

This year's May bird count was held on the 24th, a beautiful, sunny spring day. But as is often the case, the number of birds was inversely related to the quality of the weather. The final tally comprised only 170 species, the second lowest total of the past fifteen years and well below the average of 177. The total of 25,190 birds counted is up from last year when dried-up sloughs affected the number of waterfowl but still well below average.

Despite wetter conditions than in the past several years, numbers of some water dependent birds continues to suffer. Eared Grebe numbers have fallen precipitously over the past few counts; 1059 in 2000, 542 in 2001, 209 last year and only 25 this year. Only 10 Western Grebes were found this year compared to an average of 100 in past counts. Numbers of the commoner duck species were between 30% and 70% below average and American Coots were down 80%. More shoreline habitat resulted in a bounce in shorebird numbers from last year's very low levels.

Northern Harriers repeated their poor performance of last year, but the other common hawks had typical abundances except for American Kestrels. In the battle of the buteos, Redtails defeated Swainsons for the sixth year running. One Osprey and two Peregrine Falcons were sighted, and five Turkey Vultures, a new high count.

Forster's Terns were found in double their usual numbers, but Black Terns were still down although not as low as last year. Hairy Woodpeckers were unusually abundant. The Corvids put in their usual fine showing. Swallow numbers were below average but Black-capped Chickadees were up. Thrushes were scarce.

Compared to last year, warblers were a bust. Last year, a major warbler fall-out occurred on count day; many rare warblers were seen in unusually large numbers. This year we were back to Yellow and Tennessee Warblers with a small sampling of others. Only 13 species were sighted.

Common sparrows were found in typical numbers but rarer sparrows were scarce. This is the first year in my

records with no Baird's Sparrow. Western Meadowlark numbers returned to more normal levels but Bobolinks did not. Surprisingly, fewer House Finches were counted in the city this year.

The count did produce some rarities. For the first time on the May count, Bohemian Waxwings were sighted by Margaret Koshinsky's group in the East area of the city. The latest spring record for Bohemians listed in the Birds of Saskatoon is before mid May so this record is exceptional. Kathy Exner and I found a flock of Buff-breasted Sandpiper south of Allen. We also counted the nesting pair of Tundra Swans that had previously been located at the Patience Lake potash mine but were surprised to find another pair in the Bradwell area. Michael Williams' team also found another Swan in the Strawberry Hills area. Mary Gilliland found two White-winged Crossbills in the University sector.

Thanks are due to Michael Williams for organizing the count and to the 50 participants.

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95	74	119	59	107	76	54	71	101	87	101	Total Species	170	186	169	178	175	170	183	185	173	171	182	195	183	
16.1	9.6	17.5	8.1	14.8	11.7	11.5	28.5	15.0	9.8	79.9	Party Hours	222	217	180	205	162	151	102	137	136	190	197	218	183	
4	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	26	Participants	50	53	55	48	44									
				1							Common Loon	1	4	3	5	5	5	1	4	12	5	7	7	2	
3		1	1	2	3	1					Pied-billed Grebe	11	32	11	42	22	23	15	42	36	26	41	33	30	
7	1	1		16			3	2	12	14	Horned Grebe	56	86	88	117	86	107	78	90	159	46	60	68	75	
4		1		2		5		1		1	Red-necked Grebe	14	36	23	23	32	20	8	12	24	4	23	17	12	
1		5		4			6	1	5	3	Eared Grebe	25	209	542	1059	90	75	149	242	781	274	1026	1579	423	
		8		1						1	Western Grebe	10	42	75	119	56	114	26	433	148	8	80	111	68	
											Clark's Grebe														
		18		38				4	45	45	American White Pelican	105	144	196	116	129	84	118	75	127	146	202	120	222	
		23		8					2	2	Double-crested Cormorant	33	38	33	242	217	18	16	16	50	37	31	112	37	
					1			1			American Bittern	2		3	9		2	6	1	10	8	10	6	2	
			1				1				Great Blue Heron	2	1		4	4	6	3	4	3	4	8	5	5	
											Great Egret								2						
											Cattle Egret						1								
											Black-crowned Night Heron		2		2	7		2	4	2	1	3	1	5	
		3							2		Turkey Vulture	5		1	1	3	1		1	2					
											Greater White-fronted Goose		47	17	1		1	20	1	1	1	1	7	11	
								1			Snow Goose	1	22	2	15		1			23	2	1	4	12	
											Ross's Goose		10		2			15			12	1		24	
117	30	35	4	25+	20	42	25	73	40+	678+	Canada Goose	1089	1130	865	1210	599	458	397	401	381	433	1645	536	665	
1				4							Tundra Swan	5	6	6			1			1				21	
											Wood Duck		1	2							5			5	
30	2	22		25+	5	2	25	9	21	12	Gadwall	153	425	239	335	165	223	157	168	187	221	495	936	647	
											Eurasian Wigeon						1								
26	2	11		16	24	8	10	18	12	5	American Wigeon	132	545	112	179	182	158	135	120	161	156	222	367	256	
											American Black Duck								1						
73	25	44	15	30+	20	23	25	42	25+	97	Mallard	419	811	606	1767	401	381	244	295	326	519	749	920	762	
31	4	34	11	25+	25	13	19	13	5	12	Blue-winged Teal	192	478	226	417	240	291	186	240	236	306	270	825	585	
											Cinnamon Teal		2		1	2	2		3	2	1	1		10	
											Cinnamon/ Blue-winged Teal hybrid					1									
38	7	33	13	25+	6	16	25	8	25+	2	Northern Shoveler	198	243	373	451	241	272	202	217	223	222	393	658	757	
18	4	6	1	25+	1	2	21	8	14		Northern Pintail	100	95	92	172	121	85	119	146	168	193	239	438	195	
8	3	1		7	10		4	6	2		Green-winged Teal	41	33	24	39	39	53	32	64	103	77	59	93	83	
24	7	7		43	1		27	17	6	2	Canvasback	134	193	304	403	252	1095	249	322	541	366	493	452	584	
9		17	1	72		3	23	8	16	5	Redhead	154	298	170	333	210	304	182	303	392	285	418	410	332	
				1	2			3			Ring-necked Duck	6	4	16	28	20	23	10	29	50	23	41	43	51	
											Greater Scaup				2										
12		25	4	85	3	3	18	16	6	12	Lesser Scaup	184	163	323	341	389	465	343	511	632	550	849	756	811	
				1							White-winged Scoter	1			6			2		11	2			2	
											Long-tailed Duck														
19		5	1	12	3	2	7	4	1	1	Bufflehead	55	100	99	141	91	146	74	181	203	136	172	186	112	
		1		27				4	2		Common Goldeneye	34	12	3	15	13	20	3	62	16	14	6	13	20	

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												05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27	05/22	05/23	05/24	05/25	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/23	05/25
	1										Hooded Merganser	1	3			3	3		3	2	1	1	1	1
	1	7		6	3						Common Merganser	17	19	21	30	34	7	10	12	27	4	12	5	14
											Red-breasted Merganser							1		2		1		3
5	3	2		60	5			2	8	10	Ruddy Duck	95	220	233	434	528	335	249	397	503	180	445	736	521
										1	Osprey	1	1	1	1	3						1		1
											Bald Eagle				1	1								
6	6			8				1	2	4	Northern Harrier	27	24	41	75	35	40	36	64	46	57	72	82	84
					1						Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	1	2		4		1	2	1	4	2	4
	2				1					1	Cooper's Hawk	4		5	5	6	2	1	5	4	1	4	5	4
											Northern Goshawk							1			1		2	1
											Broad-winged Hawk					1								1
4	3	12	1	7		2	5	2	3	8	Swainson's Hawk	47	52	48	45	29	35	49	28	32	46	62	66	75
7	6	4	5	11	4	2	4	6	5	2	Red-tailed Hawk	56	73	49	87	59	71	46	90	81	67	100	102	94
											Ferruginous Hawk				1	2	1		1	1		2	2	
											Rough-legged Hawk							1	1					3
											Golden Eagle							2						
1											• Falconidae sp. •	1		1										
		2		1		1		1			American Kestrel	5	11	11	10	12	16	10	7	9	18	18	20	30
2	1	1	1	1			1		3	13	Merlin	23	29	19	25	22	16	10	25	15	10	17	30	29
				2							Peregrine Falcon	2	1			3	1	1	1			4	4	3
											Prairie Falcon						1	1			1			
6	3	2		7					2	13	Gray Partridge	33	19	17	30	11	16	2	9	14	14	24	20	12
											Ring-necked Pheasant					1				1				1
5		2			5			2			Ruffed Grouse	14	2	4	9	16	20	8	9	10	1	12	21	17
2			1	1	9		2	1			Sharp-tailed Grouse	16	36		14	19	58	1	2	53	19	34	50	34
											Yellow Rail							1	5		1	4		
											Virginia Rail			1			1	5	4	2	6			
2	2	8	2	7	8		3	1	2		Sora	35	20	35	106	49	40	51	96	106	101	102	126	65
3	6	12	8	67		12	16	4	9	12	American Coot	149	1093	176	3089	455	737	522	629	805	250	812	959	680
7										8	Sandhill Crane	15	9	2		8	7	8	8	41		5	32	17
											• Shorebird sp. •			18	730	800						3890		
21		8		14			8		10	10	Black-bellied Plover	71	6	79	206	100	392	45	442	561	122	1190	530	667
39		3		71			33				American Golden-Plover	146	31	2	41		8	59		189	3	27	952	10
							2				Semipalmated Plover	2	2		26			1	1		1	1	3	
											Piping Plover				2	2	3		6	3		2	4	1
36	15	17	1	20	5	6	13	7	12	23	Killdeer	155	83	120	153	144	196	43	62	109	107	184	162	215
18	1	47		23			14		5	1	American Avocet	109	63	122	242	277	207	185	442	211	169	309	563	197
											Greater Yellowlegs		5	5	3	10		10					2	1
	4			3							Lesser Yellowlegs	7	13	6	13	51	13	5	4	9	10	2	36	9
1											Solitary Sandpiper	1	2		2	2		1	2		6		2	1
20	1	7	4	20			14	7	22	4	Willet	99	160	102	95	81	90	36	35	87	77	117	108	130
4	6	5		18	4		3	2	6	5	Spotted Sandpiper	53	29	34	40	70	34	43	35	40	18	71	62	56
		3									Upland Sandpiper	3	6	3	4	9	14	1	2	8	7	8	10	11
											Whimbrel													
4								1			Long-billed Curlew	5	2	3	3	2	18			1	6	13	23	19

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											Hudsonian Godwit		3	1				8						8	
5	5	17		22			4	4	10		Marbled Godwit	67	106	73	68	69	82	23	44	69	78	124	96	114	
		2									Ruddy Turnstone	2	7		12		24	11	4	16	27	9	29	11	
											Red Knot			3		5	2	4	10			4	2	11	
1037				1900						15	• Peep sp. •	2952	2	7048	1665	420	7013	130	472	19764	226	3998	2303	2263	
2		25									Sanderling	27	16	18	106	19	3	96	133	381	912	913	204	281	
4		30		42			2	51	10		Semipalmated Sandpiper	139	64	1363	1161	54	457	57	285	2777	174	426	761	1117	
											Western Sandpiper													3	
									6		Least Sandpiper	6	118	234	11	9	17	8	32	38	6	7	111	40	
1		2						2			White-rumped Sandpiper	5	6		23	2	32	6	15	787	19	59	13	888	
6		75		343			2	20			Baird's Sandpiper	446	506	213	211	13	60	8	32	326	17	132	104	35	
2				24			6	28	8		Pectoral Sandpiper	68	24	66	31	4	50	3	19	264	10	10	119	22	
											Dunlin									2		1	3	2	
302		300		274				200	40		Stilt Sandpiper	1116	649	273	405	572	1050	810	930	9961	451	4708	3105	3128	
				95							Buff-breasted Sandpiper	95		57	19					10			70	4	
		6						20			• Dowitcher sp. •	26	3	756	14	25	40	59	26	1		1	3	2	
			35						2		Short-billed Dowitcher	37	1		3	174				31		2	1	13	
							1	12			Long-billed Dowitcher	13					1				2	5	7	14	
	2	2			8		1				Wilson's Snipe	13	11	7	15	23	21	22	18	26	28	21	23	15	
5	24	19	3	24			6	16			Wilson's Phalarope	97	98	147	286	231	211	50	832	129	454	138	323	220	
103		95		100				30	50		Red-necked Phalarope	378	41	4727	995	3420	2517	3899	8178	1637	796	1053	853	2554	
		6		2		100	262	22	1	203+	Franklin's Gull	596	317	417	1507	600	60	999	241	2584	3028	3273	4719	2612	
		16		2							Bonaparte's Gull	18	1	1	1	32	8	10	3	5	1	3	57	5	
		9	1	3		15		2		333	• White-headed Gull sp. •	363	367	126	624	104	453	197	44	259	234	268	96	314	
1	11	10		9					181	95+	Ring-billed Gull	307	527	476	254	212	96	463	229	68	216	825	286	240	
		3						80	2+		California Gull	85	241	137	7	34	20	42	222	15	87	185	32	51	
										3	Herring Gull	3	13	6	1	28			1	1	29	47	16	3	
											Glaucous Gull							1							
		1	6	1					3	8	Common Tern	19	31	29	31	21	7	6	12	13	16	37	13	18	
		17		5			2				Forster's Tern	24	1	1	6	16		8	9		4	34	15	15	
10		23	16	32		5	17	7	3	7	Black Tern	120	50	250	501	482	344	451	439	473	676	972	2061	439	
8	7	7		3		2	25	4	6	509+	Rock Dove	571	420	399	801	813	662	727	975	217	404	940	421	332	
23	4	36	6	9	19	7	5	20	4	3	Mourning Dove	136	101	79	155	99	115	74	96	103	128	168	156	162	
											Black-billed Cuckoo							1			1			1	
2	2	4								2	Great Horned Owl	10	13	10	6	8	8	9	16	7	5	7	16	8	
											Burrowing Owl						1		2		2	3	10	8	
		2									Long-eared Owl	2						2							
											Short-eared Owl			1	9	1	1	7				1	2	1	
		1			2						Common Nighthawk	3	2	2	5	4	4	2	3		6	4	4	3	
2		2									Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4	3	6	6	3	9	4	3	3		3	4	2	
											Black-chinned Hummingbird														
								1			Belted Kingfisher	1	3	2	2		11	3	3	3	1	7	3	8	
								3			• Picidae sp. •	3	1	3											
											Red-headed Woodpecker													1	
1		5			1						Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	7	12	1	3	15	1	7	16	2	3	2	8	14	

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		2	1			2				1	Downy Woodpecker	6	15	7	4	10	4	3	7	4	4	6	8	10
2	1	6		1				1		6	Hairy Woodpecker	17	11	7	7	13	10	5	16	7	8	9	11	8
											Black-backed Woodpecker										1			
3	4	1	1	2	4		3	1	1	11	Northern Flicker	31	40	22	42	44	37	27	39	28	40	39	60	50
											Pileated Woodpecker													2
2		1									Olive-sided Flycatcher	3	1	1		3		2	4	2	2	1	7	3
											Western Wood-Pewee		3	5	4	2	1	5	1	2	3	8	11	1
											• Empidonax sp. •		3	3	1	52		26	7	2				
											Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			1			1		1					
											Alder Flycatcher		5	1	4	6			5		12		4	13
26	24	48	6	23	79	6	2	18	14	66	Least Flycatcher	312	157	178	250	158	367	96	127	241	230	268	201	223
		4	1		4	1			2	1	Eastern Phoebe	13	23	6	19	16	19	9	8	10	13	10	15	15
					1		1				Say's Phoebe	2			2		1		1		1	1	1	1
											Great Crested Flycatcher										1		2	1
9	10	29	1	3		3	6	1	7		Western Kingbird	69	26	66	71	27	64	8	43	58	68	149	58	172
7	4	19	2	8	7	2	5	5	5	19	Eastern Kingbird	83	68	91	199	64	158	28	118	126	187	258	154	328
	4	3	1	2				2	1	2	Loggerhead Shrike	15	9	5	11	12	10	8	10	16	21	56	58	52
											Northern Shrike													
											• Vireo sp. •		1											
										1	Blue-headed Vireo	1	2	4	1	1	2	6	1			2		2
5		12		4	12			8	7	4	Warbling Vireo	52	8	61	71	19	97	10	10	25	60	95	37	62
											Philadelphia Vireo			1		1	1		1		2			
1		1			2			1		6	Red-eyed Vireo	11	3	49	76	9	67	2	7	1	88	69	38	89
		1		1					1	6	Blue Jay	9	18	16	17	20	8	13	14	5	2	4	7	3
45	49	22	16	25	5	26	39	32	25+	164	Black-billed Magpie	448	453	406	441	381	289	235	266	256	360	447	550	584
61	40	51	19	84	5	27	55	23	45+	190	American Crow	600	795	679	750	595	414	376	304	271	589	759	1066	967
1	5	1	2	1	1			4	1		Common Raven	16	17	15	13	20	6	3	4		1	4	1	3
36	22	5	1	4	1	1	6	10	16	3	Horned Lark	105	23	23	28	19	59	52	120	87	161	159	250	212
2	5	220	4	15			3	8	18	6	Purple Martin	281	153	141	134	172	52	37	37	73	59	127	77	69
18	12	64	24	43	10	25	17	30	25+	12	Tree Swallow	280	506	292	259	450	240	418	311	179	318	355	827	342
		5						1			Northern Rough-winged Swallow	6	4	3	4	12	16	7	2	4	6	10	21	9
5	4	3	20	15	31		30	18	8	43	Bank Swallow	177	103	51	335	195	346	93	290	533	447	517	1846	830
10		26		1				240			Cliff Swallow	277	2	261	151	62	492	860	858	1055	299	39	168	97
10	29	26	12	49	18	15	10	4	7	19	Barn Swallow	199	154	166	340	337	317	273	266	274	648	476	1409	396
6		6		1	5	5		5		51	Black-capped Chickadee	79	147	56	49	75	32	33	54	37	24	30	43	33
										13	Red-breasted Nuthatch	13	33	4	31	14	10	12	7	3	7	3	3	3
										1	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	3	1		1		1	1	2	5	3	2	1
											Brown Creeper				1									
37	6	26	1	13	25	1	1	13	15	51	House Wren	189	64	175	206	115	250	35	40	134	217	350	214	229
			1		1						Sedge Wren	2		1	8		4	1	2	5	7	8	8	6
				3							Marsh Wren	3	3	8	17	18	30	12	10	24	36	54	29	45
											Golden-crowned Kinglet							2						
									1	5	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	8	3	4	12	6	12	7	4	1	1	11	1
											Eastern Bluebird						4							
13	2	11	1	6	8	1	4	6	18	1	Mountain Bluebird	71	22	22	53	37	45	23	33	51	87	147	186	203

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NE1	NE2	SE1	SE2A	SE2B	SE2C	SW1	SW2	NW1	NW2	City	Aves	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
												05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27	05/22	05/23	05/24	05/25	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/23	05/25
	2										• Thrush sp. •	2				1								
		5		1	6						Veery	12	12	7	17	4	30	1	6	8	48	34	16	21
										1	Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	11	3		3	1	6	6	2	1	3	6	
		1				1		1		13	Swainson's Thrush	16	96	21	45	66		84	127	20	7	24	97	30
									2		Hermit Thrush	2	3	5	3	5	8	2	4		3	6	3	1
											Wood Thrush													
14	2	40	4	22	13	15	11	16	19	370	American Robin	526	621	481	694	467	374	287	329	270	445	400	434	317
											Varied Thrush								1					
4	1	8	2	4	12			3	5	12	Gray Catbird	51	35	74	79	49	76	10	15	27	74	75	27	60
											Northern Mockingbird									1				
3	5	3	2	7	1		6	3	2	19	Brown Thrasher	51	33	42	54	73	68	30	47	53	38	86	59	38
2	11	7		4			8	2	7	4	European Starling	45	24	7	48	34	61	35	59	38	85	147	251	152
		1									American Pipit	1										1		
7	8	5	1		9		3	1	5		Sprague's Pipit	39	31	14	20	18	38	8	14	10	42	72	31	122
										4	Bohemian Waxwing	4												
22						6				5	Cedar Waxwing	33	97	96	328	11	38	18	52	26	762	87	19	132
1		4		4	4			2	2	42	Tennessee Warbler	59	205	116	68	57	4	19	27	16	18	18	32	23
		8			3			5	4	1	Orange-crowned Warbler	21	51	6	15	9	18	14	16	23	20	18	14	21
											Nashville Warbler					2								
46	3	64	3	85	55	10	7	26	25+	287	Yellow Warbler	611	330	650	725	414	554	251	281	324	387	559	310	400
											Chestnut-sided Warbler		2		1									
											Magnolia Warbler		22	2		5		3	1			2	3	2
											Cape May Warbler		17			4		1	4	1			7	
					2			1		9	Yellow-rumped Warbler	12	1033	13	17	72	22	179	102	24	5	10	261	2
											Black-throated Green Warbler		2											
											Blackburnian Warbler		1											1
								1			Palm Warbler	1	24			3		11					5	1
											Bay-breasted Warbler		1						1				2	
		1				1				1	Blackpoll Warbler	3	32	14	5	36	1	12	23	10	3	5	45	6
					1						Black-and-white Warbler	1	43	2	4	1	10	6	5	1	3	5	6	3
	1	6		2	1					2	American Redstart	12	40	15	21	25	52	4	8	14	32	32	134	27
						2			1	1	Ovenbird	4	57	2	7	15	20	10	5	11	13	17	12	18
											Northern Waterthrush		33		1					1		1	6	
					2						Connecticut Warbler	2	1	5				1					3	2
										1	Mourning Warbler	1	2	3	2	2		1				1	1	1
				1	11					3	Common Yellowthroat	15	12	16	43	22	70	4	12	37	71	114	35	76
										1	Wilson's Warbler	1	9	1		4		1	3				1	
											Canada Warbler		4		1	1							1	
											Yellow-breasted Chat											1		1
											Scarlet Tanager			1										
											Western Tanager		1		1						1			
8		17		6	11			13	7	1	Spotted Towhee	63	31	26	45	53	104	46	55	110	101	102	79	93
											American Tree Sparrow													
17		15	4	9	8		2	4	15	156	Chipping Sparrow	230	310	264	292	287	209	688	111	74	108	135	218	108
64	12	50	7	47	46	5	18	22	25+	84	Clay-colored Sparrow	380	413	358	473	569	307	421	267	274	328	416	505	396

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												05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27	05/22	05/23	05/24	05/25	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/23	05/25	
66	9	15	13	12	15	1	4	16	25+	3	Vesper Sparrow	179	178	125	185	140	328	147	205	208	211	226	335	240	
		7			4			3			Lark Sparrow	14	6	7	12	5	8	6	3	8	20	19	27	15	
											Lark Bunting		1				1		1		2			7	
23	10	12	3	30		1	9	12	6	4	Savannah Sparrow	110	106	96	147	55	164	88	102	141	155	179	167	191	
											Grasshopper Sparrow		2				2				5	3		1	
											Baird's Sparrow		1	1	2	1	11	4	2	7	15	24	9	41	
	1	8		2	5						Le Conte's Sparrow	16	9	10	29	13	23	17	30	66	34	70	30	31	
											Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			2	10		4	1	3	7	4	5	1	2	
											Fox Sparrow														
13	5	4		8	20	10	5	6	10	46	Song Sparrow	127	101	97	143	113	116	87	102	97	105	164	161	138	
											Lincoln's Sparrow		17		1	3	1	4	3	1		3	9		
					1						Swamp Sparrow	1	9				4	3	1	1	1	2	4	2	
1		1			1			2		2	White-throated Sparrow	7	90	4	3	46	3	91	51	15	9	5	15	4	
											Harris's Sparrow		24		3	6		31	3	1		2			
											White-crowned Sparrow		21	1	1	5	2	57	18	3		1	2	4	
											Dark-eyed Junco		5		2				2						
											McCown's Longspur				2										
643	425			530				80	537+		Lapland Longspur	2215	853		50	1050		10210	467	1345	2	195	2700	2	
											Chestnut-collared Longspur						1		2	2		7	2	11	
											Snow Bunting							29					1		
					2	1		1		1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5	18	8	5	19	8	34	9	15	14	9	18	16	
											Lazuli Bunting		2												
		3		1	1						Bobolink	5	3	13	21	6	29	10	7	28	23	40	18	53	
84	32	146	20	203	68	100	70	75	25+	194	Red-winged Blackbird	1017	1037	964	953	902	443	405	609	357	550	477	1192	942	
45	25	34	20	39	7	3	59	27+	25+	10	Western Meadowlark	294	203	198	322	293	362	224	223	331	527	566	801	950	
15	4	47	3	184		100	67	5	6	4	Yellow-headed Blackbird	435	556	251	510	362	314	295	540	382	407	1150	1150	2102	
											Rusty Blackbird			2								10			
32	13	7	5	21		35	68	24+	11	71	Brewer's Blackbird	287	445	386	374	292	210	247	280	185	239	295	1228	411	
	8	2	1	3					2	75	Common Grackle	91	118	130	175	90	64	52	54	22	115	90	99	101	
27	3	85	1	36	29	1	19	25+	10	22	Brown-headed Cowbird	258	278	142	163	115	457	232	179	345	340	389	579	376	
11	4	7		4	11	5		4	4	26	Baltimore Oriole	76	65	93	95	40	104	27	73	57	93	177	109	204	
											Purple Finch		1			4		3	2					1	
								1		51+	House Finch	52	86	38	29	4	2	1							
											• Crossbill sp. •		1												
											Red Crossbill					4		4							
										2	White-winged Crossbill	2							2						
											Common Redpoll								8						
									1		Pine Siskin	1	22	83	36	152	2	72	25	68	8	26	34	3	
79	8	40	2	32	23	2	2	12	13	36	American Goldfinch	249	103	243	269	163	247	83	116	132	248	269	126	183	
52	10	36	6	94	2	7	22	14	25+	1791+	House Sparrow	2059	1093	632	1352	1145	676	764	423	293	552	441	651	291	
3702	1030	2438	353	5272	792	693	1252	1482	849	2895	TOTAL BIRDS	25190	22961	31146	33571	24287	29307	30554	27915	57018	23721	45133	49018	38181	

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4:58	6:15	4:20	6:33	6:45	3:50	6:30	7:00	4:50	6:15		start							
22:07	16:20	22:00	14:56	21:30	15:20	18:00	18:00	19:10	17:00		end							
7.5	7.6	13.3	7.1	8.8	5.7	6.5	26.5	11.0	6.0	12.6	Car Party Hours	112	94	93	109	86	81	70
8.6	2.0	4.3	1.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	3.8	63.3	Foot Party Hours	106	123	87	95	76	65	32
										4.0	Bicycle Party Hours	4					5	
16.1	9.6	17.5	8.1	14.8	11.7	11.5	28.5	15.0	9.8	79.9	TOTAL Party Hours	222	217	180	205	162	151	102
263.0	150.0	272.0	88.9	250.0	141.0	159.0	282.0	330.0	208.0	261.8	Car Party km	2406	2102	2137	2219	1764	1985	1451
4.0	3.0	8.0	2.0	5.0	13.5	10.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	93.3	Foot Party km	148	147	107	168	82	82	37
										12.8	Bicycle Party km	13					96	
267.0	153.0	280.0	90.9	255.0	154.5	169.0	286.0	333.0	210.0	367.9	TOTAL km	2566	2249	2244	2387	1845	2162	1488

Teams (Leaders)

NE1 Michael Williams, Thelma Howard, Mary Toews, Mercedes Wayman
 NE2 Marten Stoffel, Gerard Lahey
 SE1 Stan Shadick, Jan Tedesco
 SE2A Jim Wood, Andy Dziadyk, Ross Remmer
 SE2B Robert Johanson, Kathy Exner
 SE2C Mike Gollop
 SW1 Maureen DuWors, Mary Jean Roy
 SW2 Lorne Duczek, Vic Anton, Doug Smith
 NW1 Bob Godwin, Kathy Meeres
 NW2 Frank Roy, John Bond, Judy Toews
 City
 W Ivor Thokle, Linda Schnedar, Ruth Welsh
 C Kay Klassen, Lucille Bradatsch, John Horton, Heather Wagg
 N Alison Baudru, Lou Baudru, Randy Olson, Lois Thompson
 NE Keith Pahl, Anna Leighton, Carol Maccan
 U Mary Gilliland
 SE Hilda Noton, Nancy Allan, Gale Diakuw
 S Lois Wooding
 S-C Craig Salisbury, Andy Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury, Rob Salisbury
 E Margaret Koshinsky, Doris Bietenholz, Gordon Koshinsky

Unique Species

Solitary Sandpiper
 Hooded Merganser, Long-eared Owl
 Upland Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, American Pipit
 Common Loon, White-winged Scoter, Peregrine Falcon, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Marsh Wren
 Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black-and-white Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Swamp Sparrow
 Semipalmated Plover
 Snow Goose, Belted Kingfisher, Hermit Thrush, Palm Warbler
 Least Sandpiper, Pine Siskin
 Blue-headed Vireo, Wilson's Warbler
 White-breasted Nuthatch, Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Osprey
 White-winged Crossbill
 Herring Gull, Bohemian Waxwing, Mourning Warbler

Weather

temperature range: 10-26°C
 sky: mostly clear

rain: nil
 wind: calm-light SE

NE1	NE2	SE1	SE2A	SE2B	SE2C	SW1	SW2	NW1	NW2	City	Animals sans feathers	2003
1					2			x			Beaver	3
						1				1	Muskrat	2
		x			2					6	Least Chipmunk	8
								x			Franklin's Ground Squirrel	x
2		x		3	4		many	x		44	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	53
3										8	13-lined Ground Squirrel	11
1										7	White-tailed Jack Rabbit	8
				1							Pronghorn Antelope	1
1			2		4			x			Mule Deer	7
3	5	x		2	4	2	2	x		5	White-tailed Deer	23
									2		Moose	2
1				1	4					1	Coyote	7
1										1	Red Fox	2
										1	Skunk	1
										1	Mooney	1
	x	x						x		x	Boreal Chorus Frog	x
					8			x			Canadian Toad	8
					3						Uhler's Arctic	3
2	x	x			3		x			15	Mourning Cloak	20
				x							-- White sp. --	x
46	x	x								4	Cabbage White	50
1					1						Persius duskywing	2
6	x	x			2					5	Canadian Tiger Swallowtail	13
										2	-- Small Fritillary sp. --	2
					5						Meadow Fritillary	5
	x				1						Common Roadside Skipper	1
		x		x						30	-- Sulphur sp. --	30
79	x				32					8	Clouded sulphur	119
	x									7	-- Blue sp. --	7
22					4					3	Silvery Blue	29
										1	Spring Azure	1
1										x	Gray Comma	1
					2						Common Ringlet	2