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Christmas Bird Count 2021

Final results - Dec. 18, 2021

In 2021 we enjoyed seasonal weather (temps in the teens), some light buffy snow and a little sunshine later in the day. We located nearly all the "expected" birds and also found several less common birds including: a Red-headed Woodpecker, several Tufted Titmouse, a Wood Duck, some Northern Shoveler Ducks, some Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes, a Northern Saw-whet Owl and even a Red-winged Blackbird. Our "owl team" started their day at just after 4 am and they had an encounter with a very unusual owl - possibly a Short-eared Owl - but we were unable to verify it.

At the end of the day several teams gathered at Quarry Hill Nature Center to tally our Pnds and share our day's adventures. The preliminary count (which is being verified) shows that we found at least 54 species on Count Day and another 6 species during count week (12,685 individual birds)!

Many thanks to our Coordinator Clifford Hanson and our Team Leaders and volunteers including: Sandy & Greg Hokanson, Stuart & Ginny Arey, John McCormick, Jerry Pruett, Rod Bolterman, Augie & Susan Krueger, Patty Trnka, Jim Peterson, Dave Nelson, Joyce & Terry Grier, Joanna & Sean Park, Mike Degerstrom, Dave Gross, Brendan Lanpher, Dave & Diane Squillace, Ken Nichols, John & Chris Hockema, Lance Vrieze, Luke Hollander (apologies if I've missed anyone). It takes a lot of dedication and effort to spend the day outside searching for birds. Thanks also to Jenny Doty at Quarry Hill for keeping the building open and providing some hot drinks and snacks during the tally.



Rough-legged Hawk by
Brendan Lanpher



Red-headed Woodpecker
by Terry Grier



Northern Shrike by Terry
Grier

Final results:

Cackling goose 1	Red-headed WP 1	Northern cardinal 172
Canada goose 5804	Red-bellied woodpecker 56	Red-winged blackbird 1
Snow Geese 8 (c)	Downy woodpecker 128	Common grackle 4
Sandhill Cranes 50 (c)	Hairy woodpecker 32	House Pnch 304
Trumpeter Swan 1 (c)	Northern Bicker 4	Common Redpoll (c)
Wood duck 1	Pileated woodpecker 5	Pine siskin 2
Mallard 533	American kestrel 1 (c)	American goldPnch 66
Lesser scaup 3	Merlin 1	House sparrow 756
Northern Shoveler 4	Peregrine falcon 1	Fox sparrow 1
Ring-necked pheasant 19	Northern shrike 2	Snow Buntings 50
Wild turkey 204	Blue jay 140	
Sharp-shinned hawk 3	American crow 1937	Total species 63
Cooper's hawk 5	Horned lark 2	Total individual birds 12,685
Bald eagle 50	Black-capped chickadee 417	Count week birds 8
Red-tailed hawk 9	Tufted titmouse 7	
Rough-legged hawk 6	Red-breasted nuthatch 2	
Northern Harrier 1	White-breasted nuthatch 81	
Rock pigeon 249	Brown creeper 13	
Eurasian collared-dove 1	American robin 40	
Mourning dove 141	European starling 876	
Eastern screech owl 2	Cedar waxwing 95	
Great horned owl 5	American tree sparrow 24	
Barred owl 1	Dark-eyed junco 327	
Northern Saw-whet Owl 1	White-throated sparrow 1	
Belted kingPsher 1 (c)	Song sparrow 2	