

The 2014 Saskatoon Nature Society's spring bird count took place on Saturday, May 24th. Forty-seven participants reported 169 species, 6 short of the long-term average of 175 species. A total of 31,937 birds were counted, close to the average of 32,395. The weather was mild with a mostly clear sky and a high of 25° C, but sustained winds over 25 kph, gusting to 52 kph during the afternoon, were blamed for reduced numbers in some areas.

The weather for the two days preceding the count may also have had a negative effect on the count. Temperatures for May 22nd and 23rd reached 28° C and 31° C, the two hottest days of the spring. The warm weather may have been a cue for migrants that breed in northern areas to move on. As a result, reports of local permanent and summer residents made up most of the count numbers.

A new species was added to the all-time spring count, that being an American Three-toed Woodpecker, seen by Maureen DuWors and Marlene Mahoney at the old Sanatorium site at the south end of Avenue K. This is the latest date that these irregular winter visitors have been reported in the Saskatoon birding area, the previous record being February 1, 1975. This species was also recorded by Maureen's team at the same location during the fall migration count in 2013. Society members who visited the site this past winter also noted spruce branches freshly stripped of bark, a signature mark left by our "northern" woodpeckers. There are no breeding records for this species in the Saskatoon birding area, but given the apparent residence of at least one bird at this site, observers should be on the lookout for this possibility.

Water levels in sloughs, lakes and the South Saskatchewan River were high, resulting in limited shoreline and greatly reduced island area on the river. The flow rate of the river was very swift, a point made clear to us as we watched an intact beaver lodge pass quickly by while walking the lower trail of Cosmopolitan Park. Grid roads were for the most part dry, although heavy spring flooding in some areas resulted in a few roads still being under water.

Replenished wetlands resulted in 4,942 ducks and geese being counted, above the long-term average of 4,774. Not surprisingly, with little available shore, the 5,681 shorebirds counted were only 65% of the long-term average of 8,787. The lowest numbers were recorded for "peep" and related sandpipers with only 893 recorded, compared to the average of 4,778. One Black-necked Stilt was

reported by Lorne Duczek in the SW2 area. For just the second time since 1987, no Lesser Yellowlegs were reported.

Gull numbers were above average, but were one slough from being well below average. A record 3,205 white-headed gulls were reported, smashing the previous record of 1,921 seen in 2005. However, 3,000 of this year's white-headed gulls were counted by Frank Roy's NW2 team at a slough near Neuhorst. Had that slough been missed, this report would be noting an apparent sudden decline in the gull population!

Hawk and falcon numbers were below average, however a Broad-winged Hawk was reported by the Leighton team in the city, just the fifth time since 1987 that this species has been seen during the spring count. Only 1 American Kestrel was counted, well below the long-term average of 13.

Twelve turkey vultures were seen, tying the record set in 2012. While walking the alley between Saskatchewan Crescent and University Drive in the evening, our team spotted a soaring vulture that was soon joined by 3 more. One was tagged, and as we struggled to make out the number (most likely the famous S11 bird) we realized we were standing (appropriately) behind the Houston residence!

The variety of warblers and native sparrows was low, but total numbers for each group actually exceeded long-term averages. The ubiquitous Yellow Warbler accounted for 1,028 of the 1,074 warblers counted, while the remaining 46 birds represented just 9 additional warbler species. Eleven species of sparrows were identified from a total of 1,527 individuals, above the long-term average total for sparrows of 1,350. Nelson's Sparrows were noticeably absent from the count.

Purple, House and Goldfinches were the only finches identified, making this only the third time since 1987 that Pine Siskins were not reported.

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June, 2014

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91	83	112	110	94	57	113	95		65	95	Total Species	169	176	181	168	163	181	171	175	175	165	160	170
15.6	10.0	15.3	11.0	14.8	10.0	16.5	15.5		6.5	68.9	Party Hours	184	185	202	176	166	181	184	206	187	177	199	222
3	1	3	2	2	1	2	1		3	29	Participants	47	50	52	49	42	51	48	52	54	48	54	50
											Greater White-fronted Goose		3		1	1	36		1	1		1	
1		2				2	1				Snow Goose	6	8	27	9	1	8	21	3	7	11	1	1
		1				2					Ross's Goose	3		2			30						
81	41	57	92	63	3	25	25		32	520	Canada Goose	939	653	942	672	793	974	702	665	720	769	683	1089
											Trumpeter Swan										1		
											Tundra Swan		3	5				5	1	6	2		5
213										2	• Duck sp. •	215	24		8	6					33		
											Wood Duck					1	2			1			
32	19	40	36	25		25	25		23	20	Gadwall	245	251	399	275	297	327	717	245	265	169	247	153
											Eurasian Wigeon												
12	8	13	17	15	2	25	20		2	10	American Wigeon	124	159	201	161	175	195	277	145	213	106	134	132
											American Black Duck												
76	65	70	120	42	2	25	25		24	140	Mallard	589	667	723	577	594	455	610	365	386	389	861	419
68	35	65	108	27	3	25	25		45	38	Blue-winged Teal	439	543	589	432	302	406	633	356	554	293	274	192
						3					Cinnamon Teal	3	5			2			1	2	2		
											Cinnamon/ Blue-winged Teal hybrid												
30	31	195	77	25		25	25		54	22	Northern Shoveler	484	548	632	396	319	331	815	367	1357	339	806	198
15	12	14	15	15		49	25		4	4	Northern Pintail	153	141	170	163	96	147	231	186	325	254	86	100
16	1	13	17	6	2	32	8		3	4	Green-winged Teal	102	90	131	74	94	118	143	77	88	54	30	41
19	10	41	28	25		206	7		15	14	Canvasback	365	412	433	437	260	331	386	487	462	280	134	134
30	10	12	20	50		124	47		6	8	Redhead	307	230	384	393	145	195	379	472	367	208	284	154
7	1		6	6		14					Ring-necked Duck	34	21	38	70	38	26	41	66	75	35	19	6
		3									Greater Scaup	3	2		2								
39	19	71	40	81		191	56		4	14	Lesser Scaup	515	514	432	516	439	514	294	358	573	269	216	184
											White-winged Scoter			1			3						1
13	5	7	4	4		4	5			2	Bufflehead	44	125	114	177	162	70	72	146	305	151	70	55
	2	3					1				Common Goldeneye	6	27	16	53	5	2	7	42	30	54	9	34
			1								Hooded Merganser	1		13	11	1	2	3	3	2			1
		15	2							1	Common Merganser	18	10	15	9	5	16	8	17	14	26	32	17
											Red-breasted Merganser			3					3				
31	67	10	23	75		77	32		24	8	Ruddy Duck	347	408	526	451	412	328	542	635	542	215	130	95
		3									Gray Partridge	3	5	10	8	8	16	4	13	18	26	36	33
											Ring-necked Pheasant								1				
3					5						Ruffed Grouse	8	13	16	6	6	8	1	6	7	11	2	14
			1		2		9		2		Sharp-tailed Grouse	14	2	1	6	1	9	8	10	32	7	12	16
						1				1	Common Loon	2	3	1	4	2			2	3	2	1	1
4	2		1	1		9	2				Pied-billed Grebe	19	52	40	26	22	32	41	34	33	25	19	11
15	5	6	2	25		46	2		18	8	Horned Grebe	127	148	187	93	85	58	101	240	115	163	42	56

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12			2	3		2	5		4	2	Red-necked Grebe	30	64	50	37	36	34	25	36	30	22	16	14
19	48	738	4	103		1063	36		37	5	Eared Grebe	2053	752	402	179	904	966	818	1021	2371	1579	293	25
		24	2							6	Western Grebe	32	41	19	15	4	133	43	69	29	57	120	10
											Clark's Grebe										1		
		2	2	9						64	American White Pelican	77	190	100	97	153	76	112	92	121	64	126	105
2		14	33	3			1			1	Double-crested Cormorant	54	96	13	4	31	97	58	117	63	34	129	33
4	2	2				4	1				American Bittern	13	3	14	2		3	6	4	1			2
			3			2					Great Blue Heron	5	1	5	6	1	11	2	4	1	4		2
											Great Egret												
											Cattle Egret				2								
6						6					Black-crowned Night Heron	12	2	2	3	1	10	2	10	1			
											White-faced Ibis						1						
	1	1	1	1						8	Turkey Vulture	12	3	12	9	9	6	5	7	6	2	1	5
									1	1	Osprey	2	5	1	3	3	4	2	1	2	2	1	1
											Bald Eagle			1								1	
3	10	6	2	1		8	2				Northern Harrier	32	48	32	76	35	69	51	27	67	61	27	27
		1			1						Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	1	2	1	1		1		1	2		1
			1		1						Cooper's Hawk	3	4	4		3	6	5		3	5	4	4
											Northern Goshawk												
			5								<i>Buteo sp.</i>	5											
											Broad-winged Hawk	1	1				1						
3	7	6	8	5		7	9			5	Swainson's Hawk	50	91	78	80	63	56	68	61	76	37	61	47
3	12	8	5	5		11	4		1		Red-tailed Hawk	49	56	81	84	43	79	71	58	66	62	63	56
						1					Ferruginous Hawk	1	1				1	2	2	1			
											Rough-legged Hawk		1		1							1	
											Golden Eagle				1								
											<i>Falconidae sp.</i>												1
							1				American Kestrel	1	14	7	11	9	11	7	16	19	23	8	5
2	3			1		1				17	Merlin	24	18	26	12	21	20	21	10	16	26	19	23
	1										Peregrine Falcon	3	6	3	5	3	2	2	1	4	2		2
											Prairie Falcon		1			1							
											Yellow Rail												
		2									Virginia Rail	2		3	3			1	1			1	
5	15	13	11	6	1	33	8		4	1	Sora	97	101	108	94	44	45	62	91	100	29	35	35
97	26	51	38	69			56		30	21	American Coot	388	806	1256	503	254	824	3097	1245	870	372	505	149
2						345					Sandhill Crane	347	13	8		8	7	4		6	13	4	15
											<i>Shorebird sp.</i>		1	1450					18	516	168		
			3			2	14				Black-bellied Plover	19	50	175	21	55	160	166	62	18	38		71
											American Golden-Plover					55	507	2		26	87	1	146
				1		2					Semipalmated Plover	3		2	1		26	3	35	65	7	1	2
				2							Piping Plover	2	1	1	3		1	2	4				

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19	14	13	7	19	1	34	5		6	14	Killdeer	132	132	137	147	166	216	211	191	122	116	138	155	
							1				Black-necked Stilt	1	5	6			7	5						
60	10	29	28	47		43	78		2	1	American Avocet	298	217	249	102	251	331	555	318	314	436	150	109	
8	3	5	3	1		2	3		1	2	Spotted Sandpiper	28	61	53	28	52	142	38	42	24	24	40	53	
											Solitary Sandpiper			1			3		2	3			1	
	5										Greater Yellowlegs	5	1	6			3	6		3			1	
9	4	5	3	10		5	6		3	3	Willet	48	59	46	54	62	104	94	87	58	37	79	99	
											Lesser Yellowlegs		25	7	1	3	24	18		9	5	4	7	
			4			2	2				Upland Sandpiper	8		7	9	7	4	4	7	1	2	2	3	
											Whimbrel		1		2				1					
		1	1			2					Long-billed Curlew	4		3	1	2	3	5	2	3	6		5	
											Hudsonian Godwit													
1	1	6	5	4	1	7	6		1		Marbled Godwit	32	32	41	35	39	62	57	60	37	22	38	67	
3				1							Ruddy Turnstone	4	23	79	2	1	11		17			1	2	
											Red Knot													
30	25										<i>• Peep sp. •</i>	55	320	41	110	88	479	3550	78	141	805	104	2952	
15		5	1	178		4					Sanderling	203	299	131	549	235	91	13	31	13	36	133	27	
1	2	5		83		26	25				Semipalmated Sandpiper	142	759	368	328	371	298	290	305	102	641	785	139	
											Western Sandpiper			2										
		1	2			15	1				Least Sandpiper	19	30	14	1	3	287	93		26	22	25	6	
				2							White-rumped Sandpiper	2	63	25	8	23	39	39	7	11	21	20	5	
3				5							Baird's Sandpiper	8	59	57	7	26	78	24	49	18	47	80	446	
1		2		10							Pectoral Sandpiper	13	19	21	8		36	297	7	6	3	3	68	
											Dunlin		2			4	2	1			7			
1		6	53	49		207	135				Stilt Sandpiper	451	785	351	1262	1110	448	2486	395	286	5271	270	1116	
											Buff-breasted Sandpiper			10			19						95	
2	4										<i>• Dowitcher sp. •</i>	6	8	6	40		33	23	8			23	26	
				1							Short-billed Dowitcher	1	1		1		11	10		31	105		37	
						3	3				Long-billed Dowitcher	6			9	1	21	1		15		8	13	
5	3	5	8	3	3	17	8		4		Wilson's Snipe	56	42	46	54	34	28	30	58	40	26	18	13	
13	60	30	56	50		115	122		8		Wilson's Phalarope	454	302	427	136	241	984	556	464	219	117	118	97	
2000		165	6	1350		140	20				Red-necked Phalarope	3681	1584	1277	388	947	1071	2394	2145	2044	8402	953	378	
1	35		7	1	7	242	220		30	124	Franklin's Gull	667	3349	3828	1888	1042	2532	1652	3170	4619	1780	1077	596	
											Bonaparte's Gull							18		20	7	1	18	
		4							3000	43	<i>• White-headed Gull sp. •</i>	3047	1022	85	22	452	607	68	1023	341	100	390	363	
2	60	1		9		5			75	6	Ring-billed Gull	158	188	279	75	188	83	948	197	310	1549	300	307	
											California Gull		107	39	5	29	22	13	11	9	264	390	85	
											Herring Gull			2	3	5	4	3	7	1			3	
											Lesser Black-backed Gull											2		
											Glaucous Gull													
											Sabine's Gull										6			

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											• <i>White tern sp.</i> •				1								
	1			4			1			2	7 Common Tern	15	22	46	66	9	8	8	14	10	12	25	19
											Arctic Tern								1				
		3	3	1		4				4	Forster's Tern	15	7	12	7	20	17	2	31	5	7	30	24
83	20	28	73	42	1	242	20			45	30 Black Tern	584	579	498	607	1049	502	313	669	490	630	470	120
3	28	4	4	2		18	8			20	373 Rock Pigeon	460	401	619	341	716	701	520	678	902	806	1151	571
		1	2				2				Eurasian Collared-Dove	5	5	3	1	4			2		1		
12		47	84	11	11	12	10			6	21 Mourning Dove	214	185	203	126	106	270	168	165	152	133	134	136
											Black-billed Cuckoo												
	4	1	2	1		4	2				1 Great Horned Owl	15	8	22	10	8	15	7	13	23	30	15	10
											Burrowing Owl												
											Long-eared Owl										1	2	2
							2				Short-eared Owl	2			3			1			3		
											Common Nighthawk		2	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	4	3
	1	1				2					1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5	1	5	3		3	7	1	5	2	4	4
											Black-chinned Hummingbird												
			2								Belted Kingfisher	2	4	9	3	5	5	5	2	8	4		1
2											• <i>Picidae sp.</i> •	2	1	1							5		3
											Red-headed Woodpecker												
2	1	4	1		6	4					Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	18	12	9	5	5	18	6	12	5	8	4	7
	2	2				1	2				2 Downy Woodpecker	9	9	8	3	7	13	6	4	3	5	9	6
	1		1		1						3 Hairy Woodpecker	6	8	9	7	7	21	10	10	9	10	9	17
											1 American Three-toed Woodpecker	1											
											Black-backed Woodpecker												
3	5	10	12	7	1	1	4			3	22 Northern Flicker	68	67	58	57	41	55	44	62	55	66	42	31
											Pileated Woodpecker					1				2			
											Olive-sided Flycatcher				1	2	2		1	1	2	5	3
											Western Wood-Pewee			1			2					5	
											2 • <i>Empidonax sp.</i> •	2	3	15		1	16					62	
											Yellow-bellied Flycatcher						1	1	1			1	
			3		1						Alder Flycatcher	4	1	13		13	3		4	2	2	15	
25	15	91	25	23	81	23	9			15	58 Least Flycatcher	365	318	371	248	179	166	348	341	191	202	174	312
2		3		3		1					Eastern Phoebe	9	12	10	5	11	24	3	11	10	10	13	13
		1	1								Say's Phoebe	2	1								1		2
											Great Crested Flycatcher												
7	7	18	20	21		11	8			1	5 Western Kingbird	98	57	142	64	44	137	110	127	78	102	102	69
12	7	26	38	32		31	12			2	12 Eastern Kingbird	172	117	195	117	150	157	151	144	176	104	256	83
	1	2	5			2	2				Loggerhead Shrike	12	5	15	12	10	14	5	11	15	19	7	15
											• <i>Vireo sp.</i> •												
											1 Blue-headed Vireo	1	1	1	1					2		1	1
11		18	10	9	8		1			2	1 Warbling Vireo	60	47	135	63	60	12	43	86	47	43	8	52

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												5/24	5/25	5/26	5/28	05/29-30	05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24
											Philadelphia Vireo			1		1				1			2
		1	1	1	2	3					Red-eyed Vireo	8	12	71	13	31		10	69	33	11	17	11
		1		1	1		1			21	Blue Jay	25	18	19	11	4	16	14	10	6	10	6	9
32	25	11	39	14	2	47	26		15	83	Black-billed Magpie	294	264	307	289	293	299	200	434	434	459	415	448
45	46	26	15	64	4	125	28		12	147	American Crow	512	531	418	554	451	496	413	599	586	532	656	600
2	9	14	4	9	3	21	15			9	Common Raven	86	147	141	78	67	61	41	38	21	34	15	16
16	1	4	8	13	3	2	5				Horned Lark	52	42	40	51	87	149	124	105	75	87	89	105
											• Swallow sp. •		8			2					200	1524	
	10	40	36	64		4	12		11	33	Purple Martin	210	199	376	160	139	249	669	396	324	90	184	281
63	30	113	36	16	8	57	31			36	Tree Swallow	390	594	362	364	1080	431	682	416	1613	672	904	280
		3	9		1						Northern Rough-winged Swallow	13	7	3	3	7	9	8	14	5		6	6
	29	17	24	9			58				Bank Swallow	137	304	241	410	311	521	504	224	1917	418	464	177
			280	59		85					Cliff Swallow	424	202	502	235	179	213	274	463	207	161	2445	277
33	20	44	56	57		65	9		9	19	Barn Swallow	312	326	308	364	467	268	324	301	487	188	486	199
2	3	15	4	1	2	8	13			95	Black-capped Chickadee	143	111	153	52	98	136	80	54	58	64	73	79
										19	Red-breasted Nuthatch	19	34	34	13	30	26	36	6	10	9	23	13
		1				3				1	White-breasted Nuthatch	5	4	2	1		3	3	2	1			1
											Brown Creeper												
35	11	48	28	16	28	31	24		13	63	House Wren	297	288	362	363	200	98	162	446	307	230	108	189
		3			1	2					Sedge Wren	6	4	1	3	1	1	2	7	3		1	2
1	1	23	1			7				4	Marsh Wren	37	5	13	16	11	4	6	18	8	10	11	3
											Golden-crowned Kinglet												
										2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	17	35	16	4	16	18	6	6	8	19	6
											Eastern Bluebird						3					1	
		7	1		1	5					Mountain Bluebird	14	21	21	29	14	35	17	56	75	43	114	71
											• Thrush sp. •				4	2							2
		4	1								Veery	5	17	20	19	17	10	5	12	14	15	3	12
											Gray-cheeked Thrush			1			8	1	1	3			1
			2	1					1	12	Swainson's Thrush	16	12	29	4	30	127	20	5	4	11	66	16
		4									Hermit Thrush	4	1	5	1		5	2	4		5	8	2
											Wood Thrush												
22	27	79	38	35	46	47	58		14	395	American Robin	761	764	1013	908	822	704	593	640	602	615	623	526
										1	Varied Thrush	1											
2	2	4	11	9	3	1	1			30	Gray Catbird	63	113	241	101	91	33	66	111	83	68	72	51
											Northern Mockingbird										1		
7	9	16	25	1	1	8	12		3	21	Brown Thrasher	103	81	65	46	33	93	79	80	65	42	71	51
	2	21	21	8		39	12		1		European Starling	104	72	119	135	113	89	75	104	119	87	78	45
											American Pipit												1
		3	4		12	2					Sprague's Pipit	21	9	1	2	9	11	27	23	22	21	44	39
											Bohemian Waxwing												4
2	4	14	50			19	10			29	Cedar Waxwing	128	48	196	13	53	51	95	16	160	58	1127	33

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										1	• Warbler sp. •	1	2	26									
						1				4	Tennessee Warbler	5	91	8	17	35	52	86	30	47	76	180	59
					2	2	1			1	Orange-crowned Warbler	6	8	11	4	4	29	12	7	6	7	27	21
											Nashville Warbler							1					
89	25	54	24	133	37	67	33		43	523	Yellow Warbler	1028	879	1097	842	537	402	763	798	596	543	440	611
											Chestnut-sided Warbler								1				1
											Magnolia Warbler		4	2	1	2		1					15
											Cape May Warbler		6				7		1	2			1
	2						2		1	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	18	1	3	2	216	28	9	9	11	81	12
											Black-throated Green Warbler		1										
											Blackburnian Warbler									1			
											Palm Warbler		2				3	1					1
											Bay-breasted Warbler		1					1					4
					1						Blackpoll Warbler	1	22	2	1	1	17	9	2	3	10	20	3
						1				1	Black-and-white Warbler	2	10	2	5	3	6	11	5	4		9	1
1		3			1	2					American Redstart	7	12	12	29	35	2	9	17	16	11	26	12
					11						Ovenbird	11	15	6	5	2	8	4	4	7	7	6	4
						1					Northern Waterthrush	1	2	3	1	1	6	3	3	1	2		
											Connecticut Warbler			2				1	1	1			2
											Mourning Warbler			5			1		2	1	1	6	1
		2				3	1				Common Yellowthroat	6	16	21	37	16	12	29	42	17	14	18	15
											Wilson's Warbler		1	1	1		3					7	1
											Canada Warbler			1					1	1		5	
											Yellow-breasted Chat												
										1	• Sparrow sp. •	1					8		12		18		
4		11	2	3	11	12				5	Spotted Towhee	48	137	81	42	49	91	75	72	71	77	57	63
											American Tree Sparrow												
4	2	28	13	8		17	17		2	249	Chipping Sparrow	340	397	275	265	261	622	362	318	287	250	307	230
31	12	65	104	32	34	145	24		7	138	Clay-colored Sparrow	592	585	502	566	405	906	779	639	447	392	400	380
10	15	24	44	18	20	91	10		10	3	Vesper Sparrow	245	220	206	239	219	386	291	308	250	250	252	179
		6	4			9	3			1	Lark Sparrow	23	22	25	28	11	40	46	23	27	29	30	14
											Lark Bunting												
16		8	21	2	2	97	6		10	4	Savannah Sparrow	166	150	152	136	145	182	144	234	188	99	130	110
			1			2					Grasshopper Sparrow	3	1						1	2			
											Baird's Sparrow		2		1	2		1	10	6	1		
			2			9					Le Conte's Sparrow	11	48	11	10	11	8	28	46	30	3	5	16
											Nelson's Sparrow			11	3	1			1	7	3	8	
											Fox Sparrow												
12	4	1	3	8		23	8		2	16	Song Sparrow	77	95	127	138	113	183	139	132	109	136	103	127
											Lincoln's Sparrow					1	13					1	
											Swamp Sparrow			1			1	2					1

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												5/24	5/25	5/26	5/28	05/29-30	05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24
			1				1			7	White-throated Sparrow	9	9	4	2	1	63	10	6	12	3		7
											Harris's Sparrow						1						
1			3				1			7	White-crowned Sparrow	12	4			4	32	5	1		1	5	
											Dark-eyed Junco						1		2			1	
											McCown's Longspur												
40											Lapland Longspur	40		160			2610				150		2215
											Chestnut-collared Longspur												
											Snow Bunting						402						
											Scarlet Tanager												
											Western Tanager			1									
1	1	1		1	3	3				3	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	13	14	14	8	5	23	14	11	9	10	6	5
											Lazuli Bunting												
		8	4		2	5					Bobolink	19	28	20	21	15	13	21	30	10	18	9	5
91	150	126	40	169	1	375	155		110	212	Red-winged Blackbird	1429	1278	1097	1085	1097	1111	1142	1088	1007	884	992	1017
9	21	26	58	13	15	107	29		18	4	Western Meadowlark	300	225	304	286	253	375	347	467	570	467	489	294
65	107	48	28	20		112	79		43	4	Yellow-headed Blackbird	506	593	372	403	373	310	597	573	467	317	430	435
											Rusty Blackbird											2	
11	120	37	148	31	3	175	36		15	41	Brewer's Blackbird	617	496	509	493	424	617	479	601	552	380	315	287
28		14	49	10		3	20		2	174	Common Grackle	300	279	301	203	273	177	116	94	125	95	146	91
22	32	67	90	45	18	171	46		29	52	Brown-headed Cowbird	572	372	619	505	444	809	433	318	314	312	326	258
											Orchard Oriole			2									
5	3	16	7	5	9	11	3		2	2	Baltimore Oriole	63	55	75	45	42	77	66	74	64	79	52	76
		1					1			4	Purple Finch	6	6	6		3	16	3	4	3			
		6								131	House Finch	137	136	210	155	156	129	141	89	76	92	77	52
											• Crossbill sp. •												
											Red Crossbill		7										
											White-winged Crossbill		32	6	6				2				2
											Common Redpoll			1									
											Pine Siskin		226	80	11	47	310	5	5	1	64		1
31	19	44	39	11	10	26	40		8	87	American Goldfinch	315	185	421	406	223	228	305	312	311	272	271	249
37	23	20	10	20		37	29		35	506	House Sparrow	717	492	771	1725	814	676	874	937	1003	1446	2495	2059
3969	1542	3178	2595	3580	446	5709	2053		3983	4882	TOTAL BIRDS	31937	30245	32609	25298	24523	33391	37874	31009	36110	40666	29126	25190

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												5/24	5/25	5/26	5/28	05/29-30	05/23	05/24	05/26	05/27	05/28	05/29	05/24
4:42	7:00	6:52	5:40	6:37	4:25	6:00	5:30		8:00	5:15	start												
22:00	17:00	22:12	17:10	21:23	14:35	22:15	21:00		15:00	19:30	end												
7.4	7.5	13.3	10.0	7.0	4.8	13.0	12.0		6.5	10.8	Car Party Hours	92	98	96	95	100	94	114	115	111	100	114	112
8.3	2.5	2.0	1.0	7.8	5.3	3.5	3.5			53.6	Foot Party Hours	87	85	102	82	66	87	68	91	75	77	85	106
										4.5	Bicycle Party Hours	5	2	4				2					4
15.6	10.0	15.3	11.0	14.8	10.0	16.5	15.5		6.5	68.9	TOTAL Party Hours	184	185	202	176	166	181	184	206	187	177	199	222
298.1	175.0	240.0	153.0	239.0	34.5	309.0	244.0		165.7	122.0	Car Party km	1980	2064	2206	2045	1968	1973	2361	2423	2277	2146	2205	2406
3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	14.5	5.0	5.0			41.2	Foot Party km	79	94	141	105	77	96	100	107	127	79	86	148
											Bicycle Party km			10				15					13
301.1	177.0	242.0	156.0	242.0	49.0	314.0	249.0		165.7	163.2	TOTAL km	2059	2158	2357	2150	2044	2069	2477	2529	2403	2225	2291	2566

Teams (Leaders)

NE1 Michael Williams, May Haga, Annemarie Buchmann-Gerber
 NE2 Marten Stoffel
 SE1 Stan Shadick, Heather Giroux, Kyrone Giroux
 SE2A Ron Jensen, Phil Taylor
 SE2B Robert Johanson, Raphael Nussbaumer
 SE2C Mike Gollop
 SW1 Guy Wapple, Linda Schnedar
 SW2 Lorne Duczek
 NW1 count not done
 NW2 Frank Roy, Judy Toews, Diane Wells
 City
 SW Maureen Duwors, Marlene Mahoney
 NW Audrey Hall, Ed Holgate
 C Heather Wagg, Mary Toews, Sylvia Ragso, Scott Mitchell
 N Hilda Voth
 NE Anna Leighton, Ted Leighton, Marlene Kalanak (feeder)
 U John Patterson, Scott Corley, Marc Sabourin, Bob Diakuw,
 Gale Diakuw, Alice Hiller, Hiedi Hiller
 SE1 Hilda Noton, Jacquie Christenson
 SE2 Bill MacKenzie, Audrey MacKenzie
 S Donna Bruce
 S-C Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury
 E Laurie Slinger, Lynn Gorecki, Yvonne Cuttle (feeder)

Unique Species

Lapland Longspur
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Greater Scaup, Gray Partridge, Virginia Rail, Hermit Thrush
 Hooded Merganser, Belted Kingfisher
 Piping Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher
 Blackpoll Warbler, Ovenbird
 Cinnamon Teal, Ferruginous Hawk, Short-eared Owl, Northern Waterthrush
 American Kestrel, Black-necked Stilt, Blue-headed Vireo

 American Three-toed Woodpecker

 Broad-winged Hawk, Varied Thrush

Weather

Temperature range: 14 - 25 °C
 Sky: partly cloudy
 Rain: none
 Wind: 8 - 40 km/h, gusting to 52 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									
		x									Mink												
											Badger			1	1	1			1	1	4	1	
							2				Striped Skunk	2	1			2	1			1		1	1
	1		1		1	1					Coyote	4	4	12	8	2	20	5	9	3	9	6	7
	1			1						1	Red Fox	3	1	4	5	5	6	1	9	4	2	1	2
		x	10	5		20				7	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	42	11	46	134	12	93	88	95	34	30	117	53
		x				1					13-lined Ground Squirrel	1	2	4	1	2	7	3	1		1	2	11
					1	1	x			1	Franklin's Ground Squirrel	3	7	5	2		8	1	2			1	x
										2	Least Chipmunk	2	3	4	5	2	12	1	10	4	3	1	8
		x				2	x				Red Squirrel	2	5	2			5	4	4	2	2	1	
1			1 (d)			1				1	Beaver	3	1	7	3	2	3	5	5	x	3	2	3
											Deer Mouse												
2		x	1	3		2	x			2	Muskrat	10	24	30	19	16	21	31	46	10	8	3	2
											Porcupine			1		1						3	
x		x								4	White-tailed Jack Rabbit	4	2	2	11	2		2	13	4	9	17	8
										1	Snowshoe Hare	1	2	6	2		5	6	2	3	9	1	
											Nuttall's Cottontail							3	1	2			
3					2	3	x				Mule Deer	8	4	26	7	14	34	13	19	8	11	4	7
		x	1	2	6	3	x				White-tailed Deer	12	16	43	27	28	46	29	58	16	38	14	23
				3							Moose	3											2
											Pronghorn			3	2	8	11	10		6	10		1
											Leopard Frog						1	5					
					1						Wood Frog	1		6	14				6	1			
		x			2						Canadian Toad	2		3	4	1		7	18		1		8
		x			4					2	Boreal Chorus Frog	6	21	1	24	28	8	21	52	10	2	x	x
3										1	• <i>Garter Snake sp.</i> •	4		1									
										1	Western Plains Garter Snake	1				1	1	1	3		1		
											• <i>Turtle sp.</i> •												
											• <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

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				x							• <i>White sp.</i> •			4	3		7						x
1											Western White	1					1						
3						2				7	Cabbage White	12	41	53	560		47	148	258		12		50
											• <i>Sulphur sp.</i> •			3	14				5				30
6											Clouded sulphur	6			22			59	28		1		119
					1						• <i>Elfin sp.</i> •	1											
											Hoary Elfin			8									
4				x		15				6	• <i>Blue sp.</i> •	25		5	9		10	18	11				7
											Western-tailed Blue												
					5			x		3	Spring Azure	8		2			3	2	11				1
											Silvery Blue		3	1	10				7				29
											Melissa Blue						10	3					
											Greenish Blue				1				1				
											• <i>Large Fritillary sp.</i> •												
											• <i>Small Fritillary sp.</i> •												2
											Meadow Fritillary			8	4			5	21				5
											• <i>Crescent sp.</i> •				2				1				
					1						• <i>Comma sp.</i> •	1		2			1						
										1	Satyr Comma	1					3						
											5 Compton Tortoiseshell	5					2						
											Gray Comma							1					1
					2	3		x		7	Mourning Cloak	12	3	8	2		27	10	3				20
											Milbert's Tortoiseshell								1				
											Painted Lady			1									
											Red Admiral			1									
											White Admiral						1						
											Common Ringlet			2					11				2
					9					1	Red-disked Alpine	10	1				6	3					
											• <i>Arctic sp.</i> •				1								
											Uhler's Arctic							1	1				3
											Monarch			1									
											Cricket												
x					168	1					Wood Tick	169	10										
										6	• <i>Bumble bee sp.</i> •	6		2				3					
											• <i>Dragonfly sp.</i> •							1					
											Variiegated Meadowhawk			4									
											• <i>Damselfly sp.</i> •												

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