

The swallows may return to Capistrano near the same date each year, but the migration through Saskatoon is more variable as demonstrated by this year's spring bird count. The count took place on May 23 when 51 volunteers spent the day tabulating every bird observed in the city and the countryside. The weather was excellent, and the number of species identified, 181, is above average. The total number of birds counted, over 33,000, is near the long-term average. But the interesting result from the count is the greater numbers of early migrants indicating a delay in the migration this year.

Many migrants do not stay in Saskatoon but are instead bound for either the boreal forest or the arctic. The typical dates for when they pass through our area vary from species to species. The date for the count is chosen to maximize the number of species present., but some early migrants should be well to the north on count day with at best only a few stragglers remaining. Some of these early migrating species were seen in unusually large numbers; record high counts were recorded for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Swainson's Thrush, and Pine Siskin, all of which should be in the boreal forest by the last week of May.

Yellow-rumped Warblers are the first wood warbler seen each spring and most should have moved through by count day. This year over 200 were recorded instead of usual handful. Snow Buntings, which winter in the Saskatoon area and should be mostly gone by early May, were also seen in record numbers. The large of numbers of these birds indicates that the migration for songbirds was several weeks behind schedule this year. There are also a few species, some wood warblers and grassland birds, that in a typical year reach Saskatoon just after the spring count, but usually a few from the vanguard are seen. These were mostly absent this year.

Mourning Dove, American Robin, Brown Thrasher, and Clay-colored, Vesper and Song Sparrows were also seen in record numbers; although since these are local nesting birds, the high numbers likely had more to do with the nice weather on count day. Common Ravens also scored a new high count; they have become more common in the spring and summer in recent years. Most other birds, including waterfowl, shorebirds, and hawks, were seen in typical numbers.

Rarities add spice to any bird count, and this year several fortunate observers sighted species not often seen in our region. New for the spring count is the White-faced Ibis. Ibis are normally found in the southeastern states, but they have been expanding their range north and west and are now seen regularly in Saskatchewan. Other birds of note include two Wood Ducks, a Broad-winged Hawk, seven Black-necked Stilts, and a Yellow-bellied flycatcher.

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111	104	118	102	110	80	140	110	93	72	107	Total Species	181	171	175	175	165	160	170	186	169	178	176	170
16.3	8.3	16.0	9.5	13.5	10.8	15.0	15.3	13.0	8.8	54.8	Party Hours	181	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	180	205	162	151
4	3	3	2	2	1	4	2	2	3	25	Participants	51	48	52	54	48	54	50	53	55	48	44	37
			17	17			2				Greater White-fronted Goose	36		1	1		1		47	17	1		1
1				5		1	1				Snow Goose	8	21	3	7	11	1	1	22	2	15		1
								30			Ross's Goose	30						10			2		
54	20	91	25	31	25	25	25	25	25	628	Canada Goose	974	702	665	720	769	683	1089	1130	865	1210	599	458
											Trumpeter Swan					1							
											Tundra Swan		5	1	6	2		5	6	6			1
											• Duck sp. •					33							
							2				Wood Duck	2			1				1	2			
75	37	68	25	35	2	25	11	25	16	8	Gadwall	327	717	245	265	169	247	153	425	239	335	165	223
											Eurasian Wigeon												1
22	35	19	25	15	12	25	9	17	6	10	American Wigeon	195	277	145	213	106	134	132	545	112	179	182	158
											American Black Duck												
51	60	82	25	31	14	25	25	25	25	92	Mallard	455	610	365	386	389	861	419	811	606	1767	401	381
25	45	143	25	25	8	25	25	25	25	35	Blue-winged Teal	406	633	356	554	293	274	192	478	226	417	240	291
											Cinnamon Teal			1	2	2			2		1	2	2
											Cinnamon/ Blue-winged Teal hybrid												1
35	45	87	25	28		25	25	25	25	11	Northern Shoveler	331	815	367	1357	339	806	198	243	373	451	241	272
18	19	18	7	25	1	25	19	5	3	7	Northern Pintail	147	231	186	325	254	86	100	95	92	172	121	85
30	2	2	2	18	2	25	7	20	7	3	Green-winged Teal	118	143	77	88	54	30	41	33	24	39	39	53
42	6	16	62	44		77	39	29	10	6	Canvasback	331	386	487	462	280	134	134	193	304	403	252	1095
24		8	52	22	2	55	10	12	5	5	Redhead	195	379	472	367	208	284	154	298	170	333	210	304
4		4		2	3	9	3	1			Ring-necked Duck	26	41	66	75	35	19	6	4	16	28	20	23
											Greater Scaup												2
88	75	38	50	68		76	61	33	17	8	Lesser Scaup	514	294	358	573	269	216	184	163	323	341	389	465
								3			White-winged Scoter	3						1			6		
											Long-tailed Duck												
23	6	13	13	3		4	2	2	2	2	Bufflehead	70	72	146	305	151	70	55	100	99	141	91	146
			2								Common Goldeneye	2	7	42	30	54	9	34	12	3	15	13	20
						2					Hooded Merganser	2	3	3	2			1	3			3	3
	6		3			2				5	Common Merganser	16	8	17	14	26	32	17	19	21	30	34	7
											Red-breasted Merganser			3									
50	2	16	125	32		35	55	11	2		Ruddy Duck	328	542	635	542	215	130	95	220	233	434	528	335
4	2						3		5	2	Gray Partridge	16	4	13	18	26	36	33	19	17	30	11	16
											Ring-necked Pheasant			1									1
					5	1	2				Ruffed Grouse	8	1	6	7	11	2	14	2	4	9	16	20
					9						Sharp-tailed Grouse	9	8	10	32	7	12	16	36		14	19	58
											Common Loon			2	3	2	1	1	4	3	5	5	5
8	1	2	2	6		3	3	3		4	Pied-billed Grebe	32	41	34	33	25	19	11	32	11	42	22	23
11	9	3		12		8	8	5		2	Horned Grebe	58	101	240	115	163	42	56	86	88	117	86	107

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5	1	1	6	4		14	2		1		Red-necked Grebe	34	25	36	30	22	16	14	36	23	23	32	20
87	10	309	246	112		84	83	16	6	13	Eared Grebe	966	818	1021	2371	1579	293	25	209	542	1059	90	75
		118		11		1		2		1	Western Grebe	133	43	69	29	57	120	10	42	75	119	56	114
											Clark's Grebe				1								
	3	22		30					2	19	American White Pelican	76	112	92	121	64	126	105	144	196	116	129	84
2	25	56	1	8			1			4	Double-crested Cormorant	97	58	117	63	34	129	33	38	33	242	217	18
					1	2					American Bittern	3	6	4	1			2		3	9		2
1		4	4		2						Great Blue Heron	11	2	4	1	4		2	1		4	4	6
											Great Egret												
											Cattle Egret												1
		1	1	2		1	2			3	Black-crowned Night Heron	10	2	10	1				2		2	7	
		1									White-faced Ibis	1											
	3		1		1	1					Turkey Vulture	6	5	7	6	2	1	5		1	1	3	1
	3									1	Osprey	4	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	
											Bald Eagle					1					1	1	
5	31	2	6	3		8	4	8	2		Northern Harrier	69	51	27	67	61	27	27	24	41	75	35	40
											Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1	2		1	1	1	2		4
		1			2	2				1	Cooper's Hawk	6	5		3	5	4	4		5	5	6	2
											Northern Goshawk												
				1							Broad-winged Hawk	1										1	
2	3	10	4	5		12	10	3		7	Swainson's Hawk	56	68	61	76	37	61	47	52	48	45	29	35
7	11	12	9	7	2	10	9	6	3	3	Red-tailed Hawk	79	71	58	66	62	63	56	73	49	87	59	71
						1					Ferruginous Hawk	1	2	2	1						1	2	1
											Rough-legged Hawk					1							
											Golden Eagle												
											• Falconidae sp. •							1		1			
1		3	1			1	3	1	1		American Kestrel	11	7	16	19	23	8	5	11	11	10	12	16
1	2	2		1						14	Merlin	20	21	10	16	26	19	23	29	19	25	22	16
1										1	Peregrine Falcon	2	2	1	4	2		2	1			3	1
											Prairie Falcon												1
											Yellow Rail												
											Virginia Rail		1	1		1					1		1
6	3	9	2	3	5	9	3	1	2	2	Sora	45	62	91	100	29	35	35	20	35	106	49	40
60	20	327	48	115		117	43	61	31	2	American Coot	824	3097	1245	870	372	505	149	1093	176	3089	455	737
	4	1				2					Sandhill Crane	7	4		6	13	4	15	9	2		8	7
											• Shorebird sp. •			18	516	168				18	730	800	
51				44		23	27		15		Black-bellied Plover	160	166	62	18	38		71	6	79	206	100	392
163	250	3		45		43		3			American Golden-Plover	507	2		26	87	1	146	31	2	41		8
15				1		3	1		6		Semipalmated Plover	26	3	35	65	7	1	2	2		26		
				1							Piping Plover	1	2	4							2	2	3
28	33	16	14	35	2	27	24	9	11	17	Killdeer	216	211	191	122	116	138	155	83	120	153	144	196
						7					Black-necked Stilt	7	5										
42	7	29	33	64		22	53	54	25	2	American Avocet	331	555	318	314	436	150	109	63	122	242	277	207

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	1		2								Greater Yellowlegs	3	6		3		1		5	5	3	10	
2	4			1		1	4	3	8	1	Lesser Yellowlegs	24	18		9	5	4	7	13	6	13	51	13
1						1				1	Solitary Sandpiper	3		2	3			1	2		2	2	
13	6	3	6	16	1	9	24	7	17	2	Willet	104	94	87	58	37	79	99	160	102	95	81	90
8	2	13	10	27	4	27	32	3		16	Spotted Sandpiper	142	38	42	24	24	40	53	29	34	40	70	34
			1			3					Upland Sandpiper	4	4	7	1	2	2	3	6	3	4	9	14
											Whimbrel			1									
						3					Long-billed Curlew	3	5	2	3	6		5	2	3	3	2	18
											Hudsonian Godwit								3	1			
2	14	2	3	5		15	12	4	5		Marbled Godwit	62	57	60	37	22	38	67	106	73	68	69	82
6				2		3					Ruddy Turnstone	11		17			1	2	7		12		24
											Red Knot									3		5	2
104				125				240		10	• Peep sp. •	479	3550	78	141	805	104	2952	2	7048	1665	420	7013
1				49			41				Sanderling	91	13	31	13	36	133	27	16	18	106	19	3
22	40	15	2	162		37	20				Semipalmated Sandpiper	298	290	305	102	641	785	139	64	1363	1161	54	457
											Western Sandpiper												
19	20	15	2	136		14	73	1	7		Least Sandpiper	287	93		26	22	25	6	118	234	11	9	17
		20				7		12			White-rumped Sandpiper	39	39	7	11	21	20	5	6		23	2	32
24	1	46		2		2	3				Baird's Sandpiper	78	24	49	18	47	80	446	506	213	211	13	60
5	5	17	2	2		3	2				Pectoral Sandpiper	36	297	7	6	3	3	68	24	66	31	4	50
1				1							Dunlin	2	1			7							
10	50	14	20	120		125	74	35			Stilt Sandpiper	448	2486	395	286	5271	270	1116	649	273	405	572	1050
	15			4							Buff-breasted Sandpiper	19						95		57	19		
	10								23		• Dowitcher sp. •	33	23	8			23	26	3	756	14	25	40
			2	8			1				Short-billed Dowitcher	11	10		31	105		37	1		3	174	
2						15	3	1			Long-billed Dowitcher	21	1		15		8	13					1
1	3	2	5		9	2	2		2	2	Wilson's Snipe	28	30	58	40	26	18	13	11	7	15	23	21
4	1	39	31	49		110	667	30	53		Wilson's Phalarope	984	556	464	219	117	118	97	98	147	286	231	211
113	1	19	8	850		75	5				Red-necked Phalarope	1071	2394	2145	2044	8402	953	378	41	4727	995	3420	2517
114	20	1153	22	204		620	150	59	13	177	Franklin's Gull	2532	1652	3170	4619	1780	1077	596	317	417	1507	600	60
											Bonaparte's Gull		18		20	7	1	18	1	1	1	32	8
6			1		3		1			596	• White-headed Gull sp. •	607	68	1023	341	100	390	363	367	126	624	104	453
	10	11		3		6			17	36	Ring-billed Gull	83	948	197	310	1549	300	307	527	476	254	212	96
	15	7									California Gull	22	13	11	9	264	390	85	241	137	7	34	20
		3							1		Herring Gull	4	3	7	1			3	13	6	1	28	
											Lesser Black-backed Gull					2							
											Glaucous Gull												
											Sabine's Gull					6							
	1	1								6	Common Tern	8	8	14	10	12	25	19	31	29	31	21	7
											Arctic Tern			1									
		3		4		7	3				Forster's Tern	17	2	31	5	7	30	24	1	1	6	16	
14		17	15	76		175	52	118	13	22	Black Tern	502	313	669	490	630	470	120	50	250	501	482	344
8	1	3	47	2		32	9	6	4	589	Rock Pigeon	701	520	678	902	806	1151	571	420	399	801	813	662

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											Eurasian Collared-Dove			2		1							
14	7	19	75	8	27	74	22	5	1	18	Mourning Dove	270	168	165	152	133	134	136	101	79	155	99	115
											Black-billed Cuckoo												
4	2	5				1	2			1	Great Horned Owl	15	7	13	23	30	15	10	13	10	6	8	8
											Burrowing Owl												1
											Long-eared Owl					1	2	2					
											Short-eared Owl		1			3				1	9	1	1
						2					Common Nighthawk	2	1	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	5	4	4
					1					2	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	3	7	1	5	2	4	4	3	6	6	3	9
											Black-chinned Hummingbird												
		2		1		2					Belted Kingfisher	5	5	2	8	4		1	3	2	2		11
											• Picidae sp. •					5		3	1	3			
											Red-headed Woodpecker												
		4	2		8	2		1		1	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	18	6	12	5	8	4	7	12	1	3	15	1
1		3			1	3				5	Downy Woodpecker	13	6	4	3	5	9	6	15	7	4	10	4
	3	2		1	2	3	2			8	Hairy Woodpecker	21	10	10	9	10	9	17	11	7	7	13	10
											Black-backed Woodpecker												
4	2	3		2	7	11	4	1	2	19	Northern Flicker	55	44	62	55	66	42	31	40	22	42	44	37
											Pileated Woodpecker				2								
			1							1	Olive-sided Flycatcher	2		1	1	2	5	3	1	1		3	
										2	Western Wood-Pewee	2					5		3	5	4	2	1
		2			6					8	• Empidonax sp. •	16					62		3	3	1	52	
		1									Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1	1			1			1			1
		1	2								Alder Flycatcher	3		4	2	2	15		5	1	4	6	
16	15	28	11	19	32	21		3	3	18	Least Flycatcher	166	348	341	191	202	174	312	157	178	250	158	367
4	3	5		2	2	7	1				Eastern Phoebe	24	3	11	10	10	13	13	23	6	19	16	19
											Say's Phoebe					1		2			2		1
											Great Crested Flycatcher												
11	6	18	16	23	1	42	11	4		5	Western Kingbird	137	110	127	78	102	102	69	26	66	71	27	64
5	4	22	27	11		28	32	6	1	21	Eastern Kingbird	157	151	144	176	104	256	83	68	91	199	64	158
1	1	1	4			1	4			2	Loggerhead Shrike	14	5	11	15	19	7	15	9	5	11	12	10
											Northern Shrike												
											• Vireo sp. •								1				
											Blue-headed Vireo			2			1	1	2	4	1	1	2
					2	4	3	1		2	Warbling Vireo	12	43	86	47	43	8	52	8	61	71	19	97
											Philadelphia Vireo				1		2			1		1	1
											Red-eyed Vireo		10	69	33	11	17	11	3	49	76	9	67
		1				1	2			12	Blue Jay	16	14	10	6	10	6	9	18	16	17	20	8
30	50	24	12	10	2	27	28	19	28	69	Black-billed Magpie	299	200	434	434	459	415	448	453	406	441	381	289
47	17	111	21	19	1	53	31	45	22	129	American Crow	496	413	599	586	532	656	600	795	679	750	595	414
7	3	6	5	3	4	23	3	1		6	Common Raven	61	41	38	21	34	15	16	17	15	13	20	6
32	13	2	10	16		47	14	2	13		Horned Lark	149	124	105	75	87	89	105	23	23	28	19	59
											• Swallow sp. •				200	1524							

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	8	121	26	25			25	8	2	34	Purple Martin	249	669	396	324	90	184	281	153	141	134	172	52
45	71	24	18	47	14	64	63	51	8	26	Tree Swallow	431	682	416	1613	672	904	280	506	292	259	450	240
		7			2						Northern Rough-winged Swallow	9	8	14	5		6	6	4	3	4	12	16
4	13	242	45	25	8	21	155	4		4	Bank Swallow	521	504	224	1917	418	464	177	103	51	335	195	346
			101	6		46	60				Cliff Swallow	213	274	463	207	161	2445	277	2	261	151	62	492
25	38	5	49	35	3	53	28	3	1	28	Barn Swallow	268	324	301	487	188	486	199	154	166	340	337	317
6	2	20		2	2	11	6	1		86	Black-capped Chickadee	136	80	54	58	64	73	79	147	56	49	75	32
		1								25	Red-breasted Nuthatch	26	36	6	10	9	23	13	33	4	31	14	10
		1				2					White-breasted Nuthatch	3	3	2	1			1	3	1		1	
											Brown Creeper											1	
14	11	10	4	6	11	17	5	2		18	House Wren	98	162	446	307	230	108	189	64	175	206	115	250
		1									Sedge Wren	1	2	7	3		1	2		1	8		4
					1	2		1			Marsh Wren	4	6	18	8	10	11	3	3	8	17	18	30
											Golden-crowned Kinglet												
			1	2		1	2	2		8	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	16	18	6	6	8	19	6	8	3	4	12	6
										3	Eastern Bluebird	3					1						4
4	1	15	2	1	3	2	3	4			Mountain Bluebird	35	17	56	75	43	114	71	22	22	53	37	45
											• Thrush sp. •							2				1	
1		2		1	2	3				1	Veery	10	5	12	14	15	3	12	12	7	17	4	30
		2	1	1	1	1				2	Gray-cheeked Thrush	8	1	1	3			1	11	3		3	1
7	1	6	3	6	14	27	11	2	1	49	Swainson's Thrush	127	20	5	4	11	66	16	96	21	45	66	
1		1				2				1	Hermit Thrush	5	2	4		5	8	2	3	5	3	5	8
											Wood Thrush												
30	12	92	30	39	33	69	39	14	12	334	American Robin	704	593	640	602	615	623	526	621	481	694	467	374
											Varied Thrush												
1	2	3	1	2	4	2	1	2		15	Gray Catbird	33	66	111	83	68	72	51	35	74	79	49	76
											Northern Mockingbird				1								
1		7	11	2	3	17	13	2		37	Brown Thrasher	93	79	80	65	42	71	51	33	42	54	73	68
2	8	24	6			33	4	2	10		European Starling	89	75	104	119	87	78	45	24	7	48	34	61
											American Pipit							1					
			1		6	2		2			Sprague's Pipit	11	27	23	22	21	44	39	31	14	20	18	38
											Bohemian Waxwing							4					
2						7	19			23	Cedar Waxwing	51	95	16	160	58	1127	33	97	96	328	11	38
6	2			13	12	5		2		12	Tennessee Warbler	52	86	30	47	76	180	59	205	116	68	57	4
	1	1		2	13	1	3			8	Orange-crowned Warbler	29	12	7	6	7	27	21	51	6	15	9	18
											Nashville Warbler		1									2	
30	17	10	21	62	19	56	25	8	16	138	Yellow Warbler	402	763	798	596	543	440	611	330	650	725	414	554
											Chestnut-sided Warbler			1			1		2		1		
											Magnolia Warbler		1				15		22	2		5	
1		1				2	3				Cape May Warbler	7		1	2		1		17			4	
8	9	17	18	41	19	47	19	2	4	32	Yellow-rumped Warbler	216	28	9	9	11	81	12	1033	13	17	72	22
											Black-throated Green Warbler								2				
											Blackburnian Warbler				1				1				

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			1		2						Palm Warbler	3	1					1	24				3	
											Bay-breasted Warbler		1				4		1					
	1	1		4	2	3	2				4 Blackpoll Warbler	17	9	2	3	10	20	3	32	14	5	36	1	
	1			2		2					1 Black-and-white Warbler	6	11	5	4		9	1	43	2	4	1	10	
					1		1				American Redstart	2	9	17	16	11	26	12	40	15	21	25	52	
					1	2					5 Ovenbird	8	4	4	7	7	6	4	57	2	7	15	20	
					3	1					2 Northern Waterthrush	6	3	3	1	2			33		1			
											Connecticut Warbler		1	1	1			2	1	5				
						1					Mourning Warbler	1		2	1	1	6	1	2	3	2	2		
		3	1		4	2		2			Common Yellowthroat	12	29	42	17	14	18	15	12	16	43	22	70	
											3 Wilson's Warbler	3					7	1	9	1		4		
											Canada Warbler			1	1		5		4		1	1		
											Yellow-breasted Chat													
											Scarlet Tanager									1				
											Western Tanager								1		1			
											8 • Sparrow sp. •	8		12		18								
3	2	14	2	5	23	16	1	1	2	22	Spotted Towhee	91	75	72	71	77	57	63	31	26	45	53	104	
											American Tree Sparrow													
9	5	77	3	28	11	33	58	7	3	388	Chipping Sparrow	622	362	318	287	250	307	230	310	264	292	287	209	
70	23	119	61	47	71	187	12	28	40	248	Clay-colored Sparrow	906	779	639	447	392	400	380	413	358	473	569	307	
44	39	10	43	22	23	132	52	12	5	4	Vesper Sparrow	386	291	308	250	250	252	179	178	125	185	140	328	
2		7	1		1	14	14	1			Lark Sparrow	40	46	23	27	29	30	14	6	7	12	5	8	
											Lark Bunting								1				1	
34	5	21	8	9	9	37	28	11	14	6	Savannah Sparrow	182	144	234	188	99	130	110	106	96	147	55	164	
											Grasshopper Sparrow			1	2				2				2	
											Baird's Sparrow		1	10	6	1			1	1	2	1	11	
1		3			1	1		2			Le Conte's Sparrow	8	28	46	30	3	5	16	9	10	29	13	23	
											Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			1	7	3	8			2	10		4	
											Fox Sparrow													
20	7	18	6	11	16	17	17	1	9	61	Song Sparrow	183	139	132	109	136	103	127	101	97	143	113	116	
	3		2		1	1				6	Lincoln's Sparrow	13					1		17		1	3	1	
					1						Swamp Sparrow	1	2					1	9					
1	1		2	1	21	2	4	2		29	White-throated Sparrow	63	10	6	12	3		7	90	4	3	46	3	
			1								Harris's Sparrow	1							24		3	6		
5	1		1		10					15	White-crowned Sparrow	32	5	1		1	5		21	1	1	5	2	
					1						Dark-eyed Junco	1		2			1		5		2			
											McCown's Longspur										2			
800	70	300		240		1200					Lapland Longspur	2610				150		2215	853		50	1050		
											Chestnut-collared Longspur												1	
372	29					1					Snow Bunting	402												
1	1				3	3		1		14	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	23	14	11	9	10	6	5	18	8	5	19	8	
											Lazuli Bunting								2					
1			5			3		2	2		Bobolink	13	21	30	10	18	9	5	3	13	21	6	29	

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88	28	207	104	114	48	228	109	64	51	70	Red-winged Blackbird	1111	1142	1088	1007	884	992	1017	1037	964	953	902	443
26	29	39	46	13	14	79	60	19	31	19	Western Meadowlark	375	347	467	570	467	489	294	203	198	322	293	362
44	11	50	23	41	1	72	27	32	9		Yellow-headed Blackbird	310	597	573	467	317	430	435	556	251	510	362	314
											Rusty Blackbird					2				2			
25	42	121	69	33	3	147	64	20	24	69	Brewer's Blackbird	617	479	601	552	380	315	287	445	386	374	292	210
8	33	11	16	13		1	13	3	6	73	Common Grackle	177	116	94	125	95	146	91	118	130	175	90	64
64	32	158	98	106	44	135	55	15	24	78	Brown-headed Cowbird	809	433	318	314	312	326	258	278	142	163	115	457
10	3	1		12	2	12	18	9	1	9	Baltimore Oriole	77	66	74	64	79	52	76	65	93	95	40	104
		7					4		3	2	Purple Finch	16	3	4	3					1			4
			1				6	1	4	117	House Finch	129	141	89	76	92	77	52	86	38	29	4	2
											• Crossbill sp. •									1			
											Red Crossbill												4
											White-winged Crossbill			2				2					
											Common Redpoll												
32	30	51	23	42	1	10	27	12	5	77	Pine Siskin	310	5	5	1	64		1	22	83	36	152	2
31	10	36	21	25	14	34	9	11	9	28	American Goldfinch	228	305	312	311	272	271	249	103	243	269	163	247
9	6	38	15	53		61	28	15	48	403	House Sparrow	676	874	937	1003	1446	2495	2059	1093	632	1352	1145	676
3586	1733	5101	2119	4015	697	5453	3032	1450	855	5350	TOTAL BIRDS	33391	37874	31009	36110	40666	29126	25190	22961	31146	33571	24287	29307

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												05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24	05/25	05/26	05/27	05/22	05/23
4:42	7:35	6:15	7:30	7:18	4:25	6:30	5:30	5:20	7:15	6:30	start												
21:58	17:00	22:00	17:30	21:12	15:25	21:30	20:50	17:18	15:30	20:00	end												
11.3	7.0	13.0	9.0	5.4	3.0	8.5	12.0	12.0	8.3	4.3	Car Party Hours	94	114	115	111	100	114	112	94	93	109	86	81
5.0	1.3	3.0	0.5	8.1	7.8	6.5	3.3	1.0	0.5	50.5	Foot Party Hours	87	68	91	75	77	85	106	123	87	95	76	65
											Bicycle Party Hours		2					4					5
16.3	8.3	16.0	9.5	13.5	10.8	15.0	15.3	13.0	8.8	54.8	TOTAL Party Hours	181	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	180	205	162	151
251.7	110.0	244.0	137.0	192.0	67.0	267.0	250.0	225.0	151.0	78.6	Car Party km	1973	2361	2423	2277	2146	2205	2406	2102	2137	2219	1764	1985
2.2	2.0	5.0	0.5	3.0	17.0	7.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	51.8	Foot Party km	96	100	107	127	79	86	148	147	107	168	82	82
											Bicycle Party km		15					13					96
253.9	112.0	249.0	137.5	195.0	84.0	274.0	254.0	227.0	152.0	130.4	TOTAL km	2069	2477	2529	2403	2225	2291	2566	2249	2244	2387	1845	2162

Teams (Leaders)

NE1 Michael Williams, Lucille Bradatsch, Mary Loewen;
Lynn Oliphant (feeder)

NE2 Marten Stoffel, Daniele Gesbrecht, Gerard Lahey

SE1 Stan Shadick, Jan Shadick, Ruth Welsh

SE2A Ron Jensen, Linda Schnedar

SE2B Robert Johanson, Donna Haugen

SE2C Mike Gollop

SW1 Guy Wapple, Sharon Bradford, Tom Bradford, Nick Saunders

SW2 Lorne Duczek, Carol Maccan

NW1 Kathy Meeres, Sylvia Raginski

NW2 Alison Baudru, Lou Baudru, Judy Toews

City

SW Maureen DuWors, Marlene Mahoney, Gerry Stofan, Jessica Stofan

NW count not done

C Carol Blenkin, Mary Toews, Heather Wagg

N Angela Stern

NE Anna Leighton, Ted Leighton, Eva Durance, Betty-May Ormiston

U Hilda Voth, Bruce Brandell, Heather Kleiner

SE Hilda Noton, George Christensen, Jacquie Christensen;
Peter Hardie (feeder)

S Donna Bruce

S-C Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury, Mary Gilliland

E Laurie Slinger, Marlene Kalanack

Unique Species

White-faced Ibis, Sedge Wren

Common Goldeneye, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Harris's Sparrow

Broad-winged Hawk, Piping Plover

Swamp Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco

Hooded Merganser, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ferruginous Hawk, Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Curlew, Common Nighthawk, Mourning Warbler

Wood Duck

Ross's Goose, White-winged Scoter

Western Wood-Pewee, Eastern Bluebird

Weather

Temperature range: 4 - 21°C

Sky: clear

Rain: nil

Wind: 10 - 24 kph (am), 0 - 10 kph (pm)

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											• <i>Shrew spp.</i> •												
											• <i>Bat spp.</i> •												
											Raccoon		1	1	x					1			1
											• <i>Weasel spp.</i> •				x					1			
											Mink												
											Badger			1	1	4	1						1
		x						1			Skunk	1			1	1	1	1			3	2	
2			1		6	3	7	1			Coyote	20	5	9	3	9	6	7	4	4	7	5	
2						4					Red Fox	6	1	9	4	2	1	2	4	1	3		
		x	9	2	2	45	4	1	3	27	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	93	88	95	34	30	117	53	77	50	505	145	
2			1	1		2	1				13-lined Ground Squirrel	7	3	1		1	2	11	3	2	3	3	
			2		3	2				1	Franklin's Ground Squirrel	8	1	2			1	x		6	1	5	
1		x			4					7	Least Chipmunk	12	1	10	4	3	1	8	7	4	3	4	
											Eastern Fox Squirrel												
						3		1		1	Red Squirrel	5	4	4	2	2	1		1	1			
							3				Beaver	3	5	5	x	3	2	3	2	2	1	5	
											Deer Mouse								1		2		
											Vole												
6			1	1		3	5		4	1	Muskrat	21	31	46	10	8	3	2		9	9	3	
											Porcupine					3							1
		x									White-tailed Jack Rabbit		2	13	4	9	17	8	13	5	13	7	
3						1				1	Snowshoe Hare	5	6	2	3	9	1		10	2	2	1	
											Nuttall's Cottontail		3	1	2								
											Elk												
1		x	6	2	7	16	2				Mule Deer	34	13	19	8	11	4	7	12	7	6		
12		x			13	6	13	2			White-tailed Deer	46	29	58	16	38	14	23	42	8	16	16	
							11				Moose							2					
											Pronghorn	11	10		6	10		1	1	2			
											Tiger Salamander												
					1						Leopard Frog	1	5										
											Wood Frog			6	1							2	
											Canadian Toad		7	18		1		8					3
x					5					3	Boreal Chorus Frog	8	21	52	10	2	x	x		3	4	10	
											• <i>Garter Snake spp.</i> •										2	2	
										1	Western Plains Garter Snake	1	1	3		1							
											• <i>Turtle spp.</i> •								1				
										1	• <i>Skipper spp.</i> •	1		2									
											Common Checkered Skipper												
											Common Roadside Skipper							1		1			
											• <i>Duskywing spp.</i> •			5									
											Dreamy Duskywing		2								1		
											Perisus Duskywing		1	4				2					

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											Canadian Tiger Swallowtail		5	23				13		1	3		
			7								• <i>White spp.</i> •	7						x			23	1	
											Checkered White												
			1								Western White	1										2	
27				3	1	15				1	Cabbage White	47	148	258		12		50	5	10	62	18	
			x								• <i>Sulphur spp.</i> •			5				30			38	3	
											Clouded sulphur		59	28		1		119		1	36	3	
											Orange Sulphur												
											Purplish Copper												
						10					• <i>Blue spp.</i> •	10	18	11				7	2	1	21	4	
											Western-tailed Blue										1		
				1	1					1	Spring Azure	3	2	11				1		1		5	
											Silvery Blue			7				29	3		2		
						10					Melissa Blue	10	3										
											Greenish Blue			1							1		
											• <i>Large Fritillary spp.</i> •											8	
											Variagated Fritillary												
											Great Spangled Fritillary												
											Aphrodite Fritillary												
											• <i>Small Fritillary spp.</i> •							2			2		
											Meadow Fritillary		5	21				5			8		
											• <i>Crescent spp.</i> •			1							2		
											Northern Crescent												
										1	• <i>Comma spp.</i> •	1										2	
						2				1	Satyr Comma	3											
										2	Compton Tortoiseshell	2											
											Green Comma												
											Gray Comma		1					1		1			
3			2			3				19	Mourning Cloak	27	10	3				20	5	2	6	1	
											Milbert's Tortoiseshell			1									
											Painted Lady									1			
											Red Admiral										1		
										1	White Admiral	1											
											Common Ringlet			11				2		8	1		
1				1	3					1	Red-disked Alpine	6	3						1				
											Uhler's Arctic		1	1				3					
											Woolly Bear Caterpillar												
											Cricket												
											Wood Tick								1	5			
											• <i>Bumblebee spp.</i> •		3								3	1	
											• <i>Dragonfly spp.</i> •		1						1				
											• <i>Damselfly spp.</i> •												