

**CBC**







## Christmas Bird Count

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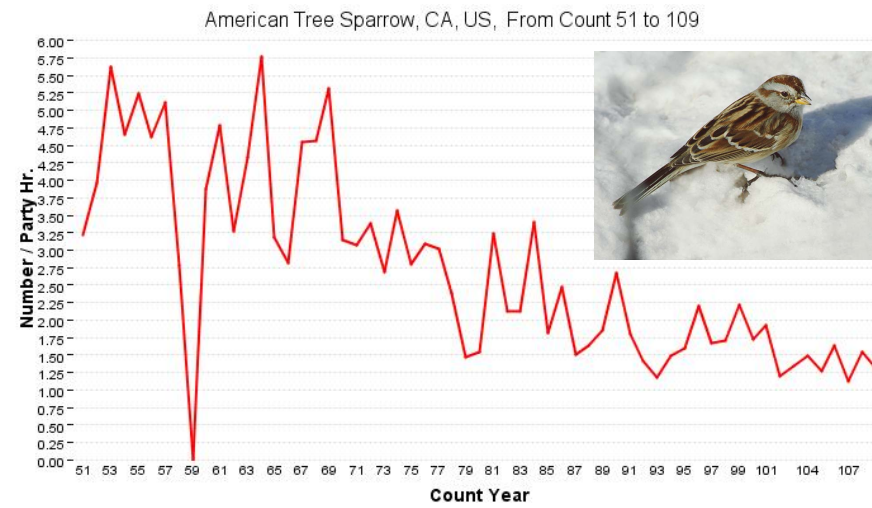
Prior to 1900, people engaged in a Christmas holiday tradition known as the Christmas "Side Hunt"

They would choose sides and go afield with their guns.

whoever brought in the  
biggest pile of feathered  
(and furred) quarry won.



Conservation was in its beginning stages  
many observers and scientists were becoming  
concerned about declining bird populations.



Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, proposed a new holiday tradition-a "Christmas Bird Census"-that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them.



Frank Chapman, Ornithologist  
1864-1945

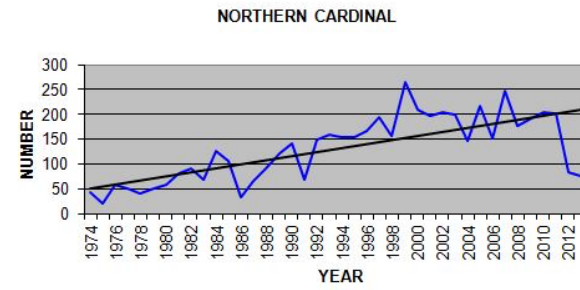
So began the Christmas Bird Count



Michael Maloney / The Chronicle

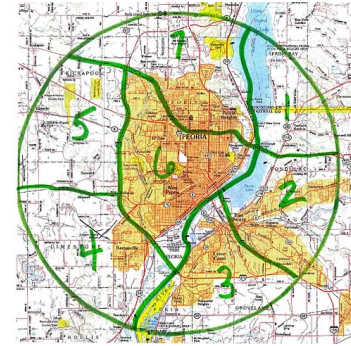
The Christmas Bird Count is conducted by volunteer birdwatchers

The purpose is to provide population data for use in science





Each individual count is performed in a "count circle" with a diameter of 15 miles

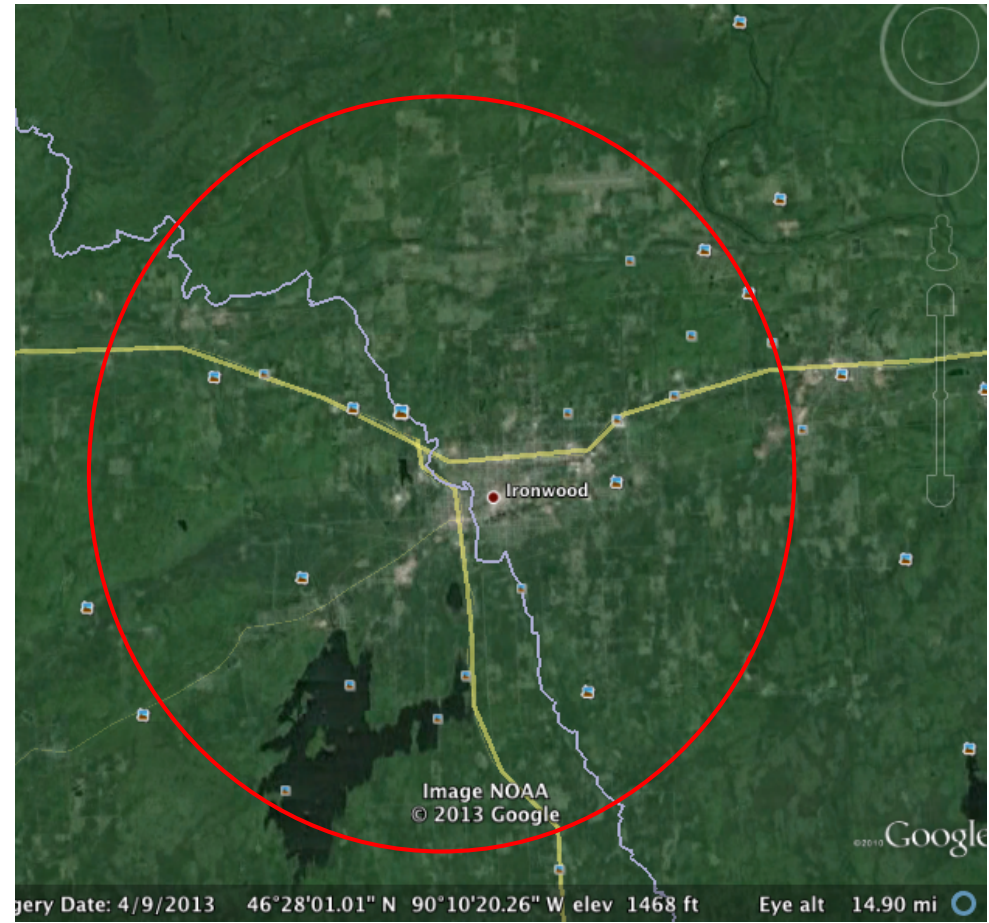


At least ten volunteers, including a **compiler to manage things**, count in each circle.

Jerry Edde, retired fisheries manager from the U.S. Forest Service, conducts our annual Gogebic Range bird count from his home in Bessemer.







They break up into small parties and follow assigned routes, counting every bird they see.



In most count circles, some people also watch feeders instead of following routes.



Counts can be held on any day from December 14 to January 5

2003 Results



Pine Grosbeak

Black-capped chickadee	241
European starling	149
Mourning dove	111
American crow	93
Rock dove	85
Evening grosbeak	77
Blue jay	52
Pine grosbeak	42
American goldfinch	39
Common raven	32
Pine grosbeak	15
Hairy woodpecker	21
Downy woodpecker	18
Red-breasted nuthatch	16
Dark-eyed junco	11
Ruffed grouse	8
Northern cardinal	4
Pileated woodpecker	3
House finch	2
Ring-necked pheasant	2
Purple finch	2
Northern shrike	2
Northern harrier	1
Canada goose	1
Gray jay	1
Bald eagle	1

2004 Results



The feathery tally

Black-capped chickadee...	278
Common redpoll.....	190
Evening grosbeak.....	100
Bluejay.....	96
American goldfinch.....	88
Mourning dove.....	86
European starling.....	54
Rock dove.....	40
American crow.....	37
Pine grosbeak.....	29
Common raven.....	26
Hairy woodpecker.....	26
White breasted nuthatch.....	25
Downy woodpecker.....	18
Purple finch.....	14
Cedar waxwing.....	12
Redbreast nuthatch.....	11
Pileated woodpecker.....	5
Ruby-crowned kinglet.....	3
Pine siskin.....	3
Northern cardinal.....	2
Northern junco.....	2
Grackle.....	2
Bald eagle.....	2
Ring-necked pheasant.....	1
House sparrow.....	1
Ruffed grouse.....	1
Snowy owl.....	1
American robin.....	CW
Sharp-shinned haw.....	CW
Northern goshawk.....	CW
Red-bellied woodpecker...	CW

The letters CW after a species indicates it was  
seen between Christmas Day and Jan 1, but  
not on the count day.

2005 Results



Starlings, chickadees top list in area's annual Christmas Bird Count

The total count can be seen as follows:

—European starling, 260.	—Bohemian waxwing, 10.
—Black-capped chickadee, 239.	—Northern cardinal, 4.
—American goldfinch, 201.	—Bald eagle, 3.
—Rock Dove, 97.	—Ring-necked pheasant, 2.
—Blue jay, 91.	—Pileated woodpecker, 2.
—American crow, 84.	—Pine grosbeak, 1.
—Mourning dove, 75.	—Slate-colored junco, 1.
—Purple finch, 42.	—Gray jay, 1.
—White-breasted nuthatch, 35.	—White-winged crossbill, 1.
—Common raven, 34.	—Herring gull, 1.
—Hairy woodpecker, 14.	Other sightings reported include a northern hawk owl, a snow owl, a northern shrike, an evening grosbeak and a common redpoll, all outside the count period.
—Downy woodpecker, 14.	
—Red-breasted nuthatch, 14.	
—Pine siskin, 11.	



## 2006 Results

### The 2006 Area Bird Count

American Goldfinch	228
Black-capped Chickadee	212
European Starling	203
Rock Dove	123
Mourning Dove	93
American Crow	<del>78</del> 42
House Sparrow	45
Common Raven	44
Common Redpoll	42
Blue Jay	37
Red Breasted Nuthatch	32
White Breasted Nuthatch	<del>28</del> 30
Hairy Woodpecker	20
<del>American Crow</del>	<del>74</del>

Downy Woodpecker	13
House Finch	12
Ruffed Grouse	5
Pine Siskin	3
Bald Eagle	3
<del>White Breasted Nuthatch</del>	<del>2</del>
Red Bellied Woodpecker	2
Northern Cardinal	2
Pileated Woodpecker	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	1
Purple Finch	1
Common Bobwhite	1
Canada Jay	1
Brown Creeper	1
Rough-legged Hawk	1
Herring Gull	1



2007??

no survey conducted



2008 Results



■ what they saw	
Black-capped Chickadee, 407	Downy Woodpecker, 22
American Goldfinch, 166	Dark-eyed Junco, 10
Mourning Dove, 140	House Sparrow, 8
Bohemian Waxwing, 123	Ring-necked Pheasant, 8
Blue Jay, 91	American Turkey, 7
European Starling, 84	Pine Siskin, 6
Rock Dove, 66	Ruffed Grouse, 6
Common Raven, 40	House Finch, 5
White-breasted Nuthatch, 38	Pileated Woodpecker, 5
Red-breasted Nuthatch, 29	Northern Cardinal, 3
American Crow, 27	Purple Finch, 1
White-winged Crossbill, 24	Gray Jay, 1
	Common Grackle, 1
	Hairy Woodpecker, 1
	Evening Grosbeak, 10

2009 Results



Bad news for the pigeon, but good news to know that Cooper's hawks are recovering from the very low numbers we knew back in the 1970s.

Well, that is just about it for this year's CBC.

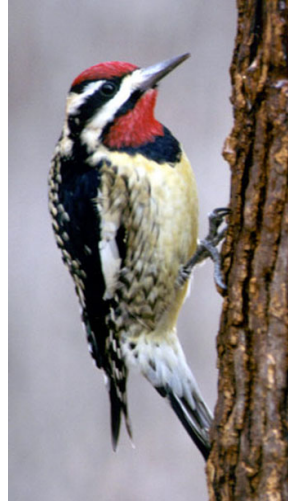
I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope you can take some time to thoroughly enjoy the beauty birds bring to our Big Snow Country in winter.

This year's count included:

Black-capped chickadee, 284.  
Rock dove, 172.  
Bohemian waxwing, 135.  
Mourning dove, 128.

Common redpoll, 86.  
European starling, 84.  
Pine grosbeak, 77.  
American crow, 44.  
White-breasted nuthatch, 32.  
Blue jay, 32.  
Red-breasted nuthatch, 17.  
Common raven, 11.  
Hairy woodpecker, 11.  
Downy woodpecker, 10.  
Evening grosbeak, 7.  
Northern cardinal, 4.  
Ruffed grouse, 2.  
Pileated woodpecker, 2.  
Gray jay, 1.  
Common grackle, 2.

## 2010 CBC Results



American goldfinch536  
Black-capped chickadee171  
European starling149  
Mourning dove134  
Bluejay56  
common raven34  
american crow31  
rock dove27  
white-breasted nuthatch27  
hairy woodpecker23  
downy woodpecker22  
red-breasted nuthatch18  
house sparrow12  
pine grosbeak10  
american turkey9  
pine siskin8  
evening grosbeak3  
northern cardinal3  
northern shrike2  
pileated woodpecker2  
gray jay1  
yellow-bellied sapsucker1  
red-bellied sapsucker1  
purple finch1  
great horned owl1  
great blue heron1  
ring-necked pheasant1  
dark-eyed junco1  
ruffed grouse1

2011 Results



Bird count results	
American goldfinch	365
Black-capped chickadee	171
Mourning dove	143
American crow	130
European starling	125
Common redpoll	77
Common raven	54
Blue jay	53
White-breasted nuthatch	30
Hairy woodpecker	27
Downy woodpecker	26
Pine siskin	26
Rock dove	22
American turkey	22
Red-breasted nuthatch	18
Ruffed grouse	18
Purple finch	11
Pileated woodpecker	8
Bohemian waxwing	6
Bald eagle	5
Northern cardinal	4
Snow bunting	2
Herring gull	1
Northern shrike	1
Pine grosbeak	1
Turkey vulture	1
Sharp-shinned hawk	1
Dark-eyed junco	1

## 2012 Results



### Bessemer Christmas Bird Count, 2012

Common redpoll, 312  
Black-capped chickadee, 296  
European starling, 175  
Mourning dove, 119  
Pine grosbeak, 116  
American goldfinch, 98  
American crow, 70  
Blue jay, 67  
Red-breasted nuthatch, 40  
White-breasted nuthatch, 39  
Rock dove, 39  
Pine siskin, 36  
American turkey, 33  
Hairy woodpecker, 31  
Downy woodpecker, 28  
Purple finch, 24  
Common raven, 16  
Slate-colored junco, 15  
Pileated woodpecker, 9  
Evening grosbeak, 8  
Bald eagle, 5  
Northern cardinal, 5  
Red-bellied woodpecker, 3  
Ruffed grouse, 3  
Red-winged blackbird, 2  
Northern shrike, 1  
American robin, 1

2013 Results

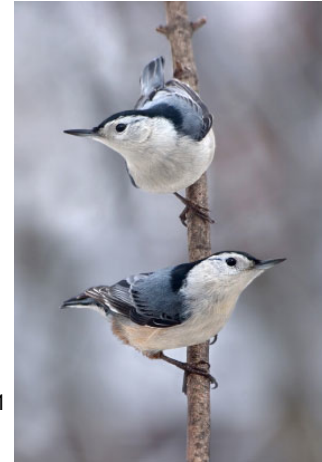


American goldfinch, 716	House sparrow, 15
Black-capped chickadee, 365	Pileated woodpecker, 14
American crow, 81	Common redpoll, 16
Blue jay, 76	Dark-eyed junco, 9
Mourning dove, 67	Bald eagle, 6
Red-breasted nuthatch, 61	Northern cardinal, 5
European starling, 48	Northern shrike, 5
Rock dove, 46	Ruffed grouse, 4
Common raven, 40	Red-bellied woodpecker, 2
White-breasted nuthatch, 36	Song sparrow, 2
Hairy woodpecker, 32	Pine siskin, 1
Downy woodpecker, 28	Golden-crowned kinglet, 1
American turkey, 27	Common goldeneye, 1

survey conducted on  
**2014 Results** Saturday - 12/20

Black-capped chickadee: 224	European Starling: 18
American Goldfinch: 160	Pileated woodpecker: 11
Mourning Dove: 86	Common redpoll: 8
Blue jay: 76	Bald Eagle: 5
American crow: 73	Slate-colored junco: 5
Rock dove: 70	Ruffed Grouse: 4
American Turkey: 40	Northern cardinal: 3
Purple finch: 35	Pine grosbeak: 1
White-breasted nuthatch: 32	Red bellied woodpecker: 1
Downy woodpecker: 30	Evening Grosbeak: 1
Pine siskin: 28	House sparrow: 1
Hairy woodpecker: 27	
Common Raven: 25	

\*\*snowy owl and American robin  
were spotted a week before the count day





2015 results

survey  
conducted on  
12/26

\*\*el nino year



**Birds counted:**  
The following birds showed up in the annual Gogebic Range Christmas Bird Count, involving calls from a 7.5-mile radius of the U.S. 2 stoplight in Bessemer:

- Bohemian waxwing, 263.
- American goldfinch, 178.
- Black-capped chickadee, 166.
- Common redpoll, 164.
- American crow, 84.
- Blue jay, 70.
- Mourning dove, 41.
- Common raven, 39.
- Downy woodpecker, 36.
- Pine siskin, 34.
- Rock dove, 33.
- Red-breasted nuthatch, 33.
- European starling, 29.
- American turkey, 29.
- Hairy woodpecker, 28.
- White-breasted nuthatch, 17.
- Purple finch, 11.
- Pileated woodpecker, 8.
- Ruffed grouse, 8.
- Northern cardinal, 6.
- American robin, 4.
- Bald eagle, 4.
- Evening grosbeak, 1.
- Varied thrush, 1.
- Northern flicker, 1.
- Dark-eyed junco, 1.
- Tree sparrow, 1.
- Red-bellied woodpecker, 1.

Also, Northern shrike and Rose-breasted grosbeaks were seen during the count



Wild Turkeys show up in big numbers for bird count

-Ironwood Daily Globe

conducted on New Year's Eve

2016 results



Black-capped chickadee	298
American goldfinch	229
Wild turkey	91
Mourning dove	85
American crow	73
Blue jay	56
European starling	42
Downy woodpecker	38
White-breasted nuthatch	36
Hairy woodpecker	36
Pine siskin	32
Red-breasted nuthatch	30
Common raven	30
Purple finch	27
Rock pigeon	23
Pileated woodpecker	14
Slate-colored junco	10
Ruffed grouse	8
Red bellied woodpecker	6
American robin	5
Common redpoll	4
Bald eagle	4
Northern cardinal	3
Evening grosbeak	2
Screech owl	1

# Numbers down for annual bird count

-Ironwood Daily Globe

2017 survey conducted on 12/23/17

black-capped chickadee	244	White-breasted nuthatch	17
American goldfinch	149	Pine grosbeak	15
Wild turkey	131	Pileated woodpecker	14
American crow	46	Red-bellied woodpecker	6
Downy woodpecker	38	Pine siskin	5
European starling	37	Evening grosbeak	3
Mourning dove	35	Bald eagle	3
Rock dove (pigeon)	33	Common merganser	3
Hairy woodpecker	32	Ruffed grouse	2
Bluejay	32		
Comon redpoll	31		
Red-breasted nuthatch	24		
Common raven	18		



Two bird enthusiasts try to defeat the cocky, cutthroat world record holder in a year-long bird-spotting competition.

