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Tufted Titmouse by Dave Gross



Red Tailed Hawk by Michael Degerstrom



Pheasant by Brendan Lanpher

Christmas Bird Count 2017

Final results - updated Jan. 1, 2018

By Clifford Hansen

Thank you all for participating in the Rochester Christmas bird count on December 16, 2017

We had 30 field participants in nine teams that found 50 different species. The total number of birds counted was 17,987. Not surprisingly, the most numerous were Canada Goose (9884) and American Crow (2960). The number of crows was a new high for the Rochester count.

Yellow-rumped warbler was found for the first time on the Rochester count, near Oronoco.

We picked up a few additional species from feeder reports and other reports from the day of the count that trickled in: northern harrier, red-shouldered hawk, barred owl, common redpoll, Carolina wren, and red-breasted nuthatch. We ended up with 50 species for the day of the count, with no additional count week birds.

Final reults are listed below:

Canada Goose -- 9884
Tundra Swan -- 2
Mallard -- 767
Lesser Scaup -- 1
Common Goldeneye -- 1
Common Merganser -- 8
Ring-necked Pheasant -- 7
Wild Turkey -- 38
Northern Harrier -- 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk -- 7
Cooper's Hawk -- 4
Bald Eagle -- 23
Red-shouldered Hawk -- 1
Red-tailed Hawk -- 64

Rough-legged Hawk -- 14 Rock Pigeon -- 668 Mourning Dove -- 150 Eastern Screech-Owl -- 2 Great Horned Owl -- 5 Barred Owl -- 2 Red-bellied Woodpecker -- 47 Downy Woodpecker -- 123 Hairy Woodpecker -- 39 Northern Flicker -- 2 Pileated Woodpecker -- 13 American Kestrel -- 2 Peregrine Falcon -- 1 Northern Shrike -- 3 Blue Jay -- 239 American Crow -- 2960 Black-capped Chickadee -- 476 Tufted Titmouse -- 11 Red-breasted Nuthatch -- 2 White-breasted Nuthatch -- 151 Brown Creeper -- 4 Carolina Wren -- 2 American Robin -- 12 European Starling -- 726 Cedar Waxwing -- 28 Yellow-rumped Warbler -- 1 American Tree Sparrow -- 74 Dark-eyed Junco -- 274 Song Sparrow -- 1 Northern Cardinal -- 150 House Finch -- 369 Purple Finch -- 13 Common Redpoll -- 1 Pine Siskin -- 45 American Goldfinch -- 103 House Sparrow -- 466 Total Individuals -- 17987