

## Spring Census – May 12 to 18, 2004

This annual event, a/k/a "Century Day", is an attempt to locate as many species of birds as possible within Ulster County during a 24-hour time period. This year, four parties, consisting of seven individuals, conducted counts on four separate days during the count period. Group C was out in the field from 3:30 AM - 9:00 PM under partly to mostly cloudy skies, with thunderstorms and heavy rain by late day and evening. Temperatures were generally very warm, reaching the mid-80's during the period. The four field parties encountered a total of 133 species.

Highlights included several Ring-necked Ducks at the Great Vly, Red-breasted Merganser, several Pied-billed Grebes (Vly and Humpo Marsh), two Common Moorhens and a Red-headed Woodpecker at Humpo Marsh, and a very good view of an Olive-sided Flycatcher feeding and singing from an open perch in the Loughran Road marsh (Esopus). One Northern Harrier was recorded, seven species of shorebirds, seven species of woodpecker, 22 species of warblers (including Tennessee, Blackpoll, Wilson's, and several Worm-eating), Orchard Oriole, and two Black Vultures provided close views as they were observed feeding at the side of the road on Rt. 28 adjacent to the Ashokan Reservoir - possibly representing an extreme northern record for Black Vultures in Ulster County.

Disappointments include not encountering Cerulean Warbler at a traditionally reliable location for the second consecutive year, missing several additional warbler species (Nashville, Cape May, Bay-breasted), missing Blue-headed Vireo, two common owls, Bald Eagle, both Kinglets, Bank Swallow, and not recording any White-crowned Sparrows when a flock of ~12 had been observed the day prior to a count. Vesper, Grasshopper, and Henslow's Sparrows continue to elude us on count day.

There were no major waves of warblers and relatively few migrating birds in general - most birds were already on territory. My personal thought is that the migration was very short and early this year, leaf-out occurred very early, and temperatures were warmer than is typical for an extended period, resulting in abundant insect resources for migrating passerines. I want to thank those who participated in the census and submitted their results

– Steve Chorvas (compiler)

Field parties: **Group A** – Kellen and Tristan Mortensen (May 18)

**Group B** – Al Brayton (May 15)

**Group C** – Larry Alden, Steve Chorvas, and Frank Murphy (May 12)

**Group D** – Irene Washauer (May 16)

### 2004 Century Day Composite List

Species	Group			
	A	B	C	D
Canada Goose	A	B	C	D
Mute Swan	A	B	C	
Wood Duck	A	B	C	
Mallard	A	B	C	
Ring-necked Duck		B	C	
Hooded Merganser			C	
Common Merganser			C	
Red-breasted Merganser		B		
Wild Turkey	A		C	D
Common Loon			C	
Pied-billed Grebe		B	C	
Double-crested Cormorant	A	B	C	
Great Blue Heron	A		C	D
Green Heron	A		C	
Black Vulture			C	
Turkey Vulture	A	B	C	
Northern Harrier				D
Cooper's Hawk			C	
Red-shouldered Hawk		B	C	
Broad-winged Hawk		B		

Species	Group			
	A	B	C	D
Red-tailed Hawk	A	B	C	D
American Kestrel	A		C	
Virginia Rail			C	
Common Moorhen			C	
Killdeer	A	B	C	D
Greater Yellowlegs			C	
Lesser Yellowlegs			C	
Solitary Sandpiper			C	
Spotted Sandpiper			C	
Upland Sandpiper			C	
Least Sandpiper			C	
American Woodcock			C	
Ring-billed Gull	A	B	C	
Herring Gull	A		C	
Great Black-backed Gull	A		C	
Rock Pigeon	A		C	
Mourning Dove	A	B	C	D
Barred Owl		B	C	
Whip-poor-will			C	
Chimney Swift	A	B	C	D

## 2004 Century Day Composite List (continued)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	A	B	C	D
Belted Kingfisher	A		C	
Red-headed Woodpecker			C	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	A	B	C	D
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			C	
Downy Woodpecker	A	B	C	D
Hairy Woodpecker	A		C	
Northern Flicker	A	B	C	D
Pileated Woodpecker	A	B	C	
Olive-sided Flycatcher			C	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	A		C	D
Willow Flycatcher		B	C	
Least Flycatcher	A	B	C	
Eastern Phoebe	A	B	C	
Great Crested Flycatcher	A	B	C	D
Eastern Kingbird	A	B	C	
Yellow-throated Vireo	A	B	C	
Warbling Vireo	A	B	C	
Red-eyed Vireo	A	B	C	
Blue Jay	A	B	C	D
American Crow	A	B	C	D
Fish Crow			C	
Common Raven			C	
Purple Martin	A		C	
Tree Swallow	A	B	C	D
N Rough-winged Swallow		B	C	
Cliff Swallow			C	
Barn Swallow	A	B	C	D
Black-capped Chickadee	A	B	C	D
Tufted Titmouse	A	B	C	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			C	
White-breasted Nuthatch			C	
Brown Creeper		B	C	
Carolina Wren	A	B	C	
House Wren			C	D
Winter Wren			C	
Marsh Wren			C	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		B	C	
Eastern Bluebird	A	B	C	D
Veery			C	
Hermit Thrush			C	
Wood Thrush	A	B	C	D
American Robin	A	B	C	D
Gray Catbird	A	B	C	D
Northern Mockingbird	A	B	C	D
Brown Thrasher		B	C	D
European Starling	A	B	C	D

Cedar Waxwing	A	B	C	
Blue-winged Warbler	A		C	D
Tennessee Warbler			C	
Northern Parula		B	C	
Yellow Warbler	A	B	C	D
Chestnut-sided Warbler		B	C	
Magnolia Warbler			C	
Black-throated Blue Warbler		B	C	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		B	C	
Black-throated Green Warbler			C	
Blackburnian Warbler			C	
Pine Warbler			C	
Prairie Warbler		B	C	
Blackpoll Warbler	A	B	C	
Black-and-White Warbler	A		C	
American Redstart	A	B	C	
Worm-eating Warbler		B	C	
Ovenbird	A	B	C	
Northern Waterthrush			C	
Louisiana Waterthrush		B	C	
Common Yellowthroat	A	B	C	D
Wilson's Warbler			C	
Canada Warbler		B		
Scarlet Tanager	A	B	C	
Eastern Towhee	A		C	
Chipping Sparrow	A	B	C	D
Field Sparrow	A	B	C	D
Savannah Sparrow			C	D
Song Sparrow	A	B	C	D
Swamp Sparrow			C	
White-throated Sparrow			C	
Dark-eyed Junco			C	
Northern Cardinal	A	B	C	D
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	A	B	C	D
Indigo Bunting	A	B	C	
Bobolink	A	B	C	D
Red-winged Blackbird	A	B	C	D
Eastern Meadowlark	A	B	C	D
Common Grackle	A	B	C	D
Brown-headed Cowbird	A	B	C	D
Orchard Oriole	A		C	
Baltimore Oriole	A	B	C	D
Purple Finch			C	
House Finch	A	B	C	D
American Goldfinch	A	B	C	D
House Sparrow	A	B	C	D
<b>Totals →</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>45</b>

**Composite Total – 133 species**