

The 2013 Saskatoon area spring migration bird count, held May 25th, produced very average results, due in part to high water levels and unsettled weather on the day of the count.

Despite below average precipitation in May, late snow melt filled sloughs to capacity and beyond, leaving very little shoreline. In many rural areas access to prime bird habitat was cut off as some grid roads were under water. Intermittent and localized showers during count day meant some teams saw long periods of light rain while other teams experienced little or no precipitation. Wind speeds were moderate to high for most of the day, with gusts reaching 59 kilometres per hour in the evening.

In total, 30,245 birds were seen in the Saskatoon area, below the long-term average of 32,412. The 176 species recorded were only one above the average of 175. No new species were added to the all-time spring count list, but 11 species seen infrequently on past counts were found, including Greater Scaup, Broad-winged Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Black-necked Stilt, Whimbrel, Black-throated Green Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Palm Warbler, Red Crossbill and White-winged Crossbill.

While duck and goose numbers were average, grebe numbers were up slightly. Fifty-two Pied-billed Grebes and 64 Red-necked Grebes were new records, surpassing the previous record of 50 for both species seen in 1988 and 2012, respectively.

A record 91 Swainson's Hawks were reported, eight more than the previous record of 83 seen in 1990. Only 56 Red-tailed Hawks were seen, making it only the sixth time since 1987 that more Swainson's Hawks were seen than Red-tailed Hawks.

With limited shoreline, total shorebird numbers were just over half the long-term average at 4,881 birds. Only 24 of the 34 species of shorebirds reported on previous spring counts were recorded.

Five Eurasian Collared-Doves were counted, one more than the record four seen in 2010. This bird was introduced in the Bahamas in the 1970s and appeared in Florida in the 1980s. Since then it has spread throughout North America, making its first local count appearance in the spring of 2005.

Only 5 Loggerhead Shrikes were seen, tying the low record set in 2001 and 2008, and well below the long-term average of 20. The eastern subspecies of this bird is considered extirpated in New Brunswick and Quebec, and is in continual decline in Ontario. The prairie subspecies found in our area is also considered to be in decline. Lacking the strong talons of most predators, this bird is known for impaling and holding its prey (insects and small animals) on the thorns of shrubs or on barbed wire.

Sixteen of the 23 species of warblers seen on previous spring counts were recorded, with a total of 1090 individuals, exceeding the long-term average of 772. Yellow Warblers were once again the most common at 879 birds.

A record 137 Spotted Towhees were identified, breaking the previous record of 110 set in 1995. In general the numbers of other sparrows were slightly above average, while longspurs and buntings were noticeably absent.

White-winged and Red Crossbills, which were unusually common in some Saskatoon neighbourhoods this past winter, remained in the area in small numbers. Thirty-two White-winged Crossbills eclipsed the previous record of 6 set in 2010 and 2011, and 7 Red Crossbills beat the previous record of 4 seen in 1997 and again in 1999.

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98	81	119	80	105	40	128	100	103	99	99	Total Species	176	181	168	163	181	171	175	175	165	160	170	186	
16.0	8.4	15.6	9.7	14.8	4.7	14.5	13.0	11.5	7.2	64.1	Party Hours	179	202	176	166	181	184	206	187	177	199	222	217	
5	2	4	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	22	Participants	47	52	49	42	51	48	52	54	48	54	50	53	
				2				1			Greater White-fronted Goose	3		1	1	36		1	1		1		47	
1			3						3	1	Snow Goose	8	27	9	1	8	21	3	7	11	1	1	22	
											Ross's Goose		2			30							10	
69	22	43	33	53	4	25	25	25	16	338	Canada Goose	653	942	672	793	974	702	665	720	769	683	1089	1130	
											Trumpeter Swan												1	
				3							Tundra Swan	3	5				5	1	6	2		5	6	
20											• Duck sp. •	24		8	6								33	
											Wood Duck				1	2				1				1
63	14	37	21	28		25	25	25	4	9	Gadwall	251	399	275	297	327	717	245	265	169	247	153	425	
											Eurasian Wigeon													
20	12	17	24	22		25	6	23	2	8	American Wigeon	159	201	161	175	195	277	145	213	106	134	132	545	
											American Black Duck													
167	70	120	25	43	8	25	25	25	31	128	Mallard	667	723	577	594	455	610	365	386	389	861	419	811	
131	58	150	25	34	6	25	25	25	20	44	Blue-winged Teal	543	589	432	302	406	633	356	554	293	274	192	478	
				1		4					Cinnamon Teal	5			2			1	2	2				2
											Cinnamon/ Blue-winged Teal hybrid													
120	50	165	25	42	2	25	25	25	51	18	Northern Shoveler	548	632	396	319	331	815	367	1357	339	806	198	243	
21	11	22	9	17		19	12	15	11	4	Northern Pintail	141	170	163	96	147	231	186	325	254	86	100	95	
19	2	9	4	15	2	25	3	7		4	Green-winged Teal	90	131	74	94	118	143	77	88	54	30	41	33	
24	4	20	18	123		118	52	33	18	2	Canvasback	412	433	437	260	331	386	487	462	280	134	134	193	
29	17	24	12	32		70	22	9	13	2	Redhead	230	384	393	145	195	379	472	367	208	284	154	298	
2		1	6	2		9	1				Ring-necked Duck	21	38	70	38	26	41	66	75	35	19	6	4	
		2									Greater Scaup	2		2										
78	10	26	13	87		172	58	60	4	6	Lesser Scaup	514	432	516	439	514	294	358	573	269	216	184	163	
											White-winged Scoter		1			3							1	
64	11	8	2	9		7	2	13	9		Bufflehead	125	114	177	162	70	72	146	305	151	70	55	100	
	6	1							20		Common Goldeneye	27	16	53	5	2	7	42	30	54	9	34	12	
											Hooded Merganser		13	11	1	2	3	3	2			1	3	
	6									4	Common Merganser	10	15	9	5	16	8	17	14	26	32	17	19	
											Red-breasted Merganser		3					3						
66	12	88	7	57		89	20	35	27	7	Ruddy Duck	408	526	451	412	328	542	635	542	215	130	95	220	
	2		2						1		Gray Partridge	5	10	8	8	16	4	13	18	26	36	33	19	
											Ring-necked Pheasant								1					
3		1			5	3			1		Ruffed Grouse	13	16	6	6	8	1	6	7	11	2	14	2	
					1				1		Sharp-tailed Grouse	2	1	6	1	9	8	10	32	7	12	16	36	
1								1		1	Common Loon	3	1	4	2			2	3	2	1	1	4	
9	12	5	3	3		7	5	4	4		Pied-billed Grebe	52	40	26	22	32	41	34	33	25	19	11	32	
35	11	10		13		47	9	17	3	3	Horned Grebe	148	187	93	85	58	101	240	115	163	42	56	86	
23	2	3		8		14	5	5		4	Red-necked Grebe	64	50	37	36	34	25	36	30	22	16	14	36	

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12	66	32	8	84		440	28	44	35	3	Eared Grebe	752	402	179	904	966	818	1021	2371	1579	293	25	209
	3	5		29			1	2	1		Western Grebe	41	19	15	4	133	43	69	29	57	120	10	42
											Clark's Grebe								1				
		69		30		42	2	2		45	American White Pelican	190	100	97	153	76	112	92	121	64	126	105	144
1		32		2		18		26	15	2	Double-crested Cormorant	96	13	4	31	97	58	117	63	34	129	33	38
	2							1			American Bittern	3	14	2		3	6	4	1			2	
			1								Great Blue Heron	1	5	6	1	11	2	4	1	4		2	1
											Great Egret												
											Cattle Egret			2									
1							1				Black-crowned Night Heron	2	2	3	1	10	2	10	1				2
											White-faced Ibis					1							
	1					2					Turkey Vulture	3	12	9	9	6	5	7	6	2	1	5	
				1		2				2	Osprey	5	1	3	3	4	2	1	2	2	1	1	1
											Bald Eagle		1								1		
3	7	4	7	6		8	9	3		1	Northern Harrier	48	32	76	35	69	51	27	67	61	27	27	24
										1	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	1	1		1		1	2		1	1
		2		1				1			Cooper's Hawk	4	4		3	6	5		3	5	4	4	
											Northern Goshawk												
		1									Broad-winged Hawk	1				1							
3	8	12	13	4	2	22	14	2	3	8	Swainson's Hawk	91	78	80	63	56	68	61	76	37	61	47	52
3	10	10	4	12	1	2	4	3	4	3	Red-tailed Hawk	56	81	84	43	79	71	58	66	62	63	56	73
						1					Ferruginous Hawk	1				1	2	2	1				
		1									Rough-legged Hawk	1		1							1		
											Golden Eagle			1									
											• <i>Falconidae sp.</i> •												1
	3	3	2			2	3	1			American Kestrel	14	7	11	9	11	7	16	19	23	8	5	11
1	2			1		1	1		1	11	Merlin	18	26	12	21	20	21	10	16	26	19	23	29
1	1	1		1		1				1	Peregrine Falcon	6	3	5	3	2	2	1	4	2		2	1
							1				Prairie Falcon	1			1								
											Yellow Rail												
											Virginia Rail		3	3			1	1			1		
5	11	38	5	6	2	16	4	7	5	2	Sora	101	108	94	44	45	62	91	100	29	35	35	20
113	52	107	64	51		126	144	60	53	36	American Coot	806	1256	503	254	824	3097	1245	870	372	505	149	1093
13											Sandhill Crane	13	8		8	7	4		6	13	4	15	9
								1			• <i>Shorebird sp.</i> •	1	1450					18	516	168			
25			6			19					Black-bellied Plover	50	175	21	55	160	166	62	18	38		71	6
											American Golden-Plover				55	507	2		26	87	1	146	31
											Semipalmated Plover		2	1		26	3	35	65	7	1	2	2
				1							Piping Plover	1	1	3		1	2	4					
14	14	9	6	20		39	15	7	2	6	Killdeer	132	137	147	166	216	211	191	122	116	138	155	83
						2	3				Black-necked Stilt	5	6			7	5						
40	2	8	13	65		22	29	8	30		American Avocet	217	249	102	251	331	555	318	314	436	150	109	63
9	1	6	3	11	1	6	1	5	2	16	Spotted Sandpiper	61	53	28	52	142	38	42	24	24	40	53	29

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											Solitary Sandpiper		1			3		2	3			1	2
							1				Greater Yellowlegs	1	6			3	6		3			1	5
7	4	4	1	13		17	7	4	2		Willet	59	46	54	62	104	94	87	58	37	79	99	160
	4	2				5	3		7	4	Lesser Yellowlegs	25	7	1	3	24	18		9	5	4	7	13
											Upland Sandpiper		7	9	7	4	4	7	1	2	2	3	6
1											Whimbrel	1		2				1					
											Long-billed Curlew		3	1	2	3	5	2	3	6		5	2
											Hudsonian Godwit												3
3	2	5	3	2		7	8		2		Marbled Godwit	32	41	35	39	62	57	60	37	22	38	67	106
6		2		7			1		7		Ruddy Turnstone	23	79	2	1	11		17			1	2	7
											Red Knot												
20									300		<i>• Peep sp. •</i>	320	41	110	88	479	3550	78	141	805	104	2952	2
43		7	10	227					12		Sanderling	299	131	549	235	91	13	31	13	36	133	27	16
2	6	9	8	565		33	106		30		Semipalmated Sandpiper	759	368	328	371	298	290	305	102	641	785	139	64
											Western Sandpiper		2										
		3				4	4		19		Least Sandpiper	30	14	1	3	287	93		26	22	25	6	118
2		1		10		21	2	20	7		White-rumped Sandpiper	63	25	8	23	39	39	7	11	21	20	5	6
		1		45					13		Baird's Sandpiper	59	57	7	26	78	24	49	18	47	80	446	506
		4	1	1		1	4		8		Pectoral Sandpiper	19	21	8		36	297	7	6	3	3	68	24
			1				1				Dunlin	2			4	2	1			7			
145		1	7	350		28	234	18	2		Stilt Sandpiper	785	351	1262	1110	448	2486	395	286	5271	270	1116	649
											Buff-breasted Sandpiper		10			19							95
4	2								2		<i>• Dowitcher sp. •</i>	8	6	40		33	23	8			23	26	3
							1				Short-billed Dowitcher	1		1		11	10		31	105		37	1
											Long-billed Dowitcher			9	1	21	1		15		8	13	
4	3	2		1		18	6	4	4		Wilson's Snipe	42	46	54	34	28	30	58	40	26	18	13	11
10	18	71	21	47		66	43	22	4		Wilson's Phalarope	302	427	136	241	984	556	464	219	117	118	97	98
3		359		1219				1	2		Red-necked Phalarope	1584	1277	388	947	1071	2394	2145	2044	8402	953	378	41
11	3	40		39		2588	116	6	20	526	Franklin's Gull	3349	3828	1888	1042	2532	1652	3170	4619	1780	1077	596	317
											Bonaparte's Gull						18		20	7	1	18	1
			8					540	350	124	<i>• White-headed Gull sp. •</i>	1022	85	22	452	607	68	1023	341	100	390	363	367
2	3			85		25		11	50	12	Ring-billed Gull	188	279	75	188	83	948	197	310	1549	300	307	527
		1		54				9	40	3	California Gull	107	39	5	29	22	13	11	9	264	390	85	241
											Herring Gull		2	3	5	4	3	7	1			3	13
											Lesser Black-backed Gull										2		
											Glaucous Gull												
											Sabine's Gull										6		
											<i>• White tern sp. •</i>			1									
1				3		2		11		5	Common Tern	22	46	66	9	8	8	14	10	12	25	19	31
											Arctic Tern							1					
				1		2	4				Forster's Tern	7	12	7	20	17	2	31	5	7	30	24	1
80	22	68	25	92	6	149	13	44	80		Black Tern	579	498	607	1049	502	313	669	490	630	470	120	50
	10	11	7	10		40	20	4	5	294	Rock Pigeon	401	619	341	716	701	520	678	902	806	1151	571	420

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		2						3			Eurasian Collared-Dove	5	3	1	4			2		1			
17	12	31	17	18	2	26	12	22	7	21	Mourning Dove	185	203	126	106	270	168	165	152	133	134	136	101
											Black-billed Cuckoo												
1		2				1		1	3		Great Horned Owl	8	22	10	8	15	7	13	23	30	15	10	13
											Burrowing Owl												
											Long-eared Owl									1	2	2	
											Short-eared Owl			3			1			3			
	1		1								Common Nighthawk	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	4	3	2
						1					Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	5	3		3	7	1	5	2	4	4	3
											Black-chinned Hummingbird												
		2				2					Belted Kingfisher	4	9	3	5	5	5	2	8	4		1	3
								1			• <i>Picidae sp.</i> •	1	1							5		3	1
											Red-headed Woodpecker												
		1		1		9				1	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12	9	5	5	18	6	12	5	8	4	7	12
	2	3				1			1	2	Downy Woodpecker	9	8	3	7	13	6	4	3	5	9	6	15
	1	1	1			1	1		3		Hairy Woodpecker	8	9	7	7	21	10	10	9	10	9	17	11
											Black-backed Woodpecker												
6	3	8	2	4	1	9	6	7	4	17	Northern Flicker	67	58	57	41	55	44	62	55	66	42	31	40
											Pileated Woodpecker				1				2				
											Olive-sided Flycatcher			1	2	2		1	1	2	5	3	1
											Western Wood-Pewee		1			2					5	3	
										3	• <i>Empidonax sp.</i> •	3	15		1	16					62		3
											Yellow-bellied Flycatcher					1	1	1			1		
										1	Alder Flycatcher	1	13		13	3		4	2	2	15		5
23	3	77	22	17	63	26	17	33	13	24	Least Flycatcher	318	371	248	179	166	348	341	191	202	174	312	157
4		1		1		4	2				Eastern Phoebe	12	10	5	11	24	3	11	10	10	13	13	23
				1							Say's Phoebe	1								1		2	
											Great Crested Flycatcher												
10	4	7	5	14		7	2	2	3	3	Western Kingbird	57	142	64	44	137	110	127	78	102	102	69	26
8	7	21	13	10		26	9	5	7	11	Eastern Kingbird	117	195	117	150	157	151	144	176	104	256	83	68
			3			1		1			Loggerhead Shrike	5	15	12	10	14	5	11	15	19	7	15	9
											• <i>Vireo sp.</i> •												1
										1	Blue-headed Vireo	1	1	1				2			1	1	2
13		3	7	9	2	6	2	3	1	1	Warbling Vireo	47	135	63	60	12	43	86	47	43	8	52	8
											Philadelphia Vireo		1		1				1		2		
1	1	1			1	1		1		6	Red-eyed Vireo	12	71	13	31		10	69	33	11	17	11	3
				5		1				12	Blue Jay	18	19	11	4	16	14	10	6	10	6	9	18
39	30	31	18	7		32	36	12	6	53	Black-billed Magpie	264	307	289	293	299	200	434	434	459	415	448	453
55	12	33	21	69		110	48	20	12	151	American Crow	531	418	554	451	496	413	599	586	532	656	600	795
12	16	22	7	15	4	19	12	13	8	19	Common Raven	147	141	78	67	61	41	38	21	34	15	16	17
9			8	12		6	4	1	2		Horned Lark	42	40	51	87	149	124	105	75	87	89	105	23
										8	• <i>Swallow sp.</i> •	8			2				200	1524			
15	17	12		45		2	10	10	25	63	Purple Martin	199	376	160	139	249	669	396	324	90	184	281	153

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25	36	90	45	14	1	173	57	59	13	81	Tree Swallow	594	362	364	1080	431	682	416	1613	672	904	280	506
					2	2	1		2		Northern Rough-winged Swallow	7	3	3	7	9	8	14	5		6	6	4
		65			3	81		150	3	2	Bank Swallow	304	241	410	311	521	504	224	1917	418	464	177	103
					24	8	150	20			Cliff Swallow	202	502	235	179	213	274	463	207	161	2445	277	2
31	43	26	35	77		55	19	7	17	16	Barn Swallow	326	308	364	467	268	324	301	487	188	486	199	154
3	2	13			1	7	8	1	4	72	Black-capped Chickadee	111	153	52	98	136	80	54	58	64	73	79	147
		2							2	30	Red-breasted Nuthatch	34	34	13	30	26	36	6	10	9	23	13	33
		1				3					White-breasted Nuthatch	4	2	1		3	3	2	1			1	3
											Brown Creeper												
35	4	61	4	24	17	17	14	19	22	71	House Wren	288	362	363	200	98	162	446	307	230	108	189	64
1					1	2					Sedge Wren	4	1	3	1	1	2	7	3		1	2	
		1			2	2					Marsh Wren	5	13	16	11	4	6	18	8	10	11	3	3
											Golden-crowned Kinglet												
		3					5	1	1	7	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	17	35	16	4	16	18	6	6	8	19	6	8
											Eastern Bluebird					3					1		
		8				6	1	5	1		Mountain Bluebird	21	21	29	14	35	17	56	75	43	114	71	22
											• Thrush sp. •			4	2							2	
		7			4	5		1			Veery	17	20	19	17	10	5	12	14	15	3	12	12
											Gray-cheeked Thrush		1			8	1	1	3			1	11
					2		2			8	Swainson's Thrush	12	29	4	30	127	20	5	4	11	66	16	96
								1			Hermit Thrush	1	5	1		5	2	4		5	8	2	3
											Wood Thrush												
35	18	100	32	53	6	61	38	30	25	366	American Robin	764	1013	908	822	704	593	640	602	615	623	526	621
											Varied Thrush												
11	3	15	7	16		9	2	5	4	41	Gray Catbird	113	241	101	91	33	66	111	83	68	72	51	35
											Northern Mockingbird								1				
2	5	6	6		1	7	9	8	10	27	Brown Thrasher	81	65	46	33	93	79	80	65	42	71	51	33
2	2	21	7	6		6	20	4	4		European Starling	72	119	135	113	89	75	104	119	87	78	45	24
											American Pipit											1	
		2	3			2		2			Sprague's Pipit	9	1	2	9	11	27	23	22	21	44	39	31
											Bohemian Waxwing											4	
6	3	10				4	21	3		1	Cedar Waxwing	48	196	13	53	51	95	16	160	58	1127	33	97
										2	• Warbler sp. •	2	26										
7		3		1	1	8		5	21	45	Tennessee Warbler	91	8	17	35	52	86	30	47	76	180	59	205
		4			1	2				1	Orange-crowned Warbler	8	11	4	4	29	12	7	6	7	27	21	51
											Nashville Warbler						1						
83	9	82	52	98	30	57	38	35	21	374	Yellow Warbler	879	1097	842	537	402	763	798	596	543	440	611	330
											Chestnut-sided Warbler							1			1		2
									1	3	Magnolia Warbler	4	2	1	2		1				15		22
					2	2			2		Cape May Warbler	6				7		1	2		1		17
3					3	4			1	7	Yellow-rumped Warbler	18	1	3	2	216	28	9	9	11	81	12	1033
						1					Black-throated Green Warbler	1											2
											Blackburnian Warbler								1				1

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						1				1	Palm Warbler	2				3	1					1	24
										1	Bay-breasted Warbler	1					1					4	1
7		5		4		3				1	Blackpoll Warbler	22	2	1	1	17	9	2	3	10	20	3	32
						8					Black-and-white Warbler	10	2	5	3	6	11	5	4		9	1	43
		1			6	5					American Redstart	12	12	29	35	2	9	17	16	11	26	12	40
2		1			8						Ovenbird	15	6	5	2	8	4	4	7	7	6	4	57
						2					Northern Waterthrush	2	3	1	1	6	3	3	1	2			33
											Connecticut Warbler		2				1	1	1				1
											Mourning Warbler		5			1		2	1	1	6	1	2
			2	1		7		1	1	4	Common Yellowthroat	16	21	37	16	12	29	42	17	14	18	15	12
										1	Wilson's Warbler	1	1	1		3					7	1	9
											Canada Warbler		1					1	1		5		4
											Yellow-breasted Chat												
											• Sparrow sp. •					8		12		18			
2		35	21	4	10	18		13	11	23	Spotted Towhee	137	81	42	49	91	75	72	71	77	57	63	31
											American Tree Sparrow												
4		26	4	8		14	9	5	5	322	Chipping Sparrow	397	275	265	261	622	362	318	287	250	307	230	310
55	26	107	47	39	16	85	22	55	17	116	Clay-colored Sparrow	585	502	566	405	906	779	639	447	392	400	380	413
21	9	53	32	14	2	53	10	17	9		Vesper Sparrow	220	206	239	219	386	291	308	250	250	252	179	178
		3	2			5	2	7	2	1	Lark Sparrow	22	25	28	11	40	46	23	27	29	30	14	6
											Lark Bunting												1
27	2	15	20	8	1	47	7	10	4	9	Savannah Sparrow	150	152	136	145	182	144	234	188	99	130	110	106
						1					Grasshopper Sparrow	1						1	2				2
						2					Baird's Sparrow	2		1	2		1	10	6	1			1
5		19				11		11	2		Le Conte's Sparrow	48	11	10	11	8	28	46	30	3	5	16	9
											Nelson's Sparrow		11	3	1			1	7	3	8		
											Fox Sparrow												
19		6		10	4	28	5	4	5	14	Song Sparrow	95	127	138	113	183	139	132	109	136	103	127	101
											Lincoln's Sparrow				1	13					1		17
											Swamp Sparrow		1			1	2					1	9
			1								White-throated Sparrow	9	4	2	1	63	10	6	12	3		7	90
											Harris's Sparrow					1							24
											White-crowned Sparrow	4			4	32	5	1		1	5		21
											Dark-eyed Junco					1		2			1		5
											McCown's Longspur												
											Lapland Longspur		160			2610				150		2215	853
											Chestnut-collared Longspur												
											Snow Bunting				402								
											Scarlet Tanager												
											Western Tanager		1										1
2		2				3		1		6	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	14	14	8	5	23	14	11	9	10	6	5	18
											Lazuli Bunting												2
	2	11	2	1		4		8			Bobolink	28	20	21	15	13	21	30	10	18	9	5	3

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175	90	152	122	213	4	225	57	68	83	89	Red-winged Blackbird	1278	1097	1085	1097	1111	1142	1088	1007	884	992	1017	1037
10	13	40	46	8	4	36	34	26	5	3	Western Meadowlark	225	304	286	253	375	347	467	570	467	489	294	203
59	70	99	28	78		72	60	23	95	9	Yellow-headed Blackbird	593	372	403	373	310	597	573	467	317	430	435	556
											Rusty Blackbird									2			
10	55	63	57	45		163	29	14	23	37	Brewer's Blackbird	496	509	493	424	617	479	601	552	380	315	287	445
37	19	4	14	38		14	27	11	8	107	Common Grackle	279	301	203	273	177	116	94	125	95	146	91	118
20	2	50	22	55	6	95	11	34	9	68	Brown-headed Cowbird	372	619	505	444	809	433	318	314	312	326	258	278
											Orchard Oriole		2										
7	4	7		13	2	9	3	5	3	2	Baltimore Oriole	55	75	45	42	77	66	74	64	79	52	76	65
						2	2			2	Purple Finch	6	6		3	16	3	4	3				1
		1					3	2	1	129	House Finch	136	210	155	156	129	141	89	76	92	77	52	86
											• Crossbill sp. •												1
		5								2	Red Crossbill	7											
		10				1				21	White-winged Crossbill	32		6	6			2				2	
											Common Redpoll			1									
18		102	6	14		4	1	27	19	35	Pine Siskin	226	80	11	47	310	5	5	1	64		1	22
18	2	41	2	7	1	22	18	6	10	58	American Goldfinch	185	421	406	223	228	305	312	311	272	271	249	103
20	10	3	2	36		51	3	7	32	328	House Sparrow	492	771	1725	814	676	874	937	1003	1446	2495	2059	1093
2528	1130	3322	1202	4840	241	6316	2006	2085	1925	4650	TOTAL BIRDS	30245	32609	25298	24523	33391	37874	31009	36110	40666	29126	25190	22961

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												5/25	5/26	5/28	05/29-30	05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24	05/25
4:56	7:15	6:42	6:40	6:30	4:25	6:00	5:40	5:15	4:50	6:30	start												
21:17	16:20	22:22	16:50	21:17	9:20	20:30	18:40	18:10	12:00	21:00	end												
7.5	6.0	14.1	8.6	7.5	1.3	11.0	10.0	11.0	5.2	15.5	Car Party Hours	98	96	95	100	94	114	115	111	100	114	112	94
8.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	7.3	3.4	3.5	3.0	0.5	2.0	52.1	Foot Party Hours	85	102	82	66	87	68	91	75	77	85	106	123
										2.0	Bicycle Party Hours	2	4				2					4	
16.0	8.4	15.6	9.7	14.8	4.7	14.5	13.0	11.5	7.2	69.6	TOTAL Party Hours	185	202	176	166	181	184	206	187	177	199	222	217
314.0	123.0	238.0	141.0	246.0	10.0	223.0	225.0	245.0	160.0	139.2	Car Party km	2064	2206	2045	1968	1973	2361	2423	2277	2146	2205	2406	2102
3.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	7.5	4.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	60.4	Foot Party km	94	141	105	77	96	100	107	127	79	86	148	147
											Bicycle Party km		10				15					13	
317.0	125.0	242.0	143.0	249.0	17.5	227.0	229.0	246.0	163.0	199.6	TOTAL km	2158	2357	2150	2044	2069	2477	2529	2403	2225	2291	2566	2249

Teams (Leaders)

NE1 Michael Williams, May Haga, Nicole Michel, Frank Roy,
Lynn Oliphant (feeder)

NE2 Marten Stoffel, Sylvia Raginski, John Lahey-Wiggs, Gerard Lahey

SE1 Stan Shadick, Jan Shadick, Heather Giroux, Kyrn Giroux

SE2A John Patterson, Linda Schnedar, Lorne Sperling

SE2B Robert Johanson, Ryan Bradshaw

SE2C Mike Gollop

SW1 Guy Wapple, Nick Saunders

SW2 Lorne Duczek, Carol Maccan

NW1 Bob Godwin, Kathy Meeres

NW2 Daniel Giesbrecht, Dianne Young

City

SW Maureen Duwors, Marlene Mahoney

NW Audrey Hall, Ed Holgate

C Heather Wagg, Mary Toews, Gale Diakuw, Bob Diakuw, John Comer

NE Ted Leighton

U Angela Stern, Scott Michele, Elaine Kennedy

SE1 Hilda Noton, Jacquie Christiansen, George Christiansen

SE2 Keith Giroux, Kyrn Giroux, Lesley Fell, Tara Giroux

S Donna Bruce

S-C Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury, Rob Salisbury, (Shadicks - yard)

E Laurie Slinger

Unique Species

Sandhill Crane, Whimbrel

Greater Scaup, Broad-winged Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk

Great Blue Heron

Tundra Swan, Piping Plover, Say's Phoebe

Ferruginous Hawk, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Black-throated Green Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Grasshopper Sparrow, Baird's Sparrow

Prairie Falcon, Greater Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitcher

Hermit Thrush

Blue-headed Vireo

Sharp-shinned Hawk, Bay-breasted Warbler

Alder Flycatcher, White-crowned Sparrow

Wilson's Warbler

Weather

Temperature range: 9 - 19 °C

Sky: mostly cloudy

Rain: Intermittent and localized showers

Wind: 7 - 41 km/h, gusts to 59 km/h

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											• <i>Shrew sp.</i> •												
											• <i>Vole sp.</i> •												
											Meadow Vole			1									
											• <i>Bat sp.</i> •												
											Raccoon		1			1	1	x					
											• <i>Weasel sp.</i> •							x					
											Long-tailed Weasel		1										
											Badger		1	1	1			1	1	4	1		
						1					Striped Skunk	1			2	1			1		1	1	1
	1						1	2			Coyote	4	12	8	2	20	5	9	3	9	6	7	4
				1							Red Fox	1	4	5	5	6	1	9	4	2	1	2	4
				4		5				2	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	11	46	134	12	93	88	95	34	30	117	53	77
		1		1							13-lined Ground Squirrel	2	4	1	2	7	3	1		1	2	11	3
		2		1	1	1				2	Franklin's Ground Squirrel	7	5	2		8	1	2			1	x	
		1								2	Least Chipmunk	3	4	5	2	12	1	10	4	3	1	8	7
						5					Red Squirrel	5	2			5	4	4	2	2	1		1
1											Beaver	1	7	3	2	3	5	5	x	3	2	3	2
											Deer Mouse												1
7	4	1		4			5	3			Muskrat	24	30	19	16	21	31	46	10	8	3	2	
											Porcupine		1		1					3			
		1		1							White-tailed Jack Rabbit	2	2	11	2		2	13	4	9	17	8	13
						2					Snowshoe Hare	2	6	2		5	6	2	3	9	1		10
											Nuttall's Cottontail						3	1	2				
		2				2					Mule Deer	4	26	7	14	34	13	19	8	11	4	7	12
		2		6		2	2			4	White-tailed Deer	16	43	27	28	46	29	58	16	38	14	23	42
											Moose											2	
											Pronghorn		3	2	8	11	10		6	10		1	1
											Leopard Frog					1	5						
											Wood Frog		6	14				6	1				
											Canadian Toad		3	4	1		7	18		1		8	
		x			5	16					Boreal Chorus Frog	21	1	24	28	8	21	52	10	2	x	x	
											• <i>Garter Snake sp.</i> •		1										
											Western Plains Garter Snake				1	1	1	3		1			
											• <i>Turtle sp.</i> •												1
											• <i>Skipper sp.</i> •					1		2					
											Common Roadside Skipper											1	
											• <i>Duskywing sp.</i> •							5					
											Dreamy Duskywing						2						
											Perisus Duskywing		1				1	4				2	
											Canadian Tiger Swallowtail		1	2			5	23				13	
											• <i>White sp.</i> •		4	3		7						x	
											Western White					1							
26						10				5	Cabbage White	41	53	560		47	148	258		12		50	5

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											• Sulphur sp. •		3	14				5				30	
											Clouded sulphur			22			59	28		1		119	
											Hoary Elfin		8										
											• Blue sp. •		5	9		10	18	11				7	2
											Western-tailed Blue												
											Spring Azure		2			3	2	11				1	
										3	Silvery Blue	3	1	10				7				29	3
											Melissa Blue				10	3							
											Greenish Blue			1				1					
											• Large Fritillary sp. •												
											• Small Fritillary sp. •											2	
											Meadow Fritillary		8	4			5	21				5	
											• Crescent sp. •			2				1					
											• Comma sp. •		2			1							
											Satyr Comma					3							
											Compton Tortoiseshell					2							
											Gray Comma						1					1	
							2			1	Mourning Cloak	3	8	2		27	10	3				20	5
											Milbert's Tortoiseshell							1					
											Painted Lady		1										
											Red Admiral		1										
											White Admiral					1							
											Common Ringlet			2				11				2	
										1	Red-disked Alpine	1				6	3						1
											• Arctic sp. •			1									
											Uhler's Arctic						1	1				3	
											Monarch		1										
											Cricket												
					10						Wood Tick	10											1
											• Bumblee sp. •		2				3						
											• Dragonfly sp. •						1						1
											Variegated Meadowhawk		4										
											• Damselfly sp. •												

x - identified but numbers not provided