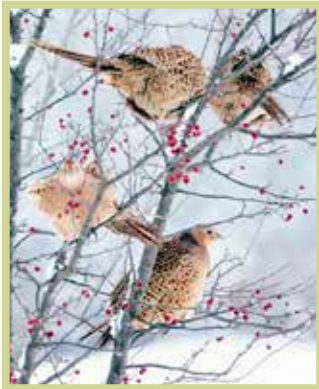


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Pheasants by Terry Grier



Juvenile Cormorant  
By Susan Kruger



White-crowned Sparrow by  
Sandy Hokanson

# Christmas Bird Count 2022

## Final results - Dec. 17, 2022

For most of our counters the day started at 7:15am when we all met at Silver Lake to divide into teams. A few hardy birders started much earlier to search for owls but were only able to locate two Great Horneds. It was probably the prettiest count day we've ever had. Recent snowfalls covered everything in a white frosting and it felt like we were walking through a Christmas card. Temps stayed steady at 18 degrees, but a stiff breeze kept everyone bundled up in open areas.

Preliminary totals show that our teams found **58 species plus 8 more during count week**, a total of 12,274 birds! These included nearly all of our "regular" winter birds and several less common species including: Swans, Ruddy Duck, Great Blue Heron, Coots, Shrike, Field Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow & Lapland Longspur. We noted that Tufted Titmouse are becoming more common (15 found) and large numbers of Cedar waxwings (298) and Snow Buntings (180) we're seen. Eight more birds - American Black Duck, Redhead Duck, Wood Duck, Common Merganser, Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Merlin, and Red-winged Blackbird - were also located during count week.

At 5pm some of us gathered again at Quarry Hill to tally our section's birds and to share stories about the day. *Thank you Clifford for the warm soup and bread!*

**Many thanks to Coordinator Clifford Hanson, all of our Team Leaders, and all the volunteers** who got up early and stayed out late searching for birds. Everyone's help made a difference and was much appreciated.

### Final results:

Snow Goose 1	Mourning dove 148	Cedar waxwing 298
Canada goose 3684	eastern Screech Owl 1 cw	Lapland longspur 1
Tundra Swan 13	Great horned owl 2	Snow bunting 180
Truypeter Swan 7	Barred Owl 1 cw	American tree sparrow 340
Swan Species 20	Belted kingfisher 2	Field sparrow 1
American black duck 1 cw	Red-bellied woodpecker 54	Dark-eyed junco 906
Wood duck 1 cw	Downy woodpecker 159	White-crowned sparrow 1
Mallard 935	Hairy woodpecker 38	Harris's sparrow 1
Green-winged teal 4	Northern flicker 4	White-throated sparrow 5
Redhead 1 cw	Pileated woodpecker 10	Song sparrow 4
Ring-necked duck 7	American kestrel 4	Northern cardinal 238
Common goldeneye 1	Merlin 1 cw	Red-winged blackbird 1 cw
Ruddy duck 1	Peregrine falcon 1	House finch 337
Ring-necked pheasant 11	Northern shrike 1	Purple finch 9
Wild turkey 145	Blue jay 249	American goldfinch 235
Double-crested cormorant 1	American crow 1769	House sparrow 660
Great blue heron 3	Horned lark 4	
Sharp-shinned hawk 3	Black-capped chickadee 348	<b>Number of species 58</b>
Cooper's hawk 4	Tufted titmouse 15	<b>Total birds 12,274</b>
Bald eagle 58	Red-breasted nuthatch 6	<b>Count week (cw) birds 8</b>
Red-tailed hawk 46	White-breasted nuthatch 107	
Rough-legged hawk 10	Brown creeper 6	
American coot 3	Eastern bluebird 2	
Rock pigeon 319	American robin 85	
Eurasian collared-dove 2	European starling 765	