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## 2003 Christmas Bird Counts in Nebraska

Compiled by Janis Paseka

There were 11 Christmas Bird Counts conducted in Nebraska in December of 2003. One (the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge count) is partly in Iowa. The total of 132 species recorded is 5 fewer than last year's total of 137. This year 222,405 individuals were counted, as compared to the unusually high individual count of 303,619 in 2002, largely because of Snow Goose numbers. In 2002, 129,415 Snow Geese were reported, compared to this year's report of 10,940. There were 16 species which were seen on every count: Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Rock Pigeon, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, European Starling, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow.

This year 183 field counters and 16 feeder watchers participated in the counts. The weather was slightly warmer than average, with two counts beginning the day in the single digits and eight counts finishing the day in the 40's or 50's. Weather prior to the counts had been mild also, although most parts of the state were unusually dry throughout the summer and fall. The western part of the state was still experiencing a serious drought.

No Common Loons, Pied-billed Grebes or Double-crested Cormorants, all species which have shown up on about half of the counts in the past decade, were reported this year. Although the total number of Snow Geese was way down, as mentioned above, Lake McConaughy had an unusually high number of Snows: 7200. Other geese made good showings around the state. The Greater White-fronted total of 65 and the Ross' Goose total of 24 were the highest since 1998. Trumpeter Swans were reported at two counts (Lake McConaughy and Calamus-Loup), but the past four years have seen a downtrend: 39 in 2000, 26 in 2001, 13 in 2002 and 8 in 2003.

Ducks in general were well represented. Scottsbluff had the only Wood Ducks, a total of 10 individuals. Grand Island had the only two American Black Ducks, an unusual species on any count. The highest counts in 20 years of American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck and Common Goldeneye were recorded. The number of Mallards (27,309) was only about half that of last year (52,366), but still in the normal range. Green-winged Teal and Common Mergansers also showed high counts unmatched since the late 1990's.

Good hawk numbers were also reported this year. Six species (Sharp-shinned, Coopers, Rough-legged, American Kestrel, Merlin and Prairie Falcon) all had the highest counts since at least 1994, which must also have been a good hawk year.

This year we picked up a sixth gallinaceous species with the Gray Partridges reported from Norfolk. This species had not shown up for a Christmas Count since 1994. Wild Turkeys continue to increase steadily from a 1981 count of 21 to this year's 1157, which is nearly double that of last year and quite possibly the highest count ever. Northern Bobwhites were also up (202 this year) to their highest level since 1994 (292).

One Sandhill Crane was reported from Scottsbluff during count week. We had not had a Crane on a Christmas Count since one was reported from the North

Platte/Lincoln County count in 1996.

Lake McConaughy was, unsurprisingly, the gull capital of the counts again this year with 11 of the 12 species reported appearing there. Among the Lake McConaughy gull highlights were Little, Black-headed, Mew, Bonaparte's, Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, Thayer's and Glaucous. The Omaha count had an unusually high number of Herring Gulls (13) and a count week Franklin's Gull.

Rock Pigeon (the species formerly known as Rock Dove) numbers were down from last year, but nothing to get excited about. The "prize" of highest count this year goes to Lincoln with 513. Eurasian Collared-Doves were seen at three counts (Crawford, Calamus-Loup during count week and Lake McConaughy).

Great Horned Owl numbers were down to a more usual count of 44 after a fairly high count last year of 70. Grand Island reported an unusually high number of both Eastern Screech Owls (18) and Short-eared Owls (6), while DeSoto had a good number of Barred Owls (8).

Red-headed Woodpeckers were found at only three counts (DeSoto, Norfolk and Omaha) but they appeared in numbers greater than in any year since 1995. This year's total was 70 birds, 65 of those at Omaha. The 7 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers (seen at Branched Oak-Seward, Lake McConaughy and Lincoln) were more than had been seen in any year since 1988. Hairy Woodpeckers scored their second year in a row in triple digits (106 in 2002 and 103 in 2003) and were seen at 10 counts. These are the highest counts for Hairys since 1994. Northern Flickers were seen on all the counts, and the count of 519 is the highest since 1988.

Blue Jays and American Crows, both species of concern in the West Nile Virus epidemic, did well this year. The Blue Jay total of 666 was in the normal range, and Crows bounced back from last year's total of 5291 to 11,002 this year, the highest in two decades, and possibly the highest ever.

Black-capped Chickadees were seen at all 11 counts, but the totals were down at every count except one. As discussed on NEBirds and elsewhere, Chickadees have been scarce in many parts of the state in the past year, and this year's count is less than half (774) of what it was last year (1668). While 774 is not an all-time low (726 in 1983; 694 in 1997), it is still a precipitous drop, especially when the counts are looked at individually.

Chickadee numbers dropped in the Missouri River counts, but they were still within the normal range of historical fluctuations. Omaha had a 2003 count of 284 compared to 470 in 2002. DeSoto's 2003 count was 261, compared to 406 in 2002. However, both counts have had lower totals in past years.

In the Panhandle, Scottsbluff recorded a total of 21 Black-capped Chickadees this year compared to 48 last year. Although that seems like a dramatic decline, Chickadee numbers have been lower than 21 in Scottsbluff 4 times in the past 20 years. Crawford was the only count in the state in which the numbers increased over last year: 31 in 2002 and 52 in 2003.

In the remainder of the state, however, counts were drastically lower and out of line with historical fluctuations. Six counts had either all-time lows or the lowest counts in 20 years: Beaver Valley went from 5 in 2002 to 1 in 2003; Branched Oak-Seward went from 129 to 28; Calamus-Loup went from 62 to 5; Grand Island went from 45 to 15; Lincoln went from 172 to 26; and Norfolk went from 230 to 64. Lake McConaughy went from 70 to 17, which is not an all time low but is lower than any total except in the first two years that count was run.

It would seem that Black-capped Chickadees, for whatever reason, have suffered a tremendous decline from December 2002 to December 2003 in most of the state, the exceptions being the Panhandle and the Missouri River Valley.

These trends were echoed in counts outside the state: Shenandoah and Sioux City, Iowa, both had lower counts in 2003 than in 2002, but not out of line with historical swings, similar to Missouri Valley counts in Nebraska. Counts in Pierre and Yankton, South Dakota; in Sterling, Colorado; and in north central Kansas (Kirwin Reservoir, Waconda [aka Glen Elder] and Salina) all showed the profound decreases typical of central Nebraska counts. Counts in Rapid City, South Dakota, and in Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming, however, showed an increase, the same number and a slight decrease, respectively. (Christmas Bird Count data from outside Nebraska was obtained from [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org).)

On to other species. Tufted Titmouse numbers were down this year to their lowest in a decade: a total of 37 and only seen, as usual, at Omaha and DeSoto. White-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers and Golden-crowned Kinglets were also all down this year, but not out of line with yearly fluctuations in the past. One Rock Wren was reported on this count: an unusual find at Lake McConaughy. Another unusual find was a Ruby-crowned Kinglet at Lake McConaughy and another during count week at Lincoln.

Eastern Bluebirds bounced back from last year's total of 81 to 236 this year, with unusually high numbers at Omaha (61) and DeSoto (86). Mountain Bluebirds were scarce this year and were found only at the Lake McConaughy count. Hermit Thrushes hit a 20-year high of 8 individuals and were reported from Branched Oak-Seward, DeSoto and Lake McConaughy. American Robin numbers have been steadily increasing and were the highest in at least two decades. Calamus-Loup reported over 13,000 and the total on all the counts (22,452) was almost 10,000 higher than last year. One lone Brown Thrasher was reported from Norfolk this year.

Starlings, for better or worse, had a great year, too. This year's total of 44,816 is more than three times last year's total and the highest in at least 20 years. We can hold the counters at Lake McConaughy largely responsible for this situation, since they rounded up a 'grand' total of 15,568.

Sparrows of most species were reported in usual numbers, although Harris' Sparrows were at a 20-year low this year with only 75 reported from seven counts, compared to 534 in 2002. Lapland Longspurs also have been declining on Christmas counts since a high of 2129 in 1998 to this year's 40. Purple Finches, on the other hand, showed up in droves, with a count total of 223, the highest in over 20 years.

Red-winged Blackbird numbers dropped from last year's 11,126 to a more normal 2189. Rusty and Brewer's Blackbird were each only seen at two counts (Rustys at DeSoto and Grand Island and Brewer's at Beaver Valley and Scottsbluff) and had totals of only 5 and 2, respectively. And, in what some would consider cause for modest celebration, only 14 Brown-headed Cowbirds were found, the lowest total since 1997.

## 2003 CBC Participants

- Beaver Valley** Mitzi Fox, Colleen Noecker, Don Noecker (compiler), Jim Scharphorn (4)
- Branched Oak-Seward** John Dinan, Larry Einemann, Mike Ellis, Joe Gubanyi (compiler), Thomas Labeledz, Don Paseka, Kevin Poague, Max Post van der Burg, Sarah Rehme, Amy Richert, Brent Sankey, Terry Sims, Mary Steinbeck, Scott Taylor (14)
- Calamus-Loup** Loren Blake, Norma Brockmoller (compiler), Robin Harding, David Heidt (compiler), Lyla Koehlmoos, Lanny Randolph, Jan Uttecht, Duane Wolff, Bonnie Wylie (9)
- Crawford** Kathy DeLara, Dean Drawbaugh, Phyllis Drawbaugh, Lonnie Frimann, Jim Gibson, Robin Harding, Randy Lawson, Lanny Randolph, Bruce Walgren (compiler), Donna Walgren (10)
- DeSoto** Bob Barry (compiler), Elliott Bedows, Ruth Campell, Janet Greer, Carr Heaney, Steve Lamphere, Don Maas, Sue Mattix, Mark Orsag, Don Paseka, Janis Paseka, Jack Phillips, Willard Piercy, Neal Ratzlaff, David J. Smith, Jerry Toll (16)
- Grand Island** Gorden Backer, Tom Blanchard, Dan Glomski, Blake Hatfield, Ann Kruse, Ron Kruse, Connie McCartney (compiler), Jim Meyer, Vicky Orr, Michele Parde, Patricia Smith, Vern Throop, Eric Volden, Chuck Witter. Feeder Watchers: Gay Crandell, Helen Seim, Ken Tweedy (14 + 3 feeder watchers)
- Lake McConaughy** Henry Armknecht, Gordon Brown, Bob DeLara, Kathy DeLara, Stephen J. Dinsmore (compiler), Dean Drawbaugh, Phyllis Drawbaugh, Peter Frechtel, Robin Harding, Helen Hughson, Bill Huntley, Bette Klaphake, Clem Klaphake, Kay Niyo, Lanny Randolph, Tommie Rogers, Ross Silcock, Mark Urwiller (18 + 13 feeder watchers)
- Lincoln** George Alexander, Irene Alexander, Betty Adams, Stephanie Bequeath, Anita Breckbill, Linda R. Brown (compiler), Jackie Canterbury, John Carlini, Larry Einemann, Lynea Hinchman, Michelle Johnson, Josef Kren, Thomas E. Labeledz, Linda Maslowski, Pete Maslowski, Mark Orsag, Don Paseka, Janis Paseka, Kevin Poague, Ken Reitan, Amy Richert, Zac Roehrs, Erika Sarikova, Shari Schwartz, Dave Titterington, Joyce Vannier, Lyle Vannier, Gertrude Wood (28)
- Norfolk** Marc Bathke, Norma Brockmoller, Ed Brogie, Joseph Brogie, Mark Brogie, Colin Engebretsen, David Heidt, Gene Kincanon, Dave Stage, Matt Stanley, Paul Timm, Jan Uttecht, Duane Wolff (compiler), Bonnie Wylie (14)
- Omaha** Mark Armstrong, Bette Bauer, Rod Cope, David Crawford, Sharon Draper, Nelli Falzgraf, Bob Fuchs, Pat Fuller, Jerad Getter, Betty Grenon (compiler), Mace Hack, Warren Hill, Lois Inskip, Clem Klaphake, Jim Kovanda, Sandy Kovanda, Catherine Kuper, Steve Lamphere, Lorinda Langner, Terry Lassek, Sue Mattix, Jim Meyer, Babs Padelford, Loren Padelford, June Parks, Don Paseka, Janis Paseka, Jeab Richter, Mary Jo Rome, Kathleen Rose, Jack Schmid, Rick Schmid, Steve Schmitt, Eric Scholar, Greg Stoiber, Jerry Toll, Pat Williams, Chunhui Yi (38)
- Scottsbluff** G. Gordon Brown, Bob DeLara, Kathy DeLara, Steven Dinsmore, Phyllis Drawbaugh, Ann Duey, Peter Frechtel, Helen Hughson, Alisson Johnson, Alice Kenitz (compiler), Bette Klaphake, Clem Klaphake, Brad McKinney, Kay Niyo, Tommie Rogers, Ross Silcock, Harley Winfrey, Sarah Winfrey (18)

### 2003 CBC Site Data

	Date	Species	Individuals	Observers	Low Temp	High Temp	Sky Conditions	Rain	Snow
Beaver Valley	20 Dec	28	1,299	4	22	52	partly cloudy	none	none
Branched Oak/Seward	14 Dec	64	17,486	14	22	28	cloudy/partly clear	none	none
Calamus-Loup	27 Dec	54	36,190	9	8	45	clear	none	none
Crawford	19 Dec	37	1,302	10	15	28	partly cloudy	none	none
DeSoto-Boyer	20 Dec	64	12,195	16	27	45	clear	none	none
Grand Island	20 Dec	65	29,335	14 + 3	23	48	clear to partly cloudy	none	none
Lake McConaughy	21 Dec	105	67,753	18 + 13	39	54	partly cloudy	none	none
Lincoln	17 Dec	57	11,980	28	21	41	cloudy	none	none
Norfolk	20 Dec	56	7,557	14	7	34	partly cloudy	none	none
Omaha	27 Dec	60	9,142	38	38	55	pt. cloudy to clear	none	none
Scottsbluff	20 Dec	72	28,166	18	19	53	partly cloudy	none	none
Totals		131	222,405	183 + 16					

Observers at Grand Island and Lake McConaughy include 3 and 13 feeder watchers, respectively.

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Horned Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Western Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	-	52
Clark's Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
American White Pelican	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Great Blue Heron	-	1	-	-	-	2	10	1	1	2	5	22
Gr. White-fronted Goose	-	10	1	-	-	13	41	-	-	-	-	65
Snow Goose	-	2,536	-	-	450	25	7,200	722	-	6	1	10,940
Ross' Goose	-	3	-	-	-	2	19	-	-	-	-	24
Canada Goose	-	1,660	988	-	577	8,165	6,240	1,900	195	1,856	12,738	34,319
Trumpeter Swan	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	8
Wood Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
Gadwall	-	-	2	-	-	-	70	-	-	10	9	91
American Wigeon	-	-	12	-	-	1	102	-	-	-	340	455
American Black Duck	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mallard	115	1,521	4,197	-	660	2,965	8,863	138	32	472	8,346	27,309
Northern Shoveler	-	-	3	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	5	23
Northern Pintail	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	51
Green-winged Teal	-	-	110	-	-	1	1	-	-	68	6	186
Casvasback	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	-	-	-	6	77
Redhead	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	-	-	-	20	129

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Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	194	-	-	1	30	225
Tufted Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Greater Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	1	38
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	2	128	-	-	-	36	166
Bufflehead	-	-	-	-	-	-	128	-	-	-	1	129
Common Goldeneye	-	7	49	-	41	58	1,703	-	-	171	209	2,238
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	2	-	12
Common Merganser	-	23	81	-	67	1	36,119	2	2	56	1	36,352
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
duck sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Osprey	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Bald Eagle	13	6	24	6	30	15	74	1	17	80	5	271
Northern Harrier	3	8	2	1	7	19	10	4	4	-	3	61
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	7	1	-	5	2	3	10	1	3	2	36
Cooper's Hawk	-	5	-	-	5	1	1	2	-	2	2	18
accipiter sp.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
Red-tailed Hawk	2	35	11	4	93	15	35	22	42	86	19	364
Ferruginous Hawk	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	6
Rough-legged Hawk	1	3	5	2	6	29	4	-	6	4	7	67



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Buteo sp.	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	7
Golden Eagle	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	7
American Kestrel	1	6	5	2	16	21	33	11	19	17	60	191
Merlin	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	3	14
Prairie Falcon	-	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	9
Gray Partridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
Ring-necked Pheasant	7	42	5	7	46	23	6	45	48	1	2	232
Sharp-tailed Grouse	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11
Greater Prairie-Chicken	-	-	23	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	25
Wild Turkey	-	1	230	118	212	407	15	7	12	65	90	1,157
Northern Bobwhite	-	92	1	7	2	31	20	13	16	20	-	202
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
American Coot	-	-	-	-	-	3	294	-	-	-	22	319
Killdeer	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	6
Wilson's Snipe	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	1	11
Little Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Black-headed Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	-	-	-	-	241
Mew Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Ring-billed Gull	-	1	19	-	4	3	819	-	-	123	-	969

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California Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	282	-	-	13	-	295
Thayer's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Iceland Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Gull sp.	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Rock Pigeon	11	65	23	112	189	312	360	513	409	245	362	2,601
Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	-	-	8	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	13
Mourning Dove	-	25	-	-	28	1	20	130	4	7	63	278
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	-	6	1	-	4	18	4	1	2	2	-	38
Great Horned Owl	-	4	5	-	7	5	6	4	10	1	2	44
Barred Owl	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	-	1	2	-	14
Long-eared Owl	-	5	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	12
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	1	3	2	-	-	1	12	3	5	3	7	37
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	65	-	70
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	69	2	-	90	6	2	41	25	88	2	326
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	7
Downy Woodpecker	6	52	6	16	75	15	25	63	52	88	15	413

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Hairy Woodpecker	-	12	1	5	23	4	5	14	12	23	4	103
Northern Flicker	3	75	7	2	174	42	26	49	37	62	42	519
Northern Shrike	-	3	4	2	1	-	6	1	2	-	3	22
Blue Jay	2	101	2	6	100	58	15	197	48	45	92	666
Black-billed Magpie	-	2	-	19	-	8	26	-	2	-	50	107
American Crow	27	401	9,602	70	301	48	8	195	152	164	34	11,002
Horned Lark	-	77	2	25	146	37	259	85	6	67	424	1,128
Black-capped Chickadee	1	28	5	52	261	15	17	26	64	284	21	774
Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	25	-	37
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	5	1	-	13	22
White-breasted Nuthatch	10	59	5	-	92	18	14	29	36	124	7	394
Pygmy Nuthatch	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
Brown Creeper	-	10	-	-	2	6	3	18	5	14	-	58
Carolina Wren	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	10	1	17
Rock Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Winter Wren	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4
Marsh Wren	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	9
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	19	-	-	3	2	5	13	6	6	-	54
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Eastern Bluebird	-	44	11	-	86	8	1	23	2	61	-	236

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Mountain Bluebird	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Townsend's Solitaire	-	-	1	1	-	-	33	-	-	-	19	54
Hermit Thrush	-	2	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	8
American Robin	179	6,148	13,136	-	90	99	518	1,749	393	65	75	22,452
Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
European Starling	137	1,541	5,940	211	5,806	15,568	1,344	3,341	4,399	3,177	3,352	44,816
Cedar Waxwing	-	48	44	-	154	32	4	236	25	48	2	593
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	5	-	2	-	12
Spotted Towhee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Eastern Towhee	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
American Tree Sparrow	63	532	166	160	579	192	345	543	125	80	87	2,872
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
Song Sparrow	-	14	1	57	10	1	24	7	3	1	17	135
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
White-throated Sparrow	-	1	-	-	13	-	-	1	-	5	1	21
Harris' Sparrow	-	29	-	-	7	8	1	21	2	7	-	75
White-crowned Sparrow	-	9	-	-	-	2	75	1	-	-	14	101
sparrow sp	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Dark-eyed Junco	41	787	59	98	564	198	533	607	251	332	268	3,738

## 2003 Christmas Bird Count

	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak	Calamus Loup	Crawford	DeSoto Boyer	Grand Island	Lake McC	Lincoln	Norfolk	Omaha	Scotts-bluff	Total
Lapland Longspur	-	-	15	-	6	-	-	2	-	1	16	40
Snow Bunting	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Northern Cardinal	-	86	3	-	154	36	15	136	42	145	4	621
Red-winged Blackbird	16	258	1,020	2	88	294	255	2	45	73	136	2,189
Meadowlark sp.	-	93	-	-	128	94	5	94	2	-	14	430
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	5
Brewer's Blackbird	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Common Grackle	1	2	-	-	-	1	37	2	1	-	4	48
Brown-headed Cowbird	-	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	14
blackbird sp.	642	60	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	705
Purple Finch	-	111	1	-	34	-	2	13	2	60	-	223
House Finch	-	94	10	7	30	68	184	154	27	32	116	722
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Pine Siskin	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	-	70	78
American Goldfinch	3	250	193	119	126	165	244	256	181	234	108	1,879
House Sparrow	8	347	59	140	493	132	295	511	762	433	677	3,857
TOTAL SPECIES	28	64	54	37	64	65	105	57	56	60	72	131
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1,299	17,486	36,190	1,302	12,195	29,335	67,753	11,980	7,557	9,142	28,166	222,405