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Tufted Titmouse by Dave Gross



Red Tailed Hawk by Michael Degerstrom



Pheasant by Brendan Lanpher

Christmas Bird Count 2017

Preliminary results - Dec. 17, 2017

By Clifford Hansen

We had 30 field participants in nine teams that found 46 different species. The total number of birds counted was 17,557. Not surprisingly, the most numerous were Canada Goose (9875) and American Crow (2947). 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.

Some relatively common species that we missed were: Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Horned Lark, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, White-throated Sparrow, and Common Redpoll. We may pick up some of these on mailed-in feeder reports.

If you see any additional species between now and the end of the day Tuesday, please let me know. We can list these as "count week" species.

Preliminary totals, not including feeder reports, are listed below:

Canada Goose -- 9875

Tundra Swan -- 2

Mallard -- 767

Lesser Scaup -- 1

Common Goldeneye -- 1

Common Merganser -- 8

Ring-necked Pheasant -- 6

Wild Turkey -- 36

Northern Harrier -- 1

Sharp-shinned Hawk -- 5

Cooper's Hawk -- 4

Bald Eagle -- 23

Red-tailed Hawk -- 63

Rough-legged Hawk -- 14

Rock Pigeon -- 668

Mourning Dove -- 130

Eastern Screech-Owl -- 1

Great Horned Owl -- 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker -- 37

Downy Woodpecker -- 95

Hairy Woodpecker -- 31

Northern Flicker -- 1

Pileated Woodpecker -- 8

American Kestrel -- 2

Peregrine Falcon -- 1

Northern Shrike -- 3

Blue Jay -- 211

American Crow -- 2947 (this is a new high number for the Rochester count)

Black-capped Chickadee -- 410

Tufted Titmouse -- 7

White-breasted Nuthatch -- 125

Brown Creeper -- 2

Carolina Wren -- 2

American Robin -- 12

European Starling -- 726

Cedar Waxwing -- 28

Yellow-rumped Warbler -- 1 (first time this has been found on the Rochester count!)

American Tree Sparrow -- 73

Dark-eyed Junco -- 228

Song Sparrow -- 1

Northern Cardinal -- 120

House Finch -- 337

Purple Finch -- 13

Common Redpoll -- cw

Pine Siskin -- 29

American Goldfinch -- 59

House Sparrow -- 440