

Hello Territory Leaders,

Please find below the summary of our 76th Christmas Bird Count. I did not email the summary to your people so please pass on the information to them if you wish. Thank you all for your continued loyalty and help! It is most appreciative.

Marie

Greater Akron Audubon Society  
76th Christmas Bird Count Summary Report  
December 20, 2015

The 2015 Christmas Bird Count was conducted under dreary skies. The day started with a temperature of 21 degrees F., a 7 mph S wind with gusts up to 17 mph and ended with a temperature of 42 degrees F. There was no snow on the ground and no frozen waters. The weather was very similar to what we had in 2014.

This year we had 166 participants in the field and 55 at the feeders making for a grand total of 221, breaking our last year's record of 208 which put us in the top ten nationwide for participant numbers! 50 parties spent a total of 182 hours on foot, 81 hours by car, traveled a total of 168 miles on foot and 660 miles by car counting birds in the field. 6 parties spent 8.5 hours and traveled 54.5 miles listening/looking for owls and 55 individuals spent 37 hours counting birds at the feeders.

The 2015 CBC will certainly go down in our history book for rare and unusual bird sightings. On Count Day at Springfield Lake there was a rare sighting of a Kelp Gull, a visitor from the southern hemisphere, as well as an unusual sighting of 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls. During Count Week (3 days prior to the 20th and 3 days after the 20th), there were unusual sightings of Glaucous, Iceland and Thayer's Gulls. In other parts of our count circle there were unusual sightings of 2 Red-throated Loons and an Orange-crowned Warbler.

Our total number of species is 85 up from 2014 total of 79. However our total of 85 is pending since the sightings of the Kelp Gull, Lesser Blacked-back Gulls, Red-throated Loons and the Orange-crowned Warbler need to be approved by our Regional Editor after he reviews the documentation of each sighting.

The 2015 CBC will also go down in our history book for the large numbers of individual birds. The total number of individuals is an all time record of 68,471 compared to 27,685 in 2014. We have come a long way since our first CBC in 1939 when we had 1450 individual birds and 23 species with 9 participants. Our CBC counts could not have grown over the years without all the veteran and dedicated participants who have helped over many, many years and all the people who keep joining us. We thank you all for your participation counting birds in the field and/or at the feeder!

Compilers  
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## 2015 Christmas Bird Count

1. Cackling Goose 2	45. American Kestrel 1
2. Canada Goose 3101	46. Merlin 2
3. Tundra Swan 1	47. Peregrine Falcon 2
4. Wood Duck 1	48. Northern Shrike 1
5. Gadwall 6	49. Blue Jay 904
6. American Black Duck 33	50. American Crow 3127
7. Mallard 1718	51. Black-capped Chickadee 987
8. Northern Shoveler 5	52. Tufted Titmouse 437
9. Ringed-necked Duck 47	53. Red-breasted Nuthatch 12
10. Bufflehead 4	54. White-breasted Nuthatch 372
11. Common Goldeneye 1	55. Brown Creeper 19
12. Hooded Merganser 44	56. Winter Wren 3
13. Ruddy Duck 66	57. Carolina Wren 46
14. Wild Turkey 28	58. Golden-crowned Kinglet 25
15. Red-throated Loon 2	59. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
16. Common Loon 13	60. Eastern Bluebird 164
17. Pied-billed Grebe 4	61. American Robin 7617
18. Great Blue Heron 23	62. European Starling 37282
19. Green Heron 1	63. Cedar Waxwing 404
20. Sharp-shinned Hawk 4	64. Orange-crowned 1
21. Cooper's Hawk 23	65. Yellow-rumped Warbler 4
22. Bald Eagle 8	66. American Tree Sparrow 594
23. Red-shouldered Hawk 21	67. Chipping Sparrow 4
24. Red-tailed Hawk 99	68. Field Sparrow 3
25. American Coot 110	69. Fox Sparrow 2
26. Killdeer 1	70. Dark-eyed Junco 714
27. Bonaparte's Gull 5	71. White-crowned Sparrow 23
28. Ring-billed Gull 1935	72. White-throated Sparrow 128
29. Herring Gull 756	73. Song Sparrow 124
30. Lesser Black-backed Gull 2	74. Swamp Sparrow 15
31. Kelp Gull 1	75. Eastern Towhee 4
32. Rock Pigeon 392	76. Northern Cardinal 898
33. Mourning Dove 837	77. Red-winged Blackbird 537
34. Eastern Screech-Owl 7	78. Rusty Blackbird 9
35. Great Horned Owl 10	79. Common Grackle 252
36. Barred Owl 9	80. Brown-headed Cowbird 269
37. Northern Saw-whet Owl 1	81. House Finch 507
38. Belted Kingfisher 10	82. Purple Finch 4
39. Red-headed Woodpecker 1	83. Pine Siskin 5
40. Red-bellied Woodpecker 319	84. American Goldfinch 793
41. Downy Woodpecker 351	85. House Sparrow 2002
42. Hairy Woodpecker 92	
43. Northern Flicker 40	
44. Pileated Woodpecker 39	
	Total Individuals 68471

Count Week Birds (Count week is 3 days prior to or 3 days after Count day)

1. Red-breasted Merganser	3. Iceland Gull
2. Thayer's Gull	4. Glaucous Gull

Our 77th CBC will be on **December 18, 2016!** We'll be in touch.

