previous Rochester bird count (2005). The 66 bald eagles found was the highest ever for the Rochester Christmas bird

### Final results are listed below:

Canada Goose -- 4244  
Trumpeter Swan -- 21  
Mallard -- 1019  
Northern Pintail -- 1  
Common Merganser -- 3  
Ring-necked Pheasant -- 4  
Wild Turkey -- 60  
Sharp-shinned Hawk -- 4  
Cooper's Hawk -- 3  
Bald Eagle -- 66  
  
Red-tailed Hawk -- 50  
Rough-legged Hawk -- 14  
Rock Pigeon -- 175  
Mourning Dove -- 92

Eastern Screech Owl -- 2  
Great Horned Owl -- 6  
Barred Owl -- 2  
Belted Kingfisher -- 1  
Red-headed Woodpecker -- 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker -- 60

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker -- cw  
Downy Woodpecker -- 143  
Hairy Woodpecker -- 41  
Northern Flicker -- 3  
Pileated Woodpecker -- 5  
American Kestrel -- 1  
Merlin -- 1  
Peregrine Falcon -- 1  
Northern Shrike -- 8  
Blue Jay -- 204

American Crow -- 1356  
Horned Lark -- 2  
Black-capped Chickadee -- 406  
Tufted Titmouse -- 9  
Red-breasted Nuthatch -- 2  
White-breasted Nuthatch -- 86  
Brown Creeper -- 1  
Hermit Thrush -- 1  
American Robin -- 37  
Varied Thrush -- 1

European Starling -- 859  
Cedar Waxwing -- 188  
American Tree Sparrow -- 44  
Dark-eyed Junco -- 321  
White-throated Sparrow -- 4  
Song Sparrow -- cw  
Northern Cardinal -- 183  
Red-winged Blackbird -- cw  
Common Grackle -- 2  
House Finch -- 361

Purple Finch -- 3  
American Goldfinch -- 62  
House Sparrow -- 511