

Summer came in September this year. The day of the fall bird count, September 12, was a finer day than any I can recall for a fall count --- sunny, warm, a slight breeze. But somebody forgot to tell the birds to show up. Many count teams commented on the lack of migrants and how quiet the woods and fields were.

It is not that there were no birds at all; after all 38,105 were counted. But the numbers for many species were down. There are 102 species that at least ten individuals on average are seen during a fall count. Of that number, 69 species had below average numbers this year. Diversity suffered as well. The total number of species identified was 131. That may seem like a lot but is in fact nearly a record low. In contrast, last year, on a less than ideal day weather-wise, a record 172 species were seen.

Most of the birds seen in quantity were the usual ones for the time of year. Geese and ducks accounted for 56% of the total number, and gulls and pigeons added another 12%. But even among the common birds there was a surprise. American Coots, which had been the most numerous bird in three of the past four years, suffered an 80% decline.

So what happened this year to produce such disappointing results? Perhaps the counters were enjoying the nice weather instead of diligently searching for all the birds. Well, I don't really believe that; all counters are very dedicated. But certain birds can be used as a check on the total effort put forth by the counters since their numbers should be stable from year to year. These include American Robins and Black-capped Chickadees and indeed these birds were about as numerous as in past years. Looking a bit more closely at the data, it becomes apparent that what was missing were migrants from the north as well as certain locally nesting birds that leave our area in early September. Warbler numbers were dismal with only 11 species seen and all but two in markedly lower numbers. Both northern and local nesting sparrows were scarce. Only two Red-winged Blackbirds and seven Common

Grackles were sighted and no Yellow-headed Blackbirds. There were just a handful of flycatchers and no Catharus thrushes. Three American Avocets and only one Willet were found.

The absence of migrating birds suggest that the extended period of nice weather might be to blame. Storms and cold-spells slow the migration and trap some birds. Extended periods of good conditions for migration allow the birds to quickly leave or overfly our area. There are some indications in past counts that early winter-like weather makes for a more interesting bird count, but it is not good for the birds.

A low number of species means that few rarities were seen this year. Best birds were a Pileated Woodpecker, four Peregrine Falcons, and a Prairie Falcon.

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58	51	57	36	65	40	60	100	Total Species	131	172	158	147	135	146	140	123	136	141	137	141	146	150	143
10.5	7.0	8.5	4.3	9.4	11.0	12.1	74.5	Party Hours	137	161	150	140	97	120	162	127	138	151	138	139	134	123	106
2	2	1	1	4	2	3	20	Participants	35	48	43	46	40	49	48	44	44	53	46	51	40	43	27
								• Goose sp. •								380		229					
3	125		1			350		Greater White-fronted Goose	479	876	310	1651	130	117	2635	747	716	2289	457	126	6815	435	1642
1	3500	250		143	51	923	95	Snow Goose	4963	2992	16812	6253	192	1357	26009	10988	4368	3752	3261	647	13400	338	1710
						1674		Ross's Goose	1674	30	153	2	50	177	1726	2045	826	2715	252	282	5		208
	5					14	5	Cackling Goose	24	60	20												
463	175	716	2	560	34	262	1457	Canada Goose	3669	4208	2532	2310	2011	3855	5590	4330	2377	6370	4789	1309	3858	2889	3743
	1						2	Tundra Swan	3	7	6	3		2	22	95	5	1	1		33	5	27
325				300	2000	120		• Duck sp. •	2745	2	1080	2000	131	3004	750	460	2092	3211	4953	2895	2497	1070	500
								Wood Duck		3			1							2	1	3	
54	165	3		320			18	Gadwall	560	513	793	157	1718	299	53	194	64	423	847	572	739	219	201
7				40			9	American Wigeon	123	189	352	103	158	168	60	219	91	141	316	318	177	396	222
								American Black Duck			1						1		1				
63	1100	8	1	57	8	1881	490	Mallard	3608	1814	1300	637	1622	1407	1079	1409	667	1167	1726	3525	1830	1523	1429
60	350	1		122	16	86	96	Blue-winged Teal	731	1320	1084	582	643	1435	71	91	103	160	312	227	149	145	137
								Cinnamon Teal						1			1						
13	1750	4		18		155	38	Northern Shoveler	1978	599	765	142	260	324	76	70	260	142	189	179	212	198	112
1	120	8		20		25	63	Northern Pintail	237	89	51	59	34	39	25	48	51	114	114	83	36	42	41
22	8	6				20	37	Green-winged Teal	93	63	93	84	35	55	27	26	4	96	110	212	45	54	77
				1			5	Canvasback	6	26	36	86	31	6	50	20	9	36	101	1420	74	145	108
	1					2	5	Redhead	8	44	57	64	50	23	50	18	2	45	562	296	113	140	171
11						16	8	Ring-necked Duck	35	3	12	7	7	27	1	2		16	73	10	15	34	29
6	4	5		4	8	2	21	Lesser Scaup	50	224	100	199	179	56	46	94	50	115	182	525	541	133	238
								White-winged Scoter												1	2		
3	5			125			1	Bufflehead	134	84	136	494	280	8	106	135	46	70	117	182	274	95	69
				7		1	10	Common Goldeneye	18	3	5	3			1	5	2	3		13		2	2
				3			1	Hooded Merganser	4	13	22	8	50	26	21	20			12	8			
		51						Common Merganser	51	4	3	1		41	8	6	5		1	1	28		1
								Red-breasted Merganser					1				1				1		
	3	2			1	302		Ruddy Duck	308	2755	1421	454	112	34	145	23	21	151	417	188	128	213	157
								Gray Partridge			28	55	6	39	79	23	39	28	8		1	20	5
		3						Ruffed Grouse	3		2				1		1	2	3	2	4	1	4
		4						Sharp-tailed Grouse	4		33	12		10	5	2	2		18	1	35		1
								Common Loon		1			1			1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
								Yellow-billed Loon						1									
5	9	10		2		9	11	Pied-billed Grebe	46	129	93	50	60	36	46	5	7	31	49	64	16	31	17
				3	1	3	11	Horned Grebe	18	11	38	30	40	10	5	2	6	14	34	9	15	32	17
				15				Red-necked Grebe	15	9	2	15	32	8	11	1	1	4	2	3	19	9	8
10		1				53	5	Eared Grebe	69	123	81	30	22	15	10	13	23	35	30	5	22	36	53
				16				Western Grebe	16	19	26	21	12	15	36	17	19	10	18	38	177	64	2
								Clark's Grebe			1												

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		2			40	15	2	American White Pelican	59	55	52	173	23	107	17	39	140	33	38	86	24	16	20
		1		120	61	101	47	Double-crested Cormorant	330	189	262	80	320	370	284	481	135	340	270	278	142	137	163
								American Bittern				2					1				1		
				1		1	3	Great Blue Heron	5	15	17	11	9	5	8	13	6	12	6	4	4	6	11
							1	Black-crowned Night-Heron	1		1	1	2										1
		4						Turkey Vulture	4	5	2	5				2							
								Osprey		2	2			4	2	2	2	2	2	3	2		
	1	2					1	Bald Eagle	4	4	1	1	2	8	2	7	1		1	3	2	1	1
4	5	1		3	4	8	1	Northern Harrier	26	51	43	28	22	22	42	41	20	28	68	14	58	42	26
								• Accipiter sp. •			1												
	2							Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	17	10	9	2	2	13	4	3	8	14	6	10	13	5
2					3		2	Cooper's Hawk	7	13	4	3	2	5	7	4		3	3	3	9	4	3
								Northern Goshawk										1	1		1	2	
					7			• Buteo sp. •	7	3		1						3			3	7	3
							3	Broad-winged Hawk	3		1				1								
11	7	15		5		25	16	Swainson's Hawk	79	93	66	71	33	64	24	20	37	52	34	18	34	37	15
7	18	22	1	10	4	10	4	Red-tailed Hawk	76	120	87	71	28	44	87	43	58	55	59	33	72	122	42
								Ferruginous Hawk		1	2												
							1	Rough-legged Hawk	1	1			2		1				3			3	1
								Golden Eagle		1							2		1				
1		5	1	1	3	2	1	American Kestrel	14	51	16	10	20	38	20	22	14	26	22	16	30	13	14
				1		1	2	Merlin	4	34	15	13	11	19	29	13	13	14	29	15	17	13	11
								• Large Falcon sp. •												1			
1		1					2	Peregrine Falcon	4	1						1	3	1	2		2	3	1
1								Prairie Falcon	1	2													
		1						Sora	1	9		7	1	12		1	4	6	2	1	1	2	1
4	650	37		515	3	342	43	American Coot	1594	12914	13673	19171	8295	1309	2286	217	1457	1320	7624	1102	3567	7281	3200
153	350	768	9	17	108	39	30	Sandhill Crane	1474	1454	998	1233	627	1014	7823	2943	1502	1290	2037	2695	2358	1078	2488
								Whooping Crane		1													1
								• Large Shorebird sp. •										16					
							3	Black-bellied Plover	3	1			8	4		1		5	18	4	4	21	14
								American Golden Plover					2								15		
	12							Semipalmated Plover	12	2	75						2			1		7	
								Piping Plover														1	
40	38			38	6	21	21	Killdeer	164	160	95	69	57	45	78	8	74	45	11	117	15	20	43
				3				American Avocet	3	69	56	48	5	8	1	1		32	15		1	109	11
1	21	2		10	7	7	42	Greater Yellowlegs	90	153	98	92	23	71	59	40	48	52	64	68	67	54	170
14	1			38	3	7	14	Lesser Yellowlegs	77	148	83	127	32	29	35	22	33	119	58	30	58	4	103
				2	1		1	Solitary Sandpiper	4	6		8		33	1		3		2				1
		1						Willet	1	7	21	3		1	3						2		6
								Spotted Sandpiper		20	4	9	2	21	2	2	9	9	1	1	10	9	6
								Hudsonian Godwit		1			5							1			
								Marbled Godwit		2	2	9											

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								Ruddy Turnstone															1
								Red Knot															1
							100	• Peep sp. •	100	5	74	6	67		16		23	10		3	2	62	44
								Sanderling		2	2						3	7	10	1	2	10	106
								Semipalmated Sandpiper		52	42	8	11	15	1		3	156	6		1	1	
				25				Least Sandpiper	25	1	1	12	4	8				9	16	1	2		
								White-rumped Sandpiper			1												
							7	Baird's Sandpiper	7	11	23	1		30	4		31	37	8				37
							2	Pectoral Sandpiper	2	36	18	14	6	2	3	1	8	45	19	5	11	18	56
								Dunlin			8												
								Stilt Sandpiper		2		14	5	35	2		1	15		28	1	100	
								• Dowitcher sp. •		51	43	4	5	50	48	10	50	42	41	121		3027	242
								Short-billed Dowitcher		50	62									1			
	73						35	Long-billed Dowitcher	108	226			48		2				25	20		26	41
							5	Wilson's Snipe	5	22	37	27	11	5	6	10	11	8	70	34	5	10	43
								Wilson's Phalarope		150	266	28					1	3					
				14	2			Red-necked Phalarope	16	19	55	100		2	15	3	4						
71		50		275	500	83	297	Franklin's Gull	1276	1465	593	2014	5893	1075	1057	10078	1708	6136	1321	238	150	605	126
								Little Gull						1									1
							1	5 Bonaparte's Gull	6	411	51	1	70	19	13	70	16	161	37	10	28	60	32
2	63		20				139	• White-headed Gull sp. •	224	316	283	2721	944	3117	1908	2234	1202	1008	4586	796	3870	510	222
470		56		56	32	9	1340	Ring-billed Gull	1963	2018	3010	1853	997	2003	4016	2876	9343	7986	3933	1710	921	2349	1334
							26	California Gull	26	23	7	7	1	40	5	4	12	59	80	4	1	17	55
							4	Herring Gull	4	6	10		3	28	26	1	2	1	3			4	94
								Sabine's Gull														1	1
							56	Common Tern	56	6	3	3	25	10			1	2		2		1	
								Forster's Tern			2	9				2		3		7		1	
								Black Tern		93	2	10	50	5	4						2		
15	130	64		10	4	2	1028	Rock Pigeon	1253	1434	627	1119	458	792	859	765	512	722	646	432	457	1599	190
15	4	23	2	2	25	16	10	Mourning Dove	97	528	140	102	16	72	53	18	48	40	53	23	32	11	56
2					1			Great Horned Owl	3	5	9		3	9	4	1	8	8	7	2	3	6	5
								Short-eared Owl										1				3	
								Common Nighthawk		1												1	
								Ruby-throated Hummingbird		1	2	1											1
1							9	Belted Kingfisher	10	12	12	8	10	14	13	6	3	13	6	20	14	31	10
1		1						Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	6	8	6	2	2	18	1	2	16	6	4	2	31	11
								• Picoides sp. •															2
2	1					1	11	Downy Woodpecker	15	13	10	11	2	7	8	6	6	16	9		3	3	5
1	3		3	3			1	Hairy Woodpecker	11	13	12	7	2	10	21	3	4	3	18	7	13	20	14
13	35	13	5	8	4		49	Northern Flicker	127	295	239	215	133	188	113	27	39	100	56	102	77	261	78
		1						Pileated Woodpecker	1														
								Olive-sided Flycatcher			1			1									
								Western Wood-Pewee		2													

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						1	1	• <i>Empidonax sp.</i> •	2	9	13	3	2	4	6			19				4	12	4
								Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		1														
			1				3	Least Flycatcher	4	26	8	1	5	10	1		5	10					6	1
							5	Eastern Phoebe	5	7	5	4	1	2	3		2		1	1	1	2	2	1
								Say's Phoebe		2	1		1											
								Great Crested Flycatcher		1														
								Western Kingbird		5														
							1	Eastern Kingbird	1	9	20	5	2	5	1		1	4				1		
								• <i>Shrike sp.</i> •																2
								Loggerhead Shrike				4			1			2						
								Blue-headed Vireo		1	2	3	1	5				1					3	
								Warbling Vireo		5	5	2					1						4	
								Philadelphia Vireo		1		2		1										2
		1						Red-eyed Vireo	1	5	7	5		11			1	1				3		3
5							25	Blue Jay	30	96	44	43	7	43	37	36	39	69	60	70	58	45	76	
46	27	37	2	5	8	3	99	Black-billed Magpie	227	343	175	451	113	323	485	424	387	424	492	506	484	468	332	
24	18	385	1	7	4	10	164	American Crow	613	1102	244	1400	735	1356	2020	2233	2002	1359	2342	2887	5919	2736	1413	
2	5	6	4		5	22	5	Common Raven	49	59	28	22	20	21	20	30	5	27	9	8	15	14	7	
	40	3		13		9		Horned Lark	65	9	20	11	126	77	43	31	34	4	9	121	64	50	38	
								• <i>Swallow sp.</i> •																20
								Tree Swallow		7		5	16	2	2				1	2	4			
								Bank Swallow		8			2	2										
								Cliff Swallow					1								1			
13	475	39	4	78	39	30	23	Barn Swallow	701	621	513	322	183	216	50	45	52	35	102	120	51	3	267	
23	9	6	25	7	5	2	260	Black-capped Chickadee	337	347	216	312	154	144	252	219	257	285	261	159	163	132	155	
9			1	4			96	Red-breasted Nuthatch	110	54	97	33	5	28	73	13	111	86	65	24	121	58	74	
							1	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	3	2		2	2		3	1	1	1	1		1	4	
								Brown Creeper							3					5	2			
	3		1	3			5	House Wren	12	33	30	9	18	14	7	2	2	6	4	6	8	13	9	
								Marsh Wren		5				3	3		5	23	3		4	12	9	
			1				3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4	1	2	2	3	1	11	1	5	4	9	14	4	3	14	
								Eastern Bluebird								1								
7	5	2	15		12			Mountain Bluebird	41	97	133	188	66	277	215	335	45	56	191	383	113	383	117	
								Townsend's Solitaire				1	1		1					1				
								• <i>Thrush sp.</i> •									1	1					1	
								Veery													1			
								Gray-cheeked Thrush		1	1	1									1			1
								Swainson's Thrush		11	19	18	9	11	2	1		3	8	11	5	37	5	
								Hermit Thrush								2		3	3	5	1	3	1	
19	175	9	5	11		11	318	American Robin	548	556	312	320	123	253	425	266	311	332	549	799	360	876	278	
								Varied Thrush														1		
2	1	1	1				12	Gray Catbird	17	41	29	10	5	7	10	2	5	5	3	2	4	7	9	
							4	Brown Thrasher	4	18	11	9	5	5	2		2	6	4	1		4	5	

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5	5	150		2		9	50	European Starling	221	213	195	854	560	102	171	114	92	149	326	173	1004	337	189
	40			4				American Pipit	44	15	9	16	5	24	80	37	143	25	19	58	3	45	120
								Sprague's Pipit			2					1			7				
51	47	14	3	6	22	32	169	Cedar Waxwing	344	473	410	313	134	284	189	57	139	250	264	41	193	455	322
	17						20	• Warbler sp. •	37	137	62		6	30	250	50		10	20	5		3000	
							4	Tennessee Warbler	4	38	74	24	17	77	29	6	6	8	12	23	4	108	19
			2	1		1	40	Orange-crowned Warbler	44	27	61	25	20	37	77	17	31	43	37	64	43	214	86
								• Nashville-like Warbler sp. •															46
								Nashville Warbler		1	1	1	2	1			1				4	6	3
						1	5	Yellow Warbler	6	23	17	11	4	26	10	1	3	29	3	2	8	25	1
								Chestnut-sided Warbler			1	1											3
								Magnolia Warbler		4	6	10		3	4				1	5		15	4
								Cape May Warbler		3	2	5		1	1			2				3	
33		3	5	8		8	186	Yellow-rumped Warbler	243	347	552	738	313	97	1142	340	287	1422	585	1039	1032	2168	511
								Black-throated Green Warbler		2						1							2
								Blackburnian Warbler															1
								Pine Warbler									1						
							1	Palm Warbler	1	19	12	49	34	9	48	15	23	83	33	46	64	406	54
								Bay-breasted Warbler		3			1	2	1								5
							2	Blackpoll Warbler	2	37	13	7	9	26	2	2	6	3	1	3	1	20	4
								Black-and-white Warbler		4	4	3		4				5	1		1	5	1
							4	American Redstart	4	26	16	6	7	43	3				4	8	1	44	2
							1	Ovenbird	1	4	4	4		4	1		1			1		9	1
		7						Northern Waterthrush	7	9		2	2	4	2		2	2		1	1	9	2
								Connecticut Warbler				1						6					
								Mourning Warbler		1	2			1	2				1	1		1	2
1			1				2	Common Yellowthroat	4	29	20	12	12	10	13	2	6	11	8	13	8	32	17
							3	Wilson's Warbler	3	8	1	1	4	5	4		2	3		1		6	1
								Canada Warbler		2		1											1
	57				50	80	17	• Sparrow sp. •	204	138	228	90	8	442	160	87	278	103	62	33	14	255	
			2				6	Spotted Towhee	8	11	21	4	4	3	8	2	3	11	6	10	17	12	12
								American Tree Sparrow			4					27	10	5	36	22	7	4	1
				1		1	26	Chipping Sparrow	28	23	114	55	22	18	43	19	40	112	13	15	34	84	51
1		5	1	2			16	Clay-colored Sparrow	25	209	24	14	27	26	24	11	62	6	13	11	7	98	39
16	17	49	2		22	9	8	Vesper Sparrow	123	169	192	237	374	151	129	101	79	100	77	94	144	88	138
								Lark Sparrow			2											1	
								Lark Bunting									1						
		5		4	2	7	1	Savannah Sparrow	19	52	87	35	78	40	100	30	82	127	66	60	101	80	109
								Baird's Sparrow					1					8					
								Le Conte's Sparrow		1				1								3	7
								Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			1								2	2			
								Fox Sparrow			1				1	1			2	4	1	6	1
1			1	1			7	Song Sparrow	10	28	9	6	45	8	35	4	37	35	12	15	1	68	33

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		2	3			2		Lincoln's Sparrow	7	40	9	11	3	2	22	5	9	24	7	26	8	49	19
			1					Swamp Sparrow	1		2	3	5		4		2	2	2	16	4	3	18
			1			1	23	White-throated Sparrow	25	60	119	221	21	15	234	157	191	218	246	549	303	165	185
								Harris's Sparrow							32	5	2	7	5	40	19	8	18
			1				9	White-crowned Sparrow	10	23	38	2	16	7	154	97	55	97	27	310	196	101	99
							10	Dark-eyed Junco	10	4	24	72	16	5	178	194	29	117	91	777	239	75	149
			2	17				Lapland Longspur	19	1	17	10	12	81	1048	594	558	1667	1099	980	720	558	409
								Snow Bunting													2		
								Rose-breasted Grosbeak		3	3	1			1					1		2	
					15	150	1	• <i>Blackbird sp.</i> •	166	130	800		4						43		1013	13	
							2	Red-winged Blackbird	2	167	293	65	8	721	112	9	9	4	532	100	59	24	87
1		5		1	29	27	2	Western Meadowlark	65	27	78	80	116	63	167	39	123	80	101	83	123	100	69
								Yellow-headed Blackbird		620	1264	5607	426	327	39	30	4	6	530	23	156	45	10
								Rusty Blackbird		27					19	15		13	12	36	4	1	2
		340		100		130	117	Brewer's Blackbird	687	733	892	1308	8251	4225	3345	6107	4859	1972	3090	6204	812	1263	1182
							7	Common Grackle	7	125	113	28	20	41	187	156	6	251	9	554	103	88	91
								Brown-headed Cowbird						2				41			1		30
								Baltimore Oriole					1										
								Purple Finch		4	8	6	1		5	1	2	1			2	1	11
						1	92	House Finch	93	249	44	86	21	44	51	34	43	18	21	5	15		
								Red Crossbill						2					1				
								White-winged Crossbill		2													
								Common Redpoll		2													
1							17	Pine Siskin	18	711	130	249	11	105	23		16	276	177	172	138	46	157
55	11	62	8	9	3	9	77	American Goldfinch	234	248	120	170	103	134	97	65	194	227	58	180	216	102	187
								Evening Grosbeak													2		
20	125			46	2	61	1294	House Sparrow	1548	1202	554	924	757	1218	3389	853	683	1005	470	753	764	852	481
2214	9812	3273	139	2977	1471	9094	9125	TOTAL BIRDS	38105	49015	57379	59622	39253	34665	73093	54463	39861	52803	52545	38904	58357	42098	27858

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7:34	7:30	8:00	8:15	7:25	7:20	6:47	7:00	start															
18:03	14:30	16:15	12:35	16:47	18:20	20:23	19:30	end															
4.6	7.0	8.0	0.3	8.4	9.0	5.3	14.5	Car Party Hours	57	54	70	71	53	59	61	60	79	50	58	70	56	53	49
5.9		0.5	4.0	1.0	2.0	6.8	60.1	Foot Party Hours	80	95	81	84	45	61	98	68	59	101	79	68	78	62	57
								Bicycle Party Hours															7
								Train Party Hours							3				1				2
10.5	7.0	8.5	4.3	9.4	11.0	12.1	74.5	TOTAL Party Hours	137	149	150	155	97	120	162	127	138	151	138	139	134	123	106
130.0	155.0	179.0	5.8	128.5	250.0	183.0	230.0	Car Party km	1261	1311	1288	1278	1176	1197	1126	1242	1245	1244	1195	1076	1160	997	891
4.0		1.0	8.2	1.5	1.0	1.0	73.5	Foot Party km	90	129	100	70	64	78	108	86	76	77	114	83	98	66	89
								Bicycle Party km		2													16
								Train Party km							60				52				5
134.0	155.0	180.0	14.0	130.0	251.0	184.0	303.5	TOTAL km	1352	1442	1388	1348	1239	1275	1294	1328	1321	1321	1361	1159	1258	1084	980

Teams (Leaders)

SE sector

NW Robert Johanson, Donna Haugen

NE Marten Stoffel, Gregory Strobl

River Ron Jensen

DMC Mike Gollop

Bradwl J. Frank Roy, Stan Dunville, Mary Loewen, Judy Toews

Blkstrp May Haga, Ruth Welsh

Indi Michael Williams, Carol Blenkin, Lucille Bradatsch

City

C Ryan Dudragne, Heather Wagg

NW Bob Green

N Kathy Meeres, Bob Godwin

NE Guy Wapple, Linda Schnedar

U count not done

SE1 Lorne Duczek, Joan Acton

SE2 Bill MacKenzie, Gwen van der Kamp

S Nick Saunders, Sylvia Radinski

S-C Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury

SW Maureen DuWors, Marlene Mahoney

E Yvonne Cuttle, Sheila Flory, Ted Melville

Unique Species

Prairie Falcon

Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Eastern Kingbird, American Redstart

Common Merganser, Ruffed Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Turkey Vulture, Sora, Willet, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-eyed Vireo, Northern Waterthrush

Swamp Sparrow

Red-necked Grebe, American Avocet, Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe

Western Grebe

Ross's Goose

Ovenbird

Red-winged Blackbird

Black-crowned Night Heron, White-breasted Nuthatch, Palm Warbler

Common Tern

Rough-legged Hawk, Eastern Phoebe

Weather

Temperature range: 8 – 25°C

Sky: Clear

Rain: Nil

Wind: 8 - 22 km/h, gusting to 32 km/h

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								• <i>Shrew spp.</i> •											1				
								• <i>Bat spp.</i> •														1	
								Raccoon				5					2	1					
								• <i>Weasel spp.</i> •			2								1 (d)				
								Mink			1												
								Badger			1				1 (d)								
								Skunk			1		4						1	1 (d)			
	2	4				2		Coyote	8	12	4	2	8	1	13	3	9	5	1		11	5	8
								Red Fox		1				1	1						2		1
3		278			4	3	3	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	291	62	8	11		4	6	5	18	33	6		3	19	6
		1					1	13-lined Ground Squirrel	2			2					4	3				2	1
								Franklin's Ground Squirrel			1	1							4				
			23				18	Least Chipmunk	41	30	12	12	9	11	35	15	9	39	17	1	11	7	17
								Eastern Fox Squirrel											1				
							4	Red Squirrel	4	1		1			5		2	2	1		9		
						1	1	Beaver	2	1	3	2	2		2		3			1	2	1	3
								Deer Mouse						1				1				1	
								• <i>Vole spp.</i> •															1
1		1				1	1	Muskrat	4	25	28	18	1	2	4		1	3		2	7	7	5
								Porcupine					1							1 (d)			
								White-tailed Jack Rabbit		4	3	4	5	6			2	1			1		4
								Snowshoe Hare		1	1				9	2				1			
								Nuttall's Cottontail														1	
							1	Mule Deer	1	24	20	15	12	5	21	3	8	3	7		15	8	4
	3		1		5	3	1	White-tailed Deer	13	17	26	12	17	8	19	6	15	16	8	15	7	13	21
								Pronghorn						6		7							
								Tiger Salamander									1						
			5					Leopard Frog	5	7	2						1						
								Wood Frog		3	2		8									2	
								Canadian Toad		2	15				1							1	
								Boreal Chorus Frog														1	1
							1	• <i>Garter Snake spp.</i> •	1														
								Western Plains Garter Snake					1				1						3
								• <i>Skipper spp.</i> •															
								Common Checkered Skipper									3						
								• <i>White spp.</i> •		4	2	20						19			1		24
								Checkered White									3						
						2	1	Western White	3		1	11			6		35				1		1
x						200	31	Cabbage White	231	8	70	416			11		33	801			13	5	49
							x	• <i>Sulphur spp.</i> •			10	2			17	1	10	6			141	129	48
x			20			200	37	Clouded sulphur	257	14	64	204		1	24	4	79	318	4		52	10	28
								Orange Sulphur								1	19	1					
								Purplish Copper			3				1		1				2		2

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						1		• <i>Blue spp.</i> •	1									1					1	
			1					• <i>Large Fritillary spp.</i> •	1															
						3		Variegated Fritillary	3								5							
			3					Great Spangled Fritillary	3															
								Aphrodite Fritillary		1														
								• <i>Small Fritillary spp.</i> •																
								Meadow Fritillary			2													
								• <i>Comma spp.</i> •		1													1	2
								Satyr Comma		1												1		
								Compton Tortoiseshell														1		
								Green Comma																
								Gray Comma							1									
						1	2	Mourning Cloak	3		2				9		6	1	2		11	4	1	
						3	2	Milbert's Tortoiseshell	5		1	1					3	7			2	1		
								Painted Lady									10							1
							1	Red Admiral	1								4				2			
								Woolly Bear Caterpillar		6									2	1				
								Cricket		500	1000													
								• <i>Dragonfly spp.</i> •						1		1					10	22		
								• <i>Damselfly spp.</i> •													5			

(d) - dead

x - number not recorded