

The Collins Christmas Bird Count was taken on Friday, Dec. 27. It was a poor day for a count as there was nearly an all-day rain. Thanks to those who ventured out in this weather and made this count successful. And thanks to the many feeder watchers who added some of our best birds. The results are shown below.

--Bob

1. Canada Goose -35
2. Mallard -6
3. Wild Turkey -69
4. Bald Eagle -1
5. Northern Harrier -3
6. Sharp-shinned Hawk -1 (Carl Schroeder)
7. Cooper's Hawk -2
8. Red-tailed Hawk -10
9. Herring Gull -12
10. Rock Pigeon -266
11. Mourning Dove -278 (record high, the old high was 249 in 2020)
12. Eastern Screech-Owl -1 (Gene Riesterer)
13. Great Horned Owl -2
14. Belted Kingfisher -1 (Dar Tiede –this is but the 7th count with this species)
15. Red-bellied Woodpecker -14
16. Downy Woodpecker -33
17. Hairy Woodpecker -22
18. Northern Flicker 2 (Nancy Gill and Carl Schroeder –the only count with more was 1984 with 3)
19. American Kestrel -11
20. Northern Shrike -2 (Dar Tiede, Cindy Lupin and Barb Seaburg)
21. Blue Jay -39
22. American Crow -79
23. Black-capped Chickadee -55
24. Red-breasted Nuthatch -4
25. White-breasted Nuthatch -32
26. European Starling -297

- 27. Cedar Waxing-8 (Karen Schema)
- 28. American Tree Sparrow -48
- 29. Song Sparrow -1 (Carl Schroeder -this is the first find since 2016)
- 30. Dark-eyed Junco -173
- 31. Northern Cardinal -29
- 32. Common Grackle – 1 (Mel Folz -coming to feeder -first find since 2010)
- 33. Purple Finch -9 (Tom and Louise Blankenheim)
- 34. House Finch -74
- 35. American Goldfinch -123
- 36. House Sparrow -174

Count Week Species

Snow Goose

Short-eared Owl