

MERRITT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS - 2024

This was the 26th count for this count circle

NOTES: "CW" means species seen in count week (3 days before to 3 days after count day), but not on the count itself.

SPECIES	No. Birds	Notes
Canada Goose	373	
Trumpeter Swan	31	
Wood Duck	1	Only recorded on 2 previous counts out of 26 counts
Gadwall	33	High count - average is 9 birds
American Wigeon	65	High count - average is 20 birds
Mallard	3072	High count - average is 1341 birds
Northern Pintail	5	
Green-winged Teal	8	
Ring-necked Duck	1	Low count - average is 21
Greater Scaup	2	Low count - average is 11
Lesser Scaup	0	Missing regular - average is 11
Bufflehead	24	
Common Goldeneye	18	
Barrow's Goldeneye	30	
Hooded Merganser	3	
Common Merganser	10	
Chukar	CW	Rare - only reported on 4 of previous 25 counts
Ruffed Grouse	4	
Common Loon	1	
Pied-billed Grebe	0	Missing regular - found on 19 of past 25 counts
Horned Grebe	6	
Great Blue Heron	5	
Northern Harrier	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	CW	Missing regular - found on 17 of the past 25 counts
Bald Eagle	19	
Red-tailed Hawk	16	
Rough-legged Hawk	3	
RING-BILLED GULL	2	First for a count day in 26 counts. On Nicola Lake
Rock Pigeon	82	
Eurasian Collared Dove	192	
Mourning Dove	55	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	2	Always a treat to see. Found on 12 previous counts
Belted Kingfisher	1	
Downy Woodpecker	9	
Hairy Woodpecker	1	
N. (Red-shafted) Flicker	30	
Pileated Woodpecker	1	
American Kestrel	0	Missing regular - found on 15 of the past 25 counts
Merlin	0	Missing regular - found on 15 of the past 25 counts
Northern Shrike	5	

SPECIES	No. Birds	Notes
Canada (Gray) Jay	1	
Steller's Jay	14	
Black-billed Magpie	58	
Clark's Nutcracker	48	High count - average is 24 birds
American Crow	117	
Common Raven	67	
Horned Lark	0	
Black-capped Chickadee	66	
Mountain Chickadee	35	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8	
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	
Pygmy Nuthatch	40	High count - average is 19 birds
Brown Creeper	1	Rare - found on only 6 previous counts out of 25
American Dipper	1	Low count - average is 7 birds
Townsend's Solitaire	18	Second highest ever - average is 7 birds
American Robin	82	Second highest ever - average is 24 birds
European Starling	204	
Bohemian Waxwing	380	
American Tree Sparrow	2	
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	88	
Dark-eyed (Slate-c.) Junco	5	
White-crowned Sparrow	1	
Song Sparrow	27	
Spotted Towhee	13	Highest number in 26 counts; average is 5 birds
Red-winged Blackbird	12	Low count - average is 87 birds
Brewer's Blackbird	4	Low count - average is 45 birds
Blackbird sp.	30	
Pine Grosbeak	1	
House Finch	70	Low count - average is 174 birds
Pine Siskin	1	Low count - average is 36 birds
American Goldfinch	47	
Evening Grosbeak	10	
House Sparrow	129	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	5694	Above average (4172 birds) but well below max. 9,154 birds
TOTAL SPECIES	64	Just above average (61 species)
TOTAL SPECIES (INCL. COUNT WEEK)	66	
No. of participants (field)	27	
Total party-hours	51	
Feeder-watchers	5	