

THE 2022-2023 CONNECTICUT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

STATEWIDE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS: 7 Northern, 5 Mid-State, 8 Coastal = 20 total counts - see below

270,361 total individuals (30-year low), **173 count day species & 5 count week species** (White-winged Dove, Brown Pelican, Red-headed Woodpecker, Painted Bunting)

785 field observers & 79 feeder watchers = 864 total observers

2,106.91 total party hours & 8,191.21 total party miles

30-year high counts (8 species+1 subspecies): Barrow's Goldeneye (3=>3), Clapper Rail (13=>14), Black-headed Gull (2=>2), Common Raven (353=>425), Savannah 'Ipswich' Sparrow (10=>11), Black-and-white Warbler (1=>2), Orange-crowned Warbler (8=>10), Nashville Warbler (4=>4), Dickcissel (3=>3).

30-year low counts (6): Mute Swan (685=>613), Wood Duck (20=>19), Mallard (8,265=>8,145), Long-eared Owl (1=>1), Cedar Waxwing (864=>382), American Goldfinch (2,763=>2,672).

New Species (1 count day + 1 count week): Black-chinned Hummingbird, Brown Pelican CW).

Rarities (6 count day + 2 count week): White-winged Dove CW (2X), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (2X), Townsend's Solitaire (5X), Black-and-white Warbler (6X), Tennessee Warbler (2X), Northern Parula (3X), Yellow Warbler (3X), Painted Bunting CW ((3X).

Other Noteworthy Species (1): Ovenbird (7X).

30-Year Statewide species total = 263 count day species + 5 count week species (Purple Gallinule, Piping Plover, Brown Pelican, Gyrfalcon, Indigo Bunting).

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NORTHERN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS (7): Barkhamsted, Bristol, Edwin Way Teale-Trail Wood, Hartford, Litchfield Hills, Lakeville-Sharon, Storrs

102,567 total individuals, 106 count day species + 4 count week species (Harlequin Duck, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Baltimore Oriole)

260 field observers + 28 feeder watchers = 288 total observers

750.50 total party hours & 3,093.25 total party miles

30-year high counts (11): Cackling Goose (3=>3), American Woodcock (2=>2), Iceland Gull (6=>10), Black Vulture (189=>215), Hairy Woodpecker (227=>244), Merlin (8=>8), Fish Crow (107=>271), Common Raven (148=>179), Carolina Wren (364=>463), Red Crossbill (9=>20), Common Yellowthroat (2=>2).

30-year low counts (4): American Black Duck (260=>244), Ring-necked Pheasant (5=>0, missed first time in 30 years), Eastern Screech-Owl (27=>27), Cedar Waxwing (287=>70).

New species (1 count day + 2 count week): Harlequin Duck CW, Black-chinned Hummingbird.

Rarities (2 count day + 1 count week): Black-headed Gull (2X), Short-eared Owl (6X), Clay-colored Sparrow CW (2X).

30-year northern counts species total = 175 count day species + 3 count week species (Harlequin Duck, Snowy Owl, Black-and-white Warbler)

Barkhamsted Connecticut CBC (December 26, 2022)

Compiler: David Tripp, Jr. (Litchfield Hills Audubon Society)

8,082 total individuals, 66 count day species + 2 count week species (Harlequin Duck, Chipping Sparrow)

25 field observers + 4 feeder watchers = 29 total observers

62.50 total party hours (30-year low total) & 393.00 total party miles

30-year high counts (2): Red Crossbill (9=>14), Red-winged Blackbird (338=>372).

30-year low counts (3): Mourning Dove (115=>111), American Crow (259=>251), Cedar Waxwing (12=>8).

New species (1 count week): Harlequin Duck CW.

Rarities (3): Fish Crow (6X), Red Crossbill (5X), Savannah Sparrow (5X).

Other Noteworthy Species (2): Chipping Sparrow (7X), Field Sparrow (7X).

30-year species total = 126 count day species + 2 count week species (Harlequin Duck, Eastern Meadowlark).

Bristol, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (January 2, 2023)

Compiler: Jack Swatt

10,996 total individuals, 63 count day species (low) + 2 count week species (Pine Siskin, Eastern Towhee)

33 field observers + 7 feeder watchers = 40 total observers

112.35 total party hours & 552.25 total party miles

7-year species total = 91 count day species + 2 count week species (Great Black-backed Gull, Rusty Blackbird)

Edwin Way Teale-Trail Wood, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (January 2, 2023)

Compiler: Sue Harrington

5,498 total individuals, 6 count day species + 0 count week species

11 field observers + 0 feeder watchers = 11 total observers

51.20 total party hours & 253.60 total party miles

29-year high counts (4): American Woodcock (2=>2), Hairy Woodpecker (18=>29), Pileated Woodpecker (10=>11), Carolina Wren (50=>62).

29-year low counts (1): Herring Gull (2=>1).

New species (0).

Rarities (1): American Woodcock (3X).

Other Noteworthy Species (1): Eastern Towhee (7X).

29-year species total = 120 count day species + 0 count week species.

Hartford, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compiler: Jay Kaplan (Hartford Audubon Society)

42,199 total individuals, 94 count day species + 1 count week species (Clay-colored Sparrow)

109 field observers + 5 feeder watchers = 114 total observers

242.00 total party hours & 552.50 total party miles

30-year high counts (6): Ring-necked Duck (65=>179), Pileated Woodpecker (18=>25), Merlin (7=>8), Fish Crow (42=>46), Marsh Wren (2=>2), Carolina Wren (141=>175).

30-year low counts (0).

New species (1 count day + 1 count week): Black-chinned Hummingbird, Clay-colored Sparrow CW.

Rarities (3): Bufflehead (6X), Black-headed Gull (2X), Short-eared Owl (4X).

Other Noteworthy species (1): Common Yellowthroat (7X).

30-year species total = 148 count day species + 8 count week species (Tundra Swan, White-winged Scoter, Virginia Rail, Osprey, Snowy Owl, Clay-colored Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Black-and-white Warbler).

Litchfield Hills, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compiler: David Tripp, Jr. (Litchfield Hills Audubon Society)

11,977 total individuals, 79 count day species + 2 count week species (Northern Pintail, Greater Scaup)

36 field observers + 9 feeder watchers = 45 total observers

125.25 total party hours & 521.00 total party miles

30-year high counts (2): Bald Eagle (19=>24), Red-shouldered Hawk (22=>22).

30-year low counts (2): Herring Gull (1=>1), Cedar Waxwing (57=>12).

New species (1): Long-tailed Duck (new to count day, was count week).

Rarities (2): Redhead (5X), Long-tailed Duck (5X).

30-year species total = 142 count day species + 3 count week species (Blue-winged Teal, Glaucous Gull, Double-crested Cormorant).

Lakeville-Sharon, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compiler: Zachary Adams (Sharon Audubon Center/National Audubon Society)

11,854 total individuals, 75 count day species + 0 count week species

24 field observers + 1 feeder watcher = 25 total observers

52.00 total party hours & 252.50 total party miles

30-year high counts (9): Cackling Goose (1=>2), Lesser Scaup (4=>8), Bufflehead (17=>18), Common Merganser (323=>405), Red-shouldered Hawk (2=>2), American Kestrel (4=>4), Winter Wren (3=>4), Carolina Wren (14=>25), Northern Mockingbird (19=>28).

30-year low counts (0).

New species (1): Red Crossbill.

Rarities (1): Cackling Goose.

Other noteworthy species (2): Lesser Scaup (7X), Pied-billed Grebe (7X).

30-year species total = 128 count day species + 0 count week species.

Storrs, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 17, 2022)

Compiler: Steve Morytko (Natchaug Ornithological Society)

11,961 total individuals, 78 count day species + 1 count week species (Pied-billed Grebe)

22 field observers + 2 feeder watchers = 24 total observers

105.20 total party hours & 568.40 total party miles

30-year high counts (8): Iceland Gull (1=>6), Black Vulture (57=>140), Bald Eagle (6=>8), Fish Crow (66=>210), Common Raven (23=>28), Winter Wren (7=>7), Carolina Wren (67=>72), Eastern Bluebird (242=>256).

30-year low counts (0).

New species (1): Common Yellowthroat.

Rarities (4): Northern Pintail (3X), Pied-billed Grebe CW (4X), Iceland Gull (4X), Lesser Black-backed Gull (2X).

Other noteworthy species (1): Peregrine Falcon (7X).

30-year species total = 128 count day species + 5 count week species (Greater Scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Short-eared Owl, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Warbler)

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MID-STATE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS (5): Norwich, Oxford, Pawling/Hidden Valley, Quinnipiac Valley, Salmon River

42,277 total individuals, 98 count day species + 1 count week species (Red-headed Woodpecker)

144 field observers + 26 feeder watchers = 170 total observers

424.86 total party hours & 2,089.06 total party miles

30-year high counts (1): Golden Eagle (1=>2).

30-year low counts (12): Canada Goose (7,234=>6,183), Wood Duck (2=>1), Mallard (1,407=>1,374), American Black Duck (164=>77), Ring-necked Pheasant (3=>1), Eastern Screech-Owl (16=>9), Blue Jay (737=>628), Cedar Waxwing (303=>143), Hermit Thrush (27=>13), American Goldfinch (626=>581), American Tree Sparrow (139=>76), Northern Cardinal (680=>658).

New species (1): Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Rarities (0).

Other noteworthy species (2): Canvasback (7X), Golden Eagle (7X).

30-year species total = 171 count day species + 0 count week species.

Norwich, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compiler: Alison Black

8,771 total individuals, 79 count day species (4-year high) + 1 count week species (Red-headed Woodpecker)

9 field observers + 2 feeder watchers = 11 total observers

27.00 total party hours & 209.50 total party miles

New species (5): American Coot, Eastern Screech-Owl, American Kestrel (new to count day, was count week), House Wren, American Pipit.

4-year species total = 101 count day species + 2 count week species (Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Saw-whet Owl).

Oxford, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compiler: Roy Harvey

5,229 total individuals, 67 count day species + 0 count week species

20 field observers + 0 feeder watchers = 20 total observers

68.00 total party hours & 364.80 total party miles

30-year high counts (1): Green-winged Teal (1=>44).

30-year low counts (3): Great Black-backed Gull (1=>0, missed first time), Hermit Thrush (1=>1), American Robin (26=>26).

New species (0).

Rarities (1): Green-winged Teal (3X).

30-year species total = 129 count day species + 1 count week species (Evening Grosbeak).

Pawling, New York/Hidden Valley, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (January 1, 2023)

Compilers: Carena Pooth, Angela Dimmitt

10,403 total individuals, 70 count day species (30-year low) + 0 count week species

40 field observers + 5 feeder watchers = 45 total observers

117.00 total party hours & 650.00 total party miles

30-year high counts (1): Common Raven (30=>34).

30-year low counts (3): Downy Woodpecker (94=>94), Hermit Thrush (2=>0, missed first time), American Tree Sparrow (23=>5).

New species (0).

Rarities (0).

30-year species total = 132 count day species + 3 count week species (Barrow's Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Pine Grosbeak).

Quinnipiac Valley, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compilers: Melissa Baston, Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe

11,408 total individuals, 84 count day species + 0 count week species

27 field observers + 3 feeder watchers = 30 total observers

89.11 total party hours & 428.01 total party miles

30-year high counts (1): Peregrine Falcon (2=>2).

30-year low counts (0).

New species (0).

Rarities (3): Canvasback (3X), Eastern Phoebe (5X), Evening Grosbeak (2X).

30-year species total = 144 count day species + 2 count week species (Sandhill Crane, Snowy Owl).

Salmon River, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compilers: Sharon Dellinger, Doreen Jezek

6,464 total individuals, 73 count day species + 0 count week species

48 field observers + 16 feeder watchers = 64 total observers

123.75 total party hours & 436.75 total party miles

30-year high counts (4): Hooded Merganser (129=>186), Common Merganser (500=>577), Cooper's Hawk (8=>9), Common Raven (35=>43).

30-year low counts (0).

New species (1): Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Rarities (0).

30-year species total = 133 count day species + 3 count week species
(Canvasback, Long-tailed Duck, White-winged Scoter).

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COASTAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS (8): Guilford-Long Island Sound, Greenwich-Stamford, Napatree, New Haven, New London, Old Lyme-Saybrook, Stratford-Milford, Westport

125,517 total individuals, 167 count day species + 4 count week species (Redhead, White-winged Dove, Brown Pelican, Painted Bunting)

381 field observers + 25 feeder watchers = 406 total observers

931.55 total party hours & 3,008.90 total party miles

30-year high count (9 species + 1 subspecies): Barrow's Goldeneye (2=>3), Clapper Rail (13=>14), Black Vulture (149=>162), Common Raven (97=>125), Winter Wren (102=>113), Savannah 'Ipswich' Sparrow (11=>11), Black-and-white Warbler (1=>2), Orange-crowned Warbler (8=>10), Nashville Warbler (4=>4), Dickcissel (3=>3).

30-year low counts (4): Mute Swan (396=>371), Wood Duck (5=>4), Rock Pigeon (feral pigeon) (2,096=>2,083).

New species (0).

Rarities (6 count day species + 2 count week species): White-winged Dove CW (2X), Golden Eagle (6X), Townsend's Solitaire (2X), Black-and-white Warbler (4X), Tennessee Warbler (2X), Northern Parula (3X), Yellow Warbler (3X), Painted Bunting CW (3X).

Other noteworthy species (3): Blue-winged Teal (7X), Red Crossbill (7X), Ovenbird (7X).

30-year species total = 253 count day species + 7 count week species (Pink-footed Goose, Purple Gallinule, Piping Plover, Brown Pelican, Gyrfalcon, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Indigo Bunting).

Guilford-Long Island Sound, Connecticut (December 30, 2022)

Compiler: John Picard (Menunkatuck Audubon Society)

2,874 total individuals, 60 count day species + 0 count week species

13 field observers + 1 feeder watcher = 14 total observers

16.50 total party hours & 10.50 total party miles

New species (1): Swamp Sparrow.

7-year species total = 111 count day species + 1 count week species (Black Vulture).

Greenwich-Stamford, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compiler: Cynthia Ehlinger (Audubon Greenwich)

19,530 total individuals, 108 count day species + 2 count week species (Redhead, Brown Pelican)

66 field observers + 7 feeder watchers = 73 total observers

223.85 total party hours & 718.60 total party miles

30-year high counts (4): Northern Pintail (3=>3), Great Blue Heron (62=>62), Great Egret (2=>3), Winter Wren (45=>54).

30-year low counts (5): Ruddy Duck (1=>0, missed first time), Sharp-shinned Hawk (3=>3), Cedar Waxwing (29=>14), American Tree Sparrow (2=>1), Red-winged Blackbird (1=>1).

New species (1 count day + 1 count week): Brown Pelican CW, Tennessee Warbler.

Rarities (4): Laughing Gull (5X), Ovenbird (2X), Orange-crowned Warbler (6X), Nashville Warbler (2X).

30-year species total = 188 count day species + 8 count week species (Ross's Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Harlequin Duck, Purple Gallinule, Sanderling, Brown Pelican, Lincoln's Sparrow, Dickcissel).

Napatree, Rhode Island/New York/Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compilers: Shai Mitra, Glenn Williams

21,294 total individuals, 122 count day species + 2 count week species (Greater White-fronted Goose, Painted Bunting)

41 field observers + 3 feeder watchers = 44 total observers

123.40 total party hours & 287.90 total party miles

21-year high counts (7): Sanderling (94=>155), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (13=>16), Fish Crow (13=>26), Common Raven (12=>18), Brown Creeper (9=>14), American Pipit (73=>95), Pine Warbler (2=>3).

21-year low counts (2): American Black Duck (178=>151), American Tree Sparrow (30=>23).

New species (2): Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow Warbler (new to count day, was count week).

Rarities (2 count day + 1 count week): American Oystercatcher (3X), Golden Eagle (2X), Painted Bunting CW (2X).

21-year species total = 194 count day species + 2 count week species (Pink-footed Goose, Tundra Swan).

New Haven, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 17, 2022)

Compiler: Chris Loscalzo (New Haven Bird Club)

122 count day species + 1 count week species (White-winged Dove)

94 field observers + 5 feeder watchers = 99 total observers

206.00 total party hours & 735 total party miles (30-year high)

30-year high counts (7): Northern Pintail (8=>10), Ring-necked Duck (222=>259), Black Vulture (38=>65), Hairy Woodpecker (44=>46), Common Raven (25=>33), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (17=>20), Orange-crowned Warbler (2=>3).

30-year low counts (4): American Black Duck (253=>242), Ring-billed Gull (1,275=>1,132), Eastern Towhee (1=>1), Red-winged Blackbird (61=>38).

New species (0).

Rarities (1 count day + 1 count week): White-winged Dove CW (2X), Black-headed Gull (2X).

30-year species total = 197 count day species + 3 count week species (Seaside Sparrow, American Redstart, Wilson's Warbler).

New London, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 31, 2022)

Compiler: Robert Dewire

15,727 total individuals, 119 count day species + 2 count week species (Eastern Phoebe, Tennessee Warbler)

50 field observers + 6 feeder watchers = 56 total observers

131.20 total party hours & 458.90 total party miles

30-year high counts (7): Ring-necked Pheasant (13=>21), Common Raven (13=>14), House Wren (5=>5), Marsh Wren (5=>5), Purple Finch (19=>19), Song Sparrow (440=>522), Yellow-breasted Chat (6=>6).

30-year low counts (10): Mute Swan (91=>74), Ring-necked Duck (29=>25), Red-breasted Merganser (293=>288), Rock Pigeon (feral pigeon) (198=>172), Ring-billed Gull (129=>111), Herring Gull (1,302=>1,113), Red-throated Loon (7=>7), Northern Harrier (1=>1), House Finch (124=>91), Red-winged Blackbird (4=>0, missed first time).

New species (1 count week): Tennessee Warbler CW

Rarities (2): Harlequin Duck (3X), Laughing Gull (4X).

30-year species total = 191 count day species + 3 count week species (Western Kingbird, Tennessee Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler).

Old Lyme-Saybrook, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (January 1, 2023)

Compiler: Matt Bell

9,280 total individuals, 111 count day species + 0 count week species

38 field observers + 0 feeder watchers = 38 total observers

76.30 total party hours & 276.95 total party miles

30-year high counts (4): Barrow's Goldeneye (1=>2), Clapper Rail (3=>5), Common Raven (15=>16), Winter Wren (10=>10).

30-year low counts (2): Blue Jay (89=>81), American Crow (94=>3).

New species (2): Townsend's Solitaire, Dickcissel.

Rarities (2): Barrow's Goldeneye (6X), Orange-crowned Warbler (4X).

30-year species total = 195 count day species + 4 count week species (Piping Plover, Gyrfalcon, Evening Grosbeak, Western Tanager)

Stratford-Milford, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 26, 2022)

Compiler: Steve Mayo

14,905 total individuals, 119 count day species (30-year high) + 2 count week species (Wood Duck, Lesser Black-backed Gull)

37 field observers + 2 feeder watchers = 39 total observers

106.00 total party hours & 393.00 total party miles

30-year high counts (3): Black-bellied Plover (9=>9), Razorbill (6=>6), Red-breasted Nuthatch (7=>9).

30-year low counts (4): Mallard (494=>477), Ring-necked Duck (2=>1), Common Goldeneye (141=>82), Pied-billed Grebe (1=>0, missed first time).

New species (1): Northern Parula.

Rarities (8): Blue-winged Teal (2X), American Woodcock (5X), Razorbill (5X), Glaucous Gull (6X), Brown Thrasher (6X), Clay-colored Sparrow (2X), White-crowned Sparrow (6X), Lincoln's Sparrow (2X).

Other noteworthy species (1): Common Yellowthroat (7X).

30-year species total = 183 count day species + 2 count week species (Sandhill Crane, Seaside Sparrow).

Westport, Connecticut Christmas Bird Count (December 18, 2022)

Compilers: Mardi and Townsend Dickinson (Connecticut Audubon Society Birdcraft Sanctuary)

11,440 total individuals, 113 count day species + 2 count week species (Eastern Phoebe, Chipping Sparrow)

42 field observers + 1 feeder watcher = 43 total observers

48.30 total party hours & 128.05 total party miles

30-year high counts (13): Northern Pintail (4=>4), Hooded Merganser (235=>241), Bald Eagle (14=>16), Red-shouldered Hawk (12=>14), Pileated Woodpecker (10=>10), Merlin (4->7), Carolina Wren (65=>70), Eastern Bluebird (119=>119), Lapland Longspur (3=>13), Fox Sparrow (20=>21), Black-and-white Warbler (1=>2), Nashville Warbler (1=>2), Common Yellowthroat (1=>2).

30-year low counts (2): Eastern Screech-Owl (1=>0, missed first time), American Tree Sparrow (9=>6).

New species (0).

Rarities (9 count day + 1 count week species): Barrow's Goldeneye (6X), Eastern Phoebe CW (5X), Marsh Wren (6X), Lapland Longspur (6X), Eastern Meadowlark (5X), Black-and-white Warbler (2X), Nashville Warbler (6X), Common Yellowthroat (5X), Pine Warbler (6X), Dickcissel (2X).

30-year species total = 181 count day species + 6 count week species (Sandhill Crane, Golden Eagle, Red Crossbill, Seaside Sparrow, Ovenbird, Indigo Bunting).