

Each year, many birds migrate northward in the spring to take advantage of the summer abundance at high latitudes. Migrants arrive in Saskatchewan as early as March for some species and as late as June for others. The greatest diversity of migrants usually occurs in the fourth week of May with the arrival of the songbirds that winter in the tropics and the shorebirds that winter in South America. At this time the Saskatoon Nature Society conducts its annual spring bird count. The bird count is a sampling of all the birdlife in and around Saskatoon. Teams of bird watchers cover specified areas either in the city or the countryside and record every bird seen or heard.

There was great uncertainty going into the count this year since the migration, which was ahead of schedule early on, stalled due to the cool weather that settled in much of the midwest in mid-April. In the end, the count results proved quite average both in number of species seen, 171, and total number of birds, 37874.

The most numerous specie was the American Coot with nearly 3100 counted, a spring count record high for this bird. Abundant water in sloughs and potholes benefitted not only coots but also ducks and grebes. Shorebirds also liked the wet landscape especially Stilt Sandpipers and Red-necked Phalaropes both of which had counts well in excess of 2000. The tiny shorebirds known by bird watchers as peeps were equally abundant, although due to difficulty in separating them, most of the nearly 4000 sighted were not identified to species. Another shorebird, the Pectoral Sandpiper, had a new high count of 297.

Eleven other species also had new high counts. Noteworthy among them are Lark Sparrow (46) which seemed to be everywhere this year, House Finch (141) whose numbers are again climbing in the city after plateauing for several years, Common Raven (41) whose summertime population continues to increase, and Purple Martin (669), another good year for these insect eaters.

Most songbirds were seen in their usual numbers although once again the diversity of warblers proved disappointing. Although 15 warbler species were sighted, nine of those had fewer than ten birds counted. Franklin's Gulls also proved scarce in most areas. Nearly all of the 1652 Franklin Gulls counted occurred in areas southwest of the city. Numbers of Mountain Bluebirds were also low.

New to the spring count were five Black-necked Stilts at Goose Lake, southwest of the city. Stilts, which are found in Alberta, have been expanding into Saskatchewan in recent years. The ones at Goose Lake will likely nest there, and providing conditions remain to their liking, we can expect to see more of these elegant waders in future years.

Other exciting sightings included several Ferruginous Hawks and a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. Two groups spied Black-crowned Night-Herons eating Tiger Salamanders; either there must be an abundance of salamanders about or the herons find them especially tasty.

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92	64	116	92	101	83	124	96	109	67	101	Total Species	171	175	175	165	160	170	186	169	178	176	170	183
15.8	12.0	16.8	11.0	13.4	11.2	15.5	14.7	13.5		60.1	Party Hours	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	180	205	162	151	102
3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	28	Participants	48	52	54	48	54	50	53	55	48	44	37	25
											Greater White-fronted Goose		1	1		1		47	17	1		1	20
7				6			7	1			Snow Goose	21	3	7	11	1	1	22	2	15		1	
											Ross's Goose							10		2			15
82	83	36	35	25	13	25	25	37	67	274	Canada Goose	702	665	720	769	683	1089	1130	865	1210	599	458	397
											Trumpeter Swan				1								
			4	1							Tundra Swan	5	1	6	2		5	6	6			1	
											• Duck sp. •				33								
											Wood Duck			1				1	2				
128	54	345	25	30	3	25	25	29	36	17	Gadwall	717	245	265	169	247	153	425	239	335	165	223	157
											Eurasian Wigeon										1		
19	22	68	25	25	13	25	18	25	25	12	American Wigeon	277	145	213	106	134	132	545	112	179	182	158	135
											American Black Duck												
114	37	106	25	25	19	25	25	25	98	111	Mallard	610	365	386	389	861	419	811	606	1767	401	381	244
58	53	119	75	25	11	110	25	25	74	58	Blue-winged Teal	633	356	554	293	274	192	478	226	417	240	291	186
											Cinnamon Teal		1	2	2			2		1	2	2	
											Cinnamon/ Blue-winged Teal hybrid										1		
25	43	209	75	25	1	255	25	25	77	55	Northern Shoveler	815	367	1357	339	806	198	243	373	451	241	272	202
19	26	8	25	25	1	25	25	25	38	14	Northern Pintail	231	186	325	254	86	100	95	92	172	121	85	119
11	27	17	9	15	4	22	7	20	5	6	Green-winged Teal	143	77	88	54	30	41	33	24	39	39	53	32
29	18	46	58	41	2	82	28	59	12	11	Canvasback	386	487	462	280	134	134	193	304	403	252	1095	249
77	33	27	7	67	2	66	31	44	25		Redhead	379	472	367	208	284	154	298	170	333	210	304	182
1		6		7	4	18	4	1			Ring-necked Duck	41	66	75	35	19	6	4	16	28	20	23	10
											Greater Scaup									2			
33	29	66	9	50		27	37	16	18	9	Lesser Scaup	294	358	573	269	216	184	163	323	341	389	465	343
											White-winged Scoter						1			6			2
											Long-tailed Duck												
40		12	1	4	2	3		10			Bufflehead	72	146	305	151	70	55	100	99	141	91	146	74
		1				2		4			Common Goldeneye	7	42	30	54	9	34	12	3	15	13	20	3
								1		2	Hooded Merganser	3	3	2			1	3		3	3		
						1			3	4	Common Merganser	8	17	14	26	32	17	19	21	30	34	7	10
											Red-breasted Merganser		3										1
24		33		263		2	100	107	11	2	Ruddy Duck	542	635	542	215	130	95	220	233	434	528	335	249
			1			1				2	Gray Partridge	4	13	18	26	36	33	19	17	30	11	16	2
											Ring-necked Pheasant		1								1		
1											Ruffed Grouse	1	6	7	11	2	14	2	4	9	16	20	8
				8							Sharp-tailed Grouse	8	10	32	7	12	16	36		14	19	58	1
											Common Loon		2	3	2	1	1	4	3	5	5	5	1
8	2	3	1	10	3	4	4	3		3	Pied-billed Grebe	41	34	33	25	19	11	32	11	42	22	23	15
27	6	2		9	2		8	5	9	33	Horned Grebe	101	240	115	163	42	56	86	88	117	86	107	78

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												05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27	05/22	05/23	05/24
2		5		8		7	1	2			Red-necked Grebe	25	36	30	22	16	14	36	23	23	32	20	8
56	7	200	12	140		17	58	61	17	250	Eared Grebe	818	1021	2371	1579	293	25	209	542	1059	90	75	149
		4		38		1					Western Grebe	43	69	29	57	120	10	42	75	119	56	114	26
											Clark's Grebe			1									
		16	9	36	1		2	2		46	American White Pelican	112	92	121	64	126	105	144	196	116	129	84	118
	1	3	1	38	3	1	3	3		5	Double-crested Cormorant	58	117	63	34	129	33	38	33	242	217	18	16
1			1		1	2			1		American Bittern	6	4	1			2		3	9		2	6
					1		1				Great Blue Heron	2	4	1	4		2	1		4	4	6	3
											Great Egret												
								1		1	Cattle Egret												1
										1	Black-crowned Night Heron	2	10	1				2		2	7		2
	2	1				1		1			Turkey Vulture	5	7	6	2	1	5		1	1	3	1	
	1	1									Osprey	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3		
											Bald Eagle				1					1	1		
3	9	5	7	8	1	6	3	3	5	1	Northern Harrier	51	27	67	61	27	27	24	41	75	35	40	36
		1									Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	2		1	1	1	2		4	
	1	1	1	1		1					Cooper's Hawk	5		3	5	4	4		5	5	6	2	1
											Northern Goshawk												1
											Broad-winged Hawk										1		
2	3	9	6	4		9	16	4		15	Swainson's Hawk	68	61	76	37	61	47	52	48	45	29	35	49
8	4	15	8	8	1	11	9	5	1	1	Red-tailed Hawk	71	58	66	62	63	56	73	49	87	59	71	46
						2					Ferruginous Hawk	2	2	1						1	2	1	
											Rough-legged Hawk				1								1
											Golden Eagle												2
											• Falconidae sp. •						1		1				
		1	1			1	2			2	American Kestrel	7	16	19	23	8	5	11	11	10	12	16	10
	2					1	1		1	16	Merlin	21	10	16	26	19	23	29	19	25	22	16	10
										2	Peregrine Falcon	2	1	4	2		2	1			3	1	1
											Prairie Falcon											1	1
											Yellow Rail												
									1		Virginia Rail	1	1		1				1				1
4		10	4	2	8	16	2	5	10	1	Sora	62	91	100	29	35	35	20	35	106	49	40	51
260	87	338	32	479	1	145	291	516	315	633	American Coot	3097	1245	870	372	505	149	1093	176	3089	455	737	522
			4								Sandhill Crane	4		6	13	4	15	9	2		8	7	8
											• Shorebird sp. •		18	516	168				18	730	800		
103	9	9				6	39				Black-bellied Plover	166	62	18	38		71	6	79	206	100	392	45
2											American Golden-Plover	2		26	87	1	146	31	2	41		8	59
			1	1			1				Semipalmated Plover	3	35	65	7	1	2	2		26			1
				2							Piping Plover	2	4							2	2	3	
30	17	16	27	25	2	24	23	11	17	19	Killdeer	211	191	122	116	138	155	83	120	153	144	196	43
						5					Black-necked Stilt	5											
157	15	15	34	62	1	36	134	84	16	1	American Avocet	555	318	314	436	150	109	63	122	242	277	207	185
	3	2				1					Greater Yellowlegs	6		3		1		5	5	3	10		10

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	8	1		3	2		1	3			Lesser Yellowlegs	18		9	5	4	7	13	6	13	51	13	5
											Solitary Sandpiper		2	3			1	2		2	2		1
6	21	6	2	12	2	12	13	12	6	2	Willet	94	87	58	37	79	99	160	102	95	81	90	36
3		6		7	4	2	2	5		9	Spotted Sandpiper	38	42	24	24	40	53	29	34	40	70	34	43
1						2			1		Upland Sandpiper	4	7	1	2	2	3	6	3	4	9	14	1
											Whimbrel		1										
						5					Long-billed Curlew	5	2	3	6		5	2	3	3	2	18	
											Hudsonian Godwit							3	1				8
4	11	10	4	6		3	7	11	1		Marbled Godwit	57	60	37	22	38	67	106	73	68	69	82	23
											Ruddy Turnstone		17			1	2	7		12		24	11
											Red Knot								3		5	2	4
130	175		1500					1707	25	13	• Peep sp. •	3550	78	141	805	104	2952	2	7048	1665	420	7013	130
		10		3							Sanderling	13	31	13	36	133	27	16	18	106	19	3	96
7			3	156		28	8	88			Semipalmated Sandpiper	290	305	102	641	785	139	64	1363	1161	54	457	57
											Western Sandpiper												
6	13	1	22	17		2	31	1			Least Sandpiper	93		26	22	25	6	118	234	11	9	17	8
1				35				3			White-rumped Sandpiper	39	7	11	21	20	5	6		23	2	32	6
3		1						20			Baird's Sandpiper	24	49	18	47	80	446	506	213	211	13	60	8
5			50	40		7	33	162			Pectoral Sandpiper	297	7	6	3	3	68	24	66	31	4	50	3
1											Dunlin	1			7								
511		10	442	162		817	76	468			Stilt Sandpiper	2486	395	286	5271	270	1116	649	273	405	572	1050	810
											Buff-breasted Sandpiper						95		57	19			
6	12		5								• Dowitcher sp. •	23	8			23	26	3	756	14	25	40	59
		1				2	7				Short-billed Dowitcher	10		31	105		37	1		3	174		
						1					Long-billed Dowitcher	1		15		8	13					1	
2		4	2	2	3	7	1	6	3		Wilson's Snipe	30	58	40	26	18	13	11	7	15	23	21	22
13	55	70	137	40		85	53	49	54		Wilson's Phalarope	556	464	219	117	118	97	98	147	286	231	211	50
516	1	70	201	1602		2			2		Red-necked Phalarope	2394	2145	2044	8402	953	378	41	4727	995	3420	2517	3899
5		3	1			933	655	16	1	38	Franklin's Gull	1652	3170	4619	1780	1077	596	317	417	1507	600	60	999
	17	1									Bonaparte's Gull	18		20	7	1	18	1	1	1	32	8	10
3		5			2			7		51	• White-headed Gull sp. •	68	1023	341	100	390	363	367	126	624	104	453	197
5	2	2	6	37		3	1	6	28	858	Ring-billed Gull	948	197	310	1549	300	307	527	476	254	212	96	463
		1				1				11	California Gull	13	11	9	264	390	85	241	137	7	34	20	42
							3				Herring Gull	3	7	1			3	13	6	1	28		1
											Lesser Black-backed Gull				2								
											Glaucous Gull												1
											Sabine's Gull				6								
		1		1				1		5	Common Tern	8	14	10	12	25	19	31	29	31	21	7	6
											Arctic Tern		1										
				1		1					Forster's Tern	2	31	5	7	30	24	1	1	6	16		8
14	7	23	11	168	11	25	12	18	19	5	Black Tern	313	669	490	630	470	120	50	250	501	482	344	451
1	5	6	9	25		45	25	9		395	Rock Pigeon	520	678	902	806	1151	571	420	399	801	813	662	727
											Eurasian Collared-Dove		2		1								

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5	2	41	18	7	10	26	22	24		13	Mourning Dove	168	165	152	133	134	136	101	79	155	99	115	74	
											Black-billed Cuckoo												1	
2		1	1			1	2				Great Horned Owl	7	13	23	30	15	10	13	10	6	8	8	9	
											Burrowing Owl												1	
											Long-eared Owl				1	2	2							2
1											Short-eared Owl	1			3				1	9	1	1	7	
										1	Common Nighthawk	1	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	5	4	4	2	
		1		1		3		1		1	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	7	1	5	2	4	4	3	6	6	3	9	4	
											Black-chinned Hummingbird													
		1			1	1		1		1	Belted Kingfisher	5	2	8	4		1	3	2	2		11	3	
											• Picidae sp. •				5		3	1	3					
											Red-headed Woodpecker													
			1		1	2		2			Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	12	5	8	4	7	12	1	3	15	1	7	
		3		1		1	1				Downy Woodpecker	6	4	3	5	9	6	15	7	4	10	4	3	
	1		1		1	4			1	2	Hairy Woodpecker	10	10	9	10	9	17	11	7	7	13	10	5	
											Black-backed Woodpecker													
5	3	7		4	2	6	4	3		10	Northern Flicker	44	62	55	66	42	31	40	22	42	44	37	27	
											Pileated Woodpecker			2										
											Olive-sided Flycatcher		1	1	2	5	3	1	1		3		2	
											Western Wood-Pewee				5			3	5	4	2	1	5	
											• Empidonax sp. •				62			3	3	1	52		26	
										1	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1		1				1			1		
											Alder Flycatcher		4	2	2	15		5	1	4	6			
18	1	121	35	14	46	17	14	20	12	50	Least Flycatcher	348	341	191	202	174	312	157	178	250	158	367	96	
					1	2					Eastern Phoebe	3	11	10	10	13	13	23	6	19	16	19	9	
											Say's Phoebe				1		2			2		1		
											Great Crested Flycatcher													
8	4	31	7	14		22	16	5	2	1	Western Kingbird	110	127	78	102	102	69	26	66	71	27	64	8	
6		49	18	7	1	18	23	8	4	17	Eastern Kingbird	151	144	176	104	256	83	68	91	199	64	158	28	
		1		1			2			1	Loggerhead Shrike	5	11	15	19	7	15	9	5	11	12	10	8	
											Northern Shrike													
											• Vireo sp. •							1						
											Blue-headed Vireo		2			1	1	2	4	1	1	2	6	
5		10		4	6	4	6	5		3	Warbling Vireo	43	86	47	43	8	52	8	61	71	19	97	10	
											Philadelphia Vireo			1	2				1		1	1		
			2	1	1			2		4	Red-eyed Vireo	10	69	33	11	17	11	3	49	76	9	67	2	
						3		1		10	Blue Jay	14	10	6	10	6	9	18	16	17	20	8	13	
18	22	15	21	6		34	26	12		46	Black-billed Magpie	200	434	434	459	415	448	453	406	441	381	289	235	
26	17	30	23	43	2	47	33	17	20	155	American Crow	413	599	586	532	656	600	795	679	750	595	414	376	
4		6	4	1	2	11	5	8			Common Raven	41	38	21	34	15	16	17	15	13	20	6	3	
34	8	2		24	1	14	24	6	11		Horned Lark	124	105	75	87	89	105	23	23	28	19	59	52	
											• Swallow sp. •			200	1524									
1		463	24	46			32	5	3	95	Purple Martin	669	396	324	90	184	281	153	141	134	172	52	37	

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32	23	147	20	77	12	185	86	32	37	31	Tree Swallow	682	416	1613	672	904	280	506	292	259	450	240	418	
		1			2	1	2	2			Northern Rough-winged Swallow	8	14	5		6	6	4	3	4	12	16	7	
14		119	22	6	141	2	132	68			Bank Swallow	504	224	1917	418	464	177	103	51	335	195	346	93	
		1		100		25	8	140			Cliff Swallow	274	463	207	161	2445	277	2	261	151	62	492	860	
23	20	29	59	38	8	57	38	14	3	35	Barn Swallow	324	301	487	188	486	199	154	166	340	337	317	273	
6	1	6	2		3	6	5	5	1	45	Black-capped Chickadee	80	54	58	64	73	79	147	56	49	75	32	33	
		3				1	1	1	1	29	Red-breasted Nuthatch	36	6	10	9	23	13	33	4	31	14	10	12	
						3					White-breasted Nuthatch	3	2	1			1	3	1		1		1	
											Brown Creeper										1			
		25	10	19	15	9	12	18	10	44	House Wren	162	446	307	230	108	189	64	175	206	115	250	35	
		1						1			Sedge Wren	2	7	3		1	2		1	8		4	1	
		3		1		1		1			Marsh Wren	6	18	8	10	11	3	3	8	17	18	30	12	
											Golden-crowned Kinglet												2	
		1				1				16	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	18	6	6	8	19	6	8	3	4	12	6	12	
											Eastern Bluebird					1							4	
5		3	2		2	1		2	2		Mountain Bluebird	17	56	75	43	114	71	22	22	53	37	45	23	
											• Thrush sp. •						2				1			
		3				1		1			Veery	5	12	14	15	3	12	12	7	17	4	30	1	
										1	Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	1	3			1	11	3		3	1	6	
					2		1			17	Swainson's Thrush	20	5	4	11	66	16	96	21	45	66		84	
		1						1			Hermit Thrush	2	4		5	8	2	3	5	3	5	8	2	
											Wood Thrush													
15	1	88	21	26	10	37	57	12	12	314	American Robin	593	640	602	615	623	526	621	481	694	467	374	287	
											Varied Thrush													
4		12	5	12	5	8	1	3		16	Gray Catbird	66	111	83	68	72	51	35	74	79	49	76	10	
											Northern Mockingbird			1										
5	2	13	4	2	1	6	10	9	1	26	Brown Thrasher	79	80	65	42	71	51	33	42	54	73	68	30	
1	2	7	12	2	2	21	9	11	4	4	European Starling	75	104	119	87	78	45	24	7	48	34	61	35	
											American Pipit						1							
		2	11		9	1		4			Sprague's Pipit	27	23	22	21	44	39	31	14	20	18	38	8	
											Bohemian Waxwing						4							
4		2				33	2	25		29	Cedar Waxwing	95	16	160	58	1127	33	97	96	328	11	38	18	
7		9	3	8	12	3		4		40	Tennessee Warbler	86	30	47	76	180	59	205	116	68	57	4	19	
		6	1		3			2			Orange-crowned Warbler	12	7	6	7	27	21	51	6	15	9	18	14	
		1									Nashville Warbler	1											2	
63	11	107	33	80	41	52	20	43	34	279	Yellow Warbler	763	798	596	543	440	611	330	650	725	414	554	251	
											Chestnut-sided Warbler		1			1		2		1				
										1	Magnolia Warbler	1				15		22	2		5		3	
											Cape May Warbler		1	2		1		17			4		1	
		3	1		2	2	1		4	15	Yellow-rumped Warbler	28	9	9	11	81	12	1033	13	17	72	22	179	
											Black-throated Green Warbler							2						
											Blackburnian Warbler			1				1						
						1					Palm Warbler	1					1	24			3		11	

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												05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27	05/22	05/23	05/24
					1						Bay-breasted Warbler	1				4		1					
			2	1		3				3	Blackpoll Warbler	9	2	3	10	20	3	32	14	5	36	1	12
			1	2	1	6				1	Black-and-white Warbler	11	5	4		9	1	43	2	4	1	10	6
					2			2		5	American Redstart	9	17	16	11	26	12	40	15	21	25	52	4
		1				2				1	Ovenbird	4	4	7	7	6	4	57	2	7	15	20	10
			1			1				1	Northern Waterthrush	3	3	1	2			33		1			
					1						Connecticut Warbler	1	1	1			2	1	5				1
											Mourning Warbler		2	1	1	6	1	2	3	2	2		1
		3	6		6	12		1		1	Common Yellowthroat	29	42	17	14	18	15	12	16	43	22	70	4
											Wilson's Warbler					7	1	9	1		4		1
											Canada Warbler		1	1		5		4		1	1		
											Yellow-breasted Chat												
											Scarlet Tanager								1				
											Western Tanager							1		1			
											• Sparrow sp. •		12		18								
3		24	9	4	7	14		12		2	Spotted Towhee	75	72	71	77	57	63	31	26	45	53	104	46
											American Tree Sparrow												
4	1	27	3	13	6	17	27	7	9	248	Chipping Sparrow	362	318	287	250	307	230	310	264	292	287	209	688
90		114	33	38	71	93	23	75	49	193	Clay-colored Sparrow	779	639	447	392	400	380	413	358	473	569	307	421
32		55	30	11	23	77	22	24	14	3	Vesper Sparrow	291	308	250	250	252	179	178	125	185	140	328	147
1		11	6		1	5	12	4	3	3	Lark Sparrow	46	23	27	29	30	14	6	7	12	5	8	6
											Lark Bunting							1				1	
33		6	23	6	5	31	5	26	9		Savannah Sparrow	144	234	188	99	130	110	106	96	147	55	164	88
											Grasshopper Sparrow		1	2				2				2	
					1						Baird's Sparrow	1	10	6	1			1	1	2	1	11	4
4	7	2	1			2		12			Le Conte's Sparrow	28	46	30	3	5	16	9	10	29	13	23	17
											Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow		1	7	3	8		2	10			4	1
											Fox Sparrow												
11	5	4	4	13	18	17	12	6	11	38	Song Sparrow	139	132	109	136	103	127	101	97	143	113	116	87
											Lincoln's Sparrow					1		17		1	3	1	4
										2	Swamp Sparrow	2					1	9					4
1				2	1	2		2		2	White-throated Sparrow	10	6	12	3		7	90	4	3	46	3	91
											Harris's Sparrow							24		3	6		31
			1		3					1	White-crowned Sparrow	5	1		1	5		21	1	1	5	2	57
											Dark-eyed Junco		2			1		5		2			
											McCown's Longspur									2			
											Lapland Longspur				150		2215	853		50	1050		10210
											Chestnut-collared Longspur											1	
											Snow Bunting												29
				2		7				5	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	14	11	9	10	6	5	18	8	5	19	8	34
											Lazuli Bunting							2					
		8	2	1		2	4	4			Bobolink	21	30	10	18	9	5	3	13	21	6	29	10
49	51	185	62	92	42	285	91	57	161	67	Red-winged Blackbird	1142	1088	1007	884	992	1017	1037	964	953	902	443	405

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23	12	39	42	14	12	73	56	39	26	11	Western Meadowlark	347	467	570	467	489	294	203	198	322	293	362	224
24	18	93	23	117	3	117	114	33	53	2	Yellow-headed Blackbird	597	573	467	317	430	435	556	251	510	362	314	295
											Rusty Blackbird				2				2				
13	4	27	103	11	2	151	62	7	19	80	Brewer's Blackbird	479	601	552	380	315	287	445	386	374	292	210	247
3	26	4		5	1		10	4	7	56	Common Grackle	116	94	125	95	146	91	118	130	175	90	64	52
39	11	35	45	66	20	80	78	25	8	26	Brown-headed Cowbird	433	318	314	312	326	258	278	142	163	115	457	232
5	1	13	5	7	4	11	7	5	1	7	Baltimore Oriole	66	74	64	79	52	76	65	93	95	40	104	27
						2				1	Purple Finch	3	4	3				1			4		3
			1				18	1	5	116	House Finch	141	89	76	92	77	52	86	38	29	4	2	1
											• Crossbill sp. •							1					
											Red Crossbill										4		4
											White-winged Crossbill		2				2						
											Common Redpoll												
										5	Pine Siskin	5	5	1	64		1	22	83	36	152	2	72
111		56	6	13	4	33	26	9	10	37	American Goldfinch	305	312	311	272	271	249	103	243	269	163	247	83
6	5	20	4	37		22	35	9	63	673	House Sparrow	874	937	1003	1446	2495	2059	1093	632	1352	1145	676	764
3338	1180	4090	3687	4835	704	4732	3106	4635	1631	5936	TOTAL BIRDS	37874	31009	36110	40666	29126	25190	22961	31146	33571	24287	29307	30554

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4:58	7:13	5:40	6:18	7:02	4:15	6:00	5:40	5:00	7:05	6:00	start												
21:38	17:40	21:45	17:15	20:25	15:25	21:30	20:20	18:30	15:30	19:30	end												
12.8	10.0	14.3	10.5	6.1	5.7	12.0	12.0	12.5		18.0	Car Party Hours	114	115	111	100	114	112	94	93	109	86	81	70
3.0	2.0	2.5	0.5	7.3	5.5	3.5	2.7	1.0		40.5	Foot Party Hours	68	91	75	77	85	106	123	87	95	76	65	32
										1.6	Bicycle Party Hours	2					4					5	
15.8	12.0	16.8	11.0	13.4	11.2	15.5	14.7	13.5		60.1	TOTAL Party Hours	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	180	205	162	151	102
270.2	167.4	264.0	180.0	198.6	98.0	244.0	264.0	238.0	180.0	257.2	Car Party km	2361	2423	2277	2146	2205	2406	2102	2137	2219	1764	1985	1451
3.0	4.5		1.0	3.0	12.5	4.0	4.0	1.0		67.3	Foot Party km	100	107	127	79	86	148	147	107	168	82	82	37
										15.0	Bicycle Party km	15					13					96	
273.2	171.9	264.0	181.0	201.6	110.5	248.0	268.0	239.0	180.0	339.5	TOTAL km	2477	2529	2403	2225	2291	2566	2249	2244	2387	1845	2162	1488

Teams (Leaders)

NE1 Michael Williams, Lucille Bradatsch, Ruth Welsh
 NE2 Todd Shury
 SE1 Stan Shadick, Jan Shadick
 SE2A Ron Jensen, Julie Jensen
 SE2B Robert Johanson, Kay Krueger, Linda Schnedar
 SE2C Mike Gollop
 SW1 Guy Wapple, Nick Saunders
 SW2 Lorne Duczek, Carol Maccan
 NW1 Kathy Meeres, Bob Godwin
 NW2 Alison Baudru, Lou Baudru
 City
 SW Maureen DuWors, Jessica Solar, Mrs. Solar
 NW Ivor Thokle, Lorne Sperling, Hilda Voth
 C Carol Blenkin, Mary Toews, Heather Wagg
 NE Keith Pahl, May Haga, Bill MacKenzie
 U Mary Houston, Stuart Houston, Marlene Kalanack, Jie Yan
 SE Kathy Exner, Thelma Howard, Sylvia Raginski
 S Donna Bruce
 S-C Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury, Andy Salisbury
 E Annemarie Buchmann-Gerber, George Christenson,
 Jacquie Christenson, Anna Leighton, Chris Soteros

Unique Species

Ruffed Grouse, American Golden-Plover, Dunlin, Short-eared Owl
 Sharp-shinned Hawk, Nashville Warbler
 Sharp-tailed Grouse, Sandhill Crane, Piping Plover
 Bay-breasted Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Baird's Sparrow
 Ferruginous Hawk, Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Curlew, Long-billed Dowitcher, White-breasted Nuthatch, Palm Warbler
 Herring Gull
 Virginia Rail
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
 Swamp Sparrow
 Pine Siskin
 Peregrine Falcon, Common Nighthawk, Magnolia Warbler
 Gray-cheeked Thrush

Weather

Temperature range: 10 - 24°C
 Sky: partly cloudy (a.m.), cloudy (p.m.)
 Rain: scattered showers (p.m.)
 Wind: 20 - 37, gusting to 56 kph

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											• Shrew spp. •												
											• Bat spp. •												
						1					Raccoon	1	1	x						1		1	
											• Weasel spp. •			x						1			
											Mink												
											Badger		1	1	4	1							1
1(d)											Skunk			1		1	1	1			3	2	
1	2		x	1			1	x			Coyote	5	9	3	9	6	7	4	4	7	5		
		1									Red Fox	1	9	4	2	1	2	4	1	3			
		x	10	3	3	40				32	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	88	95	34	30	117	53	77	50	505	145		
			1	1				x		1	13-lined Ground Squirrel	3	1		1	2	11	3	2	3	3		
								x		1	Franklin's Ground Squirrel	1	2			1	x		6	1	5		
					1						Least Chipmunk	1	10	4	3	1	8	7	4	3	4		
											Eastern Fox Squirrel												
						2				2	Red Squirrel	4	4	2	2	1		1	1				
		1	1		1	2					Beaver	5	5	x	3	2	3	2	2	1	5		
											Deer Mouse							1		2			
											Vole												
8	5	3	2	4		3	6	x			Muskrat	31	46	10	8	3	2		9	9	3		
											Porcupine				3							1	
1						1	x				White-tailed Jack Rabbit	2	13	4	9	17	8	13	5	13	7		
		1		2				x		3	Snowshoe Hare	6	2	3	9	1		10	2	2	1		
	2					1					Nuttall's Cottontail	3	1	2									
											Elk												
3		1	3	1	4	1					Mule Deer	13	19	8	11	4	7	12	7	6			
	2	9		6		4	8	x			White-tailed Deer	29	58	16	38	14	23	42	8	16	16		
											Moose						2						
4						6					Pronghorn	10		6	10		1	1	2				
											Tiger Salamander	x											
				5							Leopard Frog	5											
											Wood Frog		6	1							2		
						7					Canadian Toad	7	18		1		8				3		
x		x				21					Boreal Chorus Frog	21	52	10	2	x	x		3	4	10		
											• Garter Snake spp. •									2	2		
										1	Western Plains Garter Snake	1	3		1								
											• Turtle spp. •							1					
											• Skipper spp. •		2										
											Common Checkered Skipper												
											Common Roadside Skipper						1		1				
											• Duskywing spp. •		5										
2											Dreamy Duskywing	2								1			
					1						Perisus Duskywing	1	4				2						
						3				2	Canadian Tiger Swallowtail	5	23				13		1	3			

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											• <i>White spp.</i> •						x			23	1		
											Checkered White												
											Western White										2		
121	x				4	15				8	Cabbage White	148	258		12		50	5	10	62	18		
											• <i>Sulphur spp.</i> •		5				30				38	3	
23			x		15	10				11	Clouded sulphur	59	28		1		119		1	36	3		
											Orange Sulphur												
											Purplish Copper												
2					1	15					• <i>Blue spp.</i> •	18	11				7	2	1	21	4		
											Western-tailed Blue										1		
										2	Spring Azure	2	11				1		1			5	
											Silvery Blue		7				29	3			2		
						3					Melissa Blue	3											
											Greenish Blue		1							1			
											• <i>Large Fritillary spp.</i> •										8		
											Variegated Fritillary												
											Great Spangled Fritillary												
											Aphrodite Fritillary												
											• <i>Small Fritillary spp.</i> •						2				2		
4					1						Meadow Fritillary	5	21				5				8		
											• <i>Crescent spp.</i> •		1								2		
											Northern Crescent												
											• <i>Comma spp.</i> •											2	
											Satyr Comma												
											Compton Tortoiseshell												
											Green Comma												
					1						Gray Comma	1					1		1				
2					1					7	Mourning Cloak	10	3				20	5	2	6	1		
											Milbert's Tortoiseshell		1										
											Painted Lady									1			
											Red Admiral										1		
											White Admiral												
											Common Ringlet		11				2		8	1			
3											Red-disked Alpine	3						1					
					1						Uhler's Arctic	1	1				3						
											Woolly Bear Caterpillar												
											Cricket												
											Wood Tick							1	5				
3											• <i>Bumblebee spp.</i> •	3									3	1	
1											• <i>Dragonfly spp.</i> •	1						1					
											• <i>Damselfly spp.</i> •												

x - identified but numbers not provided; (d) - dead