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Christmas Bird Count 2023

Final results - Dec. 16, 2023

It isn't often that have to contend with rain on Christmas Count Day but this year our teams did just that. The skies were gray, it was 37 degrees and a light drizzle was falling. Despite that everyone had great success - 57 species on count day plus 7 count more during count week equalling 17,535 individuals! Some unusual birds included: Snow Goose, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Hooded & Common Mergansers, Belted Kingfisher, Coots, Wilson's Snipe, Northern Shrike, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Red-winged Blackbird, White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows.

Open water helped us locate more waterfowl this year including Green-wing Teal, Ruddy Ducks and Hooded and Common Mergansers.

At 5 pm the final tally / pot luck was held at Quarry Hill. It's always fun to get together and compare what we found. Many thanks to Clifford Hansen for organizing our Count, to Quarry Hill Nature Center for providing space for our tally and pot luck, and to our team leaders and the many volunteers who helped to make this year's event a success.



Northern Shrike
Mike Degerstrom



Tufted Titmouse
Sandy Hokanson



Red-winged Blackbird
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Final results:

Snow goose 3	Eastern screech owl 1	Swamp Sparrow 1 (cw)
Cackling goose 8	Great horned owl 8	Northern cardinal 201
Canada goose 8637	Barred owl 3	Red-winged blackbird 1
Wood Duck 1	Belted kingfisher 3	House finch 459
Gadwall 17	Red-headed woodpecker 2	Purple finch 1
Mallard 1106	Red-bellied woodpecker 53	Pine Siskin 6
Northern pintail 1	Downy woodpecker 151	American goldfinch 92
Green-winged teal 1	Hairy woodpecker 43	House sparrow 671
Canvasback (cw)	Northern flicker 4	
Lesser scaup 3	Pileated woodpecker 13	Total Number of species: 64
Common goldeneye 3	American kestrel 6	Total birds: 17,535
Hooded merganser 1	Merlin 1	Count week (cw) birds: 7
Common merganser 2	Peregrine falcon 1	
Ruddy duck 3	Northern shrike 3	
Ring-necked pheasant 12	Blue jay 235	
Wild turkey 261	American crow 1771	
Turkey Vulture 1 (cw)	Black-capped chickadee 320	
Northern Harrier 1 (cw)	Tufted titmouse 10	
Sharp-shinned hawk 1 (cw)	White-breasted nuthatch 113	
Cooper's hawk 5	Brown creeper 5	
Bald eagle 19	American robin 74	
Red-tailed hawk 44	European starling 1746	
Rough-legged Hawk (cw)	Cedar Waxwing 1 (cw)	
American coot 14	American tree sparrow 70	
Wilson's snipe 1	Dark-eyed junco 366	
Rock pigeon 714	White-crowned sparrow 1	
Eurasian collared-dove 9	White-throated sparrow 4	
Mourning dove 225	Song sparrow 7	



Merlin
Mike Degerstrom