

## **Ulster/Dutchess (NYUD) Christmas Bird Count – 7th Annual NYUD CBC - December 27, 2017**

Greetings,

The seventh annual Ulster/Dutchess (NYUD) Christmas Bird Count was conducted on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We've been fortunate, for continuity sake, to hold this count within a three day window from 12/26-12/28. 41 birders in 14 field parties along with two feeder watchers observed a new high total of **95 species (+2 cw species)** for the NYUD CBC. The **20,792 individual birds** counted were nearly 3000 more than our average for the previous six counts and represented our second highest total (23,039 in 2011). Of the species that have appeared three or more years on this count seventeen species were recorded at a new high number and six species at a new low total. To illustrate how complete a team effort this year's count was an outstanding seven species were added to our composite NYUD list from seven different sectors! This raised our composite total after seven counts to **120 species**. Exceptional finds included a soaring Golden Eagle in Sector E, a vocalizing Long-eared Owl in Sector G, an unexpected Red-headed Woodpecker in Sector J, two cooperative Lapland Longspurs in Sector D, and a female White-winged Scoter in Sector F. Two species, a House Wren in Sector B and an Iceland Gull in Sector I moved from "CW" historical status to join us on count day.

Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees at 6:00 a.m. (having dropped from 8 degrees at the start of our nocturnal effort at 4:00 a.m.) to a balmy 26 degrees mid-day. Luckily diurnal birders basked in a sun-filled day with calm winds. Standing bodies of water were iced over but the Hudson and it's tributaries within the circle remained open and definitely helped field parties locate a very respectable 16 species of waterfowl. Three inches of a powdery snow cover was rare for the NYUD and surely helped to consolidate sparrows roadside and maybe even aid in our record number of Snow Buntings.

A big "thank you" as always to Steve Chorvas for inputting and arranging all the data for this count and to all those who cooked, baked, and cleaned up to lessen the load for my now very pregnant wife. Also a special thanks to Dave Hayes for providing a beautiful facelift to our sector maps. Finally, to all those in the field (as listed below) congratulations and thank you on our most productive and successful count yet. Included with participants are notable bird species from each sector.

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH 2018 ULSTER/DUTCHESS  
(NYUD) CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

### **Sector A (West Saugerties) 41 species 2,048 individuals**

Corey Finger, Vanessa Lane, George Moxham, and Mary Moxham  
Rusty Blackbird, Winter Wren, Field Sparrow, and Hermit Thrush

**Sector B (Saugerties) B1N 48 species 1,674 individuals B2S 48 species 925 individuals**

B1N Alan Beebe, Doreen Beebe (fw), and Steve Chorvas B2S Gilbert Thomson and Tyrell Thomson

Mute Swan, Cackling Goose, Northern Pintail, Snow Bunting, House Wren, Gray Catbird, 10 Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Great Black-backed Gull

**Sector C (Cheviot) 44 species 2175 individuals**

Greg Esch and George Steele

Black Vulture, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and 336 American Robin

**Sector D (Kerleys Corners) 53 species 3224 individuals**

Susan Fox Rogers and Peter Schoenberger

Lapland Longspur, Purple Finch, White-crowned Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Horned Lark, and Snow Bunting

**Sector E (Woodstock) E1 26 species 388 individuals E2 38 species 614 individuals**

E1 Allan Bowdery and Dan Porter E2 Dixon Onderdonk, Loren Quimby, and Dan Spencer

Peregrine Falcon and Golden Eagle

**Sector F (Lake Katrine) 44 species 1708 individuals**

Lynn Bowdery, Lin Fagan, and Jane Simmons

White-winged Scoter, Northern Pintail, Snow Goose, and Horned Lark

**Sector G (Annandale-on-Hudson) G1 58 species 1895 individuals G2 16 species 262 individuals**

G1 Jim Clinton, Jess Prockup, Jim Prockup, and Mathew Rymkiewicz G2 Doug Bean, Carol Fredericks, and Ken Fredericks

Long-eared Owl, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Black Vulture, Field Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird

**Sector H (Red Hook) H1N 38 species 1022 individuals H2S 34 species 606 individuals**

H1N Adrienne Popko and Chet Vincent H2S Barbara Butler, Jim Closs, Ginny Collins, Roberta Dopson, and Dominic Sherony

Chipping Sparrow, Rough-legged Hawk, and Ring-necked Pheasant

**Sector I (Kingston) 61 species 2952 individuals**

Charlotte Adamis, Mark DeDea, Annie Mardiney, and Donna Seymour

Snowy Owl, Iceland Gull, Killdeer, Eastern Towhee, Red-breasted Merganser, and Great Blue Heron

**Sector J (Rhinebeck) 52 species 1299 individuals**

Dave Hayes, Rodney Johnson, Deb Kral, and Wendy Tocci

Red-headed Woodpecker, Lincoln's Sparrow, Canvasback, Fish Crow, Greater Scaup,  
and Peregrine Falcon

# NYUD CBC Summary – December 27, 2017

Total	NYUD Christmas Bird Count December 27, 2017 (7 / 118th)	A	B1N	B2S	C	D	E1	E2	F	G1	G2	H1N	H2S	I	J
7	Snow Goose								2	2				2	1
1	Cackling Goose *			1											
5,085	Canada Goose	220	155	338	470	440		29	431	697	124	110	300	1325	446
12	Mute Swan		2							6				4	
96	American Black Duck			7	30	26				8		4		16	5
467	Mallard	4	14	7	70	61	65		64	71		17		92	2
3	Northern Pintail *			1					2						
2	Green-winged Teal *									2					
2	Canvasback *														2
56	Ring-necked Duck*									56					
2	Greater Scaup														2
80	<i>Scaup sp.</i>			80											
1	White-winged Scoter								1						
6	Bufflehead									1				3	2
41	Common Goldeneye			3	12				23					3	
30	Hooded Merganser					7		2	17	2				2	
217	Common Merganser		3	56	71	17			6	17				26	21
1	Red-breasted Merganser *													1	
1	Ring-necked Pheasant												1		
96	Wild Turkey	9						31	4	1		20	15	16	
cw	Common Loon								cw						
1	Great Blue Heron													1	
88	Black Vulture				6	10			1	65		3	1		2
8	Northern Harrier			1		1		2	2				1	1	
4	Sharp-shinned Hawk				2									1	1
14	Cooper's Hawk	1	2		1	3	1	1	2				2		1
35	Bald Eagle	1	2	12	3	2	1		2	1				8	3
11	Red-shouldered Hawk	2	1	1		1	1		1	1		2		1	
88	Red-tailed Hawk	10	5	5	10	12		8	14	5		1	3	4	11
1	Rough-legged Hawk											1			
1	Golden Eagle *							1							
1	Killdeer *													1	
185	Ring-billed Gull	2	7	45	6			1	11	5				106	2
21	Herring Gull			2										19	
1	Iceland Gull *													1	
2	Great Black-backed Gull			1						1					
270	Rock Pigeon		16	2	40	11	11	6	1			66		11	106
240	Mourning Dove	34	16	5	45	29	5	14	26	7		21	5	28	5
16	Eastern Screech-Owl		1			3				7				2	3
7	Great Horned Owl		1		1	1								3	1
1	Snowy Owl *													1	
7	Barred Owl				1	2		2		1				1	
1	Long-eared Owl *									1					
14	Belted Kingfisher		1	3		1				1			2	4	2
1	Red-headed Woodpecker *														1
175	Red-bellied Woodpecker	15	18	8	23	5	3	7	7	22	15	14	8	11	19
39	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		4		4	1			1	10		6	1	2	10
157	Downy Woodpecker	14	15	13	12	12	7	7	2	19	3	11	5	21	16
38	Hairy Woodpecker		9	5	3	2	2			6		4		4	3
43	Northern Flicker	2	5	3	3	1		1		7		2	2	7	10
33	Pileated Woodpecker	3	6	3	2	3		2	1	7		1	2		3
2	Merlin *													1	1
2	Peregrine Falcon *							1							1

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475	Blue Jay	61	67	10	54	44	12	11	31	44	12	52	23	41	13
765	American Crow	72	12	34	25	76	6	18	123	43	6	27	16	84	223
4	Fish Crow														4
15	Common Raven		1			3		3	1	1				2	4
47	Horned Lark					46			1						
394	Black-capped Chickadee	49	85	22	26	17	16	2	3	68	10	37	5	48	6
331	Tufted Titmouse	33	65	5	27	38	13	6	23	33	14	35	8	17	14
cw	Red-breasted Nuthatch												cw		
232	White-breasted Nuthatch	29	35	7	19	8	8	10	4	40	13	18	3	19	19
28	Brown Creeper	7	5		1		2	2		11					
1	House Wren *			1											
9	Winter Wren	1	2					1		2			1	1	1
93	Carolina Wren	19	22	3	2	5	1	3	1	16	2	4		11	4
73	Golden-crowned Kinglet	7	12	7	4	5				12		4	1	21	
7	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	2						3				1	
168	Eastern Bluebird	18	38	2	11	1		10	6	35		2	4	17	24
8	Hermit Thrush	1	3							3				1	
1,290	American Robin	117	256	3	336	221	37	2	66	84	6	81	23	37	21
1	Gray Catbird			1											
37	Northern Mockingbird	2	4	4	6	3		2	2	2		2	2	6	2
2,859	European Starling	255	161	106	220	1371	1	218	242	53		17	25	168	22
308	Cedar Waxwing	52	32	8	6	38	11		47	25	12	34	11	32	
2	Lapland Longspur *					2									
142	Snow Bunting		2			140									
26	Yellow-rumped Warbler		10		3					8				5	
409	American Tree Sparrow	91	14	1	22	155	3	10	5	32		6	3	53	14
2	Chipping Sparrow *					1						1			
3	Field Sparrow	1				1				1					
2,227	Dark-eyed Junco	516	152	28	349	179	126	153	137	108	11	167	65	131	105
3	White-crowned Sparrow					3									
972	White-throated Sparrow	163	115	21	64	45	31	18	76	96	21	86	34	128	74
12	Savannah Sparrow			1	3	8									
176	Song Sparrow	48	18	6	16	15		6	5	18	3	3	3	31	4
1	Lincoln's Sparrow *														1
12	Swamp Sparrow	1	4	1						2				3	1
1	Eastern Towhee *													1	
283	Northern Cardinal	42	51	14	19	12	8	10	17	36	3	15	5	48	3
60	Red-winged Blackbird	2						6	40	10					2
14	Rusty Blackbird	8								6					
20	Common Grackle	3		1		16									
38	Brown-headed Cowbird					8						30			
255	House Finch	20	32	6	53	21	5	2	48	10		12	4	39	3
1	Purple Finch					1									
217	American Goldfinch	27	21	13	22		11	4	2	48	7	7	4	30	21
1,058	House Sparrow	86	171	16	72	90	1	2	207	16		99	18	248	32

<b>20,792</b>	<b>Total Individuals</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>3,224</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>1,299</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>Total Species (+2 cw)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>

\* unusual species    cw = count week (not included in totals)

Shaded Columns: Dutchess County