

Ulster/Dutchess (NYUD) Christmas Bird Count – Saturday, December 26, 2012

Happy New Year All,

The second annual Ulster/Dutchess (NYUD) Christmas Bird Count was conducted on Wednesday, December 26th 2012. Conditions were raw with a slight breeze and overcast skies present most of the day and temperatures ranging from the low to mid twenties. A trace of snow cover was sporadic, leaving corn fields and similar foraging opportunities exposed. A thin layer of ice was evident on standing and smaller bodies of water. The Hudson River was free of ice but did have a steady chop on the surface. Low tide at Kingston Point was 6:00 am and allowed for timely access to areas like Sleightsburg Spit and Tivoli Bays. Nocturnal visibility was excellent aided by a stronger breeze which detracted from listening and drawing capability.

Our count day total increased dramatically from last year's 82 species with 92 species this year as did our count week total of 98 species compared to last year's 84 species. Count day highlights included 1 Common Loon, 1 Double-crested Cormorant, 1 American Bittern, 50 Snow Geese, 1 Brant, 5 Wood Ducks, 2 Long-tailed Ducks, 1 Ruddy Duck, 1 Rough-legged Hawk, 1 American Coot, 1 Killdeer, 1 Short-eared Owl, 30 Horned Larks, 39 American Pipits, 3 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 1 Eastern Towhee, 1 Chipping Sparrow, 2 Field Sparrows, 1 Fox Sparrow, 2 Rusty Blackbirds, 12 Purple Finches, 5 Red Crossbills, 60 Common Redpolls, and 5 Pine Siskins. Count week additions were Ring-necked Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Goshawk, Iceland Gull, Marsh Wren, and Magnolia Warbler. Our total individual number dipped from 26,034 birds last year to 18,434 this year but consideration must be given to exceptionally large blackbird flocks that padded last year's numbers substantially. Thirty five individuals in twelve field parties covered ten sectors and were aided by four feeder watchers.

A compilation dinner was held after the count in Kingston's Hasbrouck Park and well -attended considering the gathering storm outside. Thank you to those who participated in the compilation and to Jessica Prockup, Susan Rogers, and Kyla Haber for the excellent food and Lin Fagan and Denny Droica for the libations. Also, a very special THANK YOU to Steve Chorvas who's stewardship in the development of this new count has been essential.

SAVE THE DATE:

3RD ANNUAL NYUD CBC 12/28/13

Respectfully submitted,
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co-compilers NYUD CBC

SECTOR A WEST SAUGERTIES Vanessa Lane, David Rankin, Wes Finger (feeder watcher)

SECTOR B SAUGERTIES (1) Alan Beebe, Steve Chorvas, Eileen Cunningham, (2) Denny Droica, Doreen Beebe (feeder watcher)

SECTOR C CHEVIOT Allan Bowdery, Greg Esch, Rick Glatz, George Steele

SECTOR D KERLEYS CORNERS Susan Rogers, Peter Schoenberger

SECTOR E WOODSTOCK (1) Peter Schuyler, Steve Schuyler, (2) Jeff Nerp, Glen Van Gorden, Bob DeDea (feeder watcher)

SECTOR F LAKE KATRINE David Arner, Lynn Bowdery, Lin Fagan, Maeve Maure

SECTOR G ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON Jim Clinton, Erik Kiviat, Jessica Prockup

SECTOR H RED HOOK Fred Baumgarten, Renee Burgevin, Barbara Butler, Ann Gilbert, Susan Gilnack, Jerry Gilnack (feeder watcher)

SECTOR I KINGSTON Mark DeDea, Charles Seymour, Donna Seymour

SECTOR J RHINEBECK Rodney Johnson, Deb Kral, Gene McGarry, Wendy Tocci

Total	NYUD Christmas Bird Count December 26, 2012 (2 / 113)	A	B1	B2	C	D	E1	E2	F	G	H	I	J
50	Snow Goose									50			
1	Brant *											1	
5,746	Canada Goose	79	257	355	1080	548	92	478	644	583	590	810	230
28	Mute Swan		13		2				5		8		
5	Wood Duck									5			
6	Gadwall								4		2		
1,132	American Black Duck	1	4	100	43	16	4	4	106	784	17	46	7
623	Mallard	56	65	29	34	2	18	61	110	43	113	42	50
1	<i>Mallard x Black Hybrid</i>												1
cw	Ring-necked Duck *		cw										
4	Greater Scaup									4			
2	Long-tailed Duck									2			
8	Bufflehead				1		2		1	4			
34	Common Goldeneye								6	12		16	
37	Hooded Merganser	2	10		3		15		2	5			
131	Common Merganser		25	19	8	1	17		11	14		22	14
cw	Red-breasted Merganser *												cw
1	Ruddy Duck *				1								
2	Ring-necked Pheasant					1				1			
91	Wild Turkey				10				20	15	23	15	8
1	Common Loon				1								
1	Double-crested Cormorant *				1								
1	American Bittern *									1			
11	Great Blue Heron	3	4							1		1	2
4	Black Vulture					1				3			
1	Turkey Vulture									1			
13	Bald Eagle		2 A	1 A			1		1	4	1		3
5	Northern Harrier					3				1	1		
4	Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1				1		1	
11	Cooper's Hawk	1	1	1		1	1	1	2			2	1
cw	Northern Goshawk *												cw
3	Red-shouldered Hawk	2								1			
93	Red-tailed Hawk	10	8	1	13	8		8	9	4	11	13	8
1	Rough-legged Hawk									1			
1	American Coot *				1								
1	Killdeer *					1							
459	Ring-billed Gull	8	26	32	38		11	3	1	91		242	7
21	Herring Gull								3	6		12	

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cw	Iceland Gull *											cw	
19	Great Black-backed Gull		2	2	2				2	1		7	3
6	Gull sp.				1			5					
269	Rock Pigeon	43	4		17	30		40	18	6	20	85	6
357	Mourning Dove	16	12	12	16	87	4	66	52	10	45	17	20
7	Eastern Screech-Owl		1			1				5			
3	Great Horned Owl				1					2			
7	Barred Owl		2		3					1			1
1	Short-eared Owl					1							
7	Belted Kingfisher		1				1		1	2		1	1
95	Red-bellied Woodpecker	17	5	4	12	6	5		5	22	12	4	3
17	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2			1			2	10	1		1
139	Downy Woodpecker	11	20	9	17	5	10	7	9	17	15	16	3
36	Hairy Woodpecker	5	4	3	4	1	3	2	1	4	6	3	
12	Northern Flicker		2	1	3	4				1	1		
20	Pileated Woodpecker	2	1	2		1	2	1	1	5	4		1
4	American Kestrel					1				1	1	1	
1	Merlin *										1		
268	Blue Jay	18	35	9	51	20	11	18	10	27	43	18	8
860	American Crow	18	23	28	39	83	31	60	305	57	95	46	75
9	Common Raven	4								1	2	2	
30	Horned Lark					30							
493	Black-capped Chickadee	54	64	3	81	17	66	19	29	74	25	52	9
340	Tufted Titmouse	59	31	3	31	8	81	7	22	43	24	25	6
4	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3								1			
187	White-breasted Nuthatch	19	21	4	18	5	22	2	18	33	31	11	3
12	Brown Creeper	3	2			1				4	1	1	
13	Winter Wren	1	3	4						2		3	
cw	Marsh Wren		cw										
55	Carolina Wren	7	6	4	3	2	4	3	1	9	9	6	1
18	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	6	2	1			1	1	6			
6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			2			2		1	
101	Eastern Bluebird	11			22	3	15	10	6	8	3	12	11
2	Hermit Thrush		1							1			
111	American Robin	6	1	5	47	18	1			1	1	7	24
34	Northern Mockingbird	2	3	4	6	3		2	3	3	1	5	2
2,400	European Starling	180	70	72	790	163		63	337	146	139	380	60
39	American Pipit					12							27
19	Cedar Waxwing				12			7					
cw	Magnolia Warbler*		cw										
3	Yellow-rumped Warbler												3
1	Eastern Towhee *					1							
276	American Tree Sparrow	48	42	6	15	29	6	1	3	72	12	36	6
1	Chipping Sparrow *									1			
2	Field Sparrow		2										
4	Savannah Sparrow					4							
1	Fox Sparrow	1											
101	Song Sparrow	11	26	1	1	9	2	10	3	9	12	14	3
11	Swamp Sparrow		2	1		1				2		2	3
329	White-throated Sparrow	26	47	2	64	18	21	1	16	22	29	63	20

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1,725	Dark-eyed Junco	157	158	35	188	106	150	126	145	234	229	47	150
262	Northern Cardinal	22	45	10	46	18	4	19	6	21	12	55	4
33	Red-winged Blackbird	17								16			
2	Rusty Blackbird					1				1			
87	Brown-headed Cowbird				75						12		
12	Purple Finch		2				2				8		
118	House Finch	7	16		4	2	12	6	2	3	12	52	2
5	Red Crossbill *									5			
62	Common Redpoll	2	1	1		8	1		31	9	9		
5	Pine Siskin								1	4			
102	American Goldfinch	18	24		3	8	13	2	5	11	11	7	
758	House Sparrow	18	58	10	168	40	49	80	129	24	19	157	6

18,434	Total Individuals	969	1,160	776	2,978	1,331	775	1,113	2,089	2,576	1,611	2,359	793
92	Total Species (+ 6 cw)	41	48	35	45	48	34	30	44	71	42	44	39

* unusual species cw = count week

Gray Shaded Columns: Dutchess County