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2015-2016 Christmas Bird Counts

by Don Paseka

Fifteen counts were held during the 2015-16 Christmas Bird Count season, which is one more than last season when the Harrison count was cancelled. The Grand Island count was held on December 12, two days prior to the start of the officially sanctioned CBC time slot, but its results are included in this discussion.

Ten of the counts were done on or before December 22 under mild conditions with little snow cover and mostly to entirely open water. While the weather became more seasonable toward the end of the period, it was still fairly benign. As a result, most of the circles had considerable open water and it was an excellent year for many species associated with water. Several circles produced new high species counts and netted a total of 147 species for all counts, second only to 2010 in which 149 species were tallied. While not a record, the total of 236,647 individuals is quite respectable, and six counts exceeded 80 species.

Sixteen species set new or tied previous high counts, including the first ever Red-throated Loon at Lake McConaughy and three Common Ravens visiting some of the dining establishments in North Platte. The number of species (11) which were counted in every circle was below last year's number (19). Thirty-four species were found in only one circle and 19 of those were single birds.

As would be expected with ample open water, Anseriformes were well represented with 29 total species plus a Mallard x American Black Duck hybrid found at Lake McConaughy. Many of the expected waterfowl were found in high numbers. The 206 Northern Shovelers found this year were only slightly behind the 207 counted in 2002. The 86 Greater Scaup counted were second only to the 123 found in 2004, and this year's total of 326 Canvasbacks is second only to the 337 found in 2011. The 424 Buffleheads lag behind the 843 found in 2001, and the 51 Hooded Mergansers were only out-numbered in 2012 when 90 were counted.

Ring-necked Ducks were found in ten circles this year yielding a new high count of 404, bettering the 366 found last year, and among this year's ducks which are not found annually were a Surf Scoter, two White-winged Scoters, two Long-tailed Ducks, and a Barrow's Goldeneye, all at Lake McConaughy.

All six grebe species were counted this year across five different circles. The lone Horned Grebe was unexpectedly found at Ames and the record 4 Red-necked Grebes found at McConaughy beat the old high of 3 from 2012. Two Eared Grebes were also found: one at McConaughy and the other at Lincoln. This is only the fifth time that this species has been found on a Nebraska count. The 42 Cooper's Hawks were also a record, topping the 36 from 2007.

In the shorebird department, 23 Killdeer were found in six circles. While not a record, this is the third highest total, behind only the 43 in 2012 and 28 in 1994. Very surprising were the two Least Sandpipers found on the Lincoln count. This is only the second occurrence of this species on a Nebraska count, with a single being found previously in 2001, also on the Lincoln count. Only 5 Wilson's Snipe were counted, which was the lowest number since only 4 were found in 1997.

Gulls had a diverse year with a total of 10 species found, the most since 11 were found in 2003. The highlight was the second record of a Black-legged

Kittiwake, found at McConaughy. The only other record of this species was at Harlan County in 1999.

Columbiformes continued to do well. The 6723 Rock Pigeons beat the previous high of 6593 from 2010, and the 2396 Eurasian Collared-Doves topped last year's record 1959. White-winged Doves made a modest fourth appearance on a Nebraska CBC with a single at McConaughy and a count week bird at Scottsbluff.

Prairie Falcon had a good count of 10, second only to the 12 counted in 1995, and the 15 Ruby-crowned Kinglets found in 6 circles are second only to the 18 found in 1988. Eastern Bluebirds set a new high of 637 topping the previous high of 587 from 2012. A single Mountain Bluebird and a pair of Bohemian Waxwing were found at Ponca this year.

The single American Pipit found at Scottsbluff was only the second time this species has been counted; four birds were found at McConaughy in 2013. Yellow-rumped Warblers were found in six circles and set a new high count of 105, including one of the Audubon's subspecies found at McConaughy. The previous high had been 92 in 2011. The 919 Northern Cardinals found this year tied with the same number counted last year, behind the 1,001 total for 2009.

Scottsbluff continues to be the White-crowned Sparrow capital of Nebraska CBCs. After last year's surprising total of 254 birds in that circle, they came up with 446 this year. That number alone would have topped the previous high count 407 for all circles combined, but with a little help from eight other circles the new high count for White-crowned Sparrows is 571.

The last two species to discuss here are problematic since they are indistinguishable from each other in the field except by song. There were a record number (1832) of meadowlarks found during this count period, and none of them were recorded as eastern: 127 of them were recorded as western and 1705 of them were unidentified as to species. When looking at this and past years' count data, it is obvious that some counts identify only singing birds to species, while others apparently discount the unlikely possibility that the non-vocal birds could be eastern and record them all as western.

The previous high count of 1401 for meadowlark species goes back to 1972 when there were none identified as eastern, 491 identified as western and 910 were unidentified to species. The highest number of Western Meadowlarks (633) was counted in 2012 when 720 were not identified to species.

Eastern Meadowlarks have been reported only 11 times on Nebraska counts. In the last 30 years the Lincoln circle has reported from one to four Eastern Meadowlarks on five occasions with the last being 2007. Given the small numbers, these presumably were singing birds, and since they were found within the theoretical winter range for easterns, they may have been correctly identified. However, the only other report from this time period looks less probable. In 1995 North Platte reported 5 Eastern Meadowlarks and no others which, given the location, seems improbable. Looking even farther back, the next most recent and the all-time high count for Eastern Meadowlark goes back to 1982 when 98 were reported on the Lincoln count. This number is also likely to be incorrect, as are the other four counts of easterns ranging from 25 to 88 birds in 1966, 1968, 1971 and 1975. It would seem that the standard for counting meadowlarks has not been but should be uniform across all counts, and that only singing birds should be counted as a particular species.

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	Ames	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Gr White-fronted Goose					1		6	
Snow Goose	853	2,621				4	20,775	
Ross's Goose		6					24	
Cackling Goose	113	160			36	1,013	11	
Canada Goose	3,214	3,007	1,200	57	6,063	6,343	2,725	
Trumpeter Swan			41					
Wood Duck			2			5		
Gadwall	cw	12	1		1		7	
American Wigeon		9	25			2	6	
Mallard	443	2,244	1,000		557	1,557	6,854	
American Black Duck x Mallard								
Blue-winged Teal						10		
Northern Shoveler	4		1			50		
Northern Pintail		7				1	2	
Green-winged Teal	4	25					322	
Canvasback		10				2		
Redhead		2				1		
Ring-necked Duck	2				1	18	2	3
Greater Scaup								
Lesser Scaup		9			1	2	9	
Surf Scoter								
White-winged Scoter								
Long-tailed Duck								
Bufflehead		1			1		12	
Common Goldeneye	91	132	1		41	43	66	
Barrow's Goldeneye								
Hooded Merganser		14	2		1	2	14	
Common Merganser	31	1,498	1		11	6	13,561	
Red-breasted Merganser		1					1	
Ruddy Duck						6		
Duck sp.	69	1						
Northern Bobwhite		14	102				15	
Ring-necked Pheasant	19	5		19	20		3	
Sharp-tailed Grouse				2				37

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	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Gr White-fronted Goose				33	3			43
Snow Goose		1,023	1	9	43	335		25,664
Ross's Goose	cw				1	6		37
Cackling Goose	182	99	129	147	58		63	2,011
Canada Goose	3,514	16,024	1,607	9,263	6,731	70	2,855	62,673
Trumpeter Swan	27			7	1			76
Wood Duck				1			1	9
Gadwall	86	78	4	67	5		cw	261
American Wigeon	3	3		28			255	331
Mallard	6,345	1,686	678	9,606	465	18	461	31,914
American Black Duck x Mallard	1							1
Blue-winged Teal								10
Northern Shoveler	2	104		34			11	206
Northern Pintail	7	1		93			1	112
Green-winged Teal	36			27	26	2		442
Canvasback	293	8	4	2	7			326
Redhead	47	3	10	11	1		8	83
Ring-necked Duck	227	5	12	63			71	404
Greater Scaup	81		2	3				86
Lesser Scaup	459	4	1	55	19		5	564
Surf Scoter	1							1
White-winged Scoter	2							2
Long-tailed Duck	2							2
Bufflehead	402	2	1	1	4			424
Common Goldeneye	143	20	29	238	105		86	995
Barrow's Goldeneye	1							1
Hooded Merganser	8			cw	10			51
Common Merganser	1,821	92	139	1,800	131	35		19,126
Red-breasted Merganser	14			2				18
Ruddy Duck	31				3			40
Duck sp.					50			120
Northern Bobwhite		18	1	15	12			177
Ring-necked Pheasant	25	11	15	28		5	29	179
Sharp-tailed Grouse	6							45

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	Ames	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Greater Prairie-Chicken			15			3	9	
Wild Turkey	47	13	268	66	170	147	86	6
Red-throated Loon								
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1				2		
Horned Grebe	1							
Red-necked Grebe								
Eared Grebe								
Western Grebe								
Clark's Grebe								
Double-crested Cormorant		13	1				4	
American White Pelican							1	
Great Blue Heron	7	2	1		3	3	1	
Osprey								
Bald Eagle	22	11	25	4	32	9	59	
Northern Harrier	2	6	1		3	7	29	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2	1		3		3	
Cooper's Hawk	3	3	4		2	3	9	
Northern Goshawk			cw					
Accipiter sp.		1						
Red-tailed Hawk	42	44	12	5	70	30	69	
Ferruginous Hawk								
Rough-legged Hawk	2	1	6	2	2	8	4	2
Buteo sp.		1	1					
Golden Eagle								
Virginia Rail								
American Coot	4	149			6	78	220	
Killdeer		1						
Least Sandpiper								
Wilson's Snipe								
Black-legged Kittiwake								
Bonaparte's Gull							13	
Mew Gull							1	
Ring-billed Gull	27	1,395					201	
California Gull							1	
Herring Gull		64					114	

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	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Greater Prairie-Chicken	59			173		30		289
Wild Turkey		39		276	73	61	4	1,256
Red-throated Loon	1							1
Pied-billed Grebe	5	1		cw				11
Horned Grebe								1
Red-necked Grebe	4							4
Eared Grebe	1	1						2
Western Grebe	339							339
Clark's Grebe	1							1
Double-crested Cormorant				cw				18
American White Pelican								1
Great Blue Heron	9	9	1	9	3			48
Osprey					1			1
Bald Eagle	53	15	21	19	40	20	10	340
Northern Harrier	16	8	1	7	4			84
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	3	1	2	5	2	4	30
Cooper's Hawk	3	4	1	3	4	1	2	42
								cw
Accipiter sp.					2			3
Red-tailed Hawk	40	47	23	37	123	24	23	589
Ferruginous Hawk				1			2	3
Rough-legged Hawk	5	1	3	5	2	5	9	57
Buteo sp.		7					6	15
Golden Eagle	1					1		2
Virginia Rail	1							1
American Coot	1,069	86	14	277	2		180	2,085
Killdeer	9	6		1	5		1	23
Least Sandpiper		2						2
Wilson's Snipe	2		1	2				5
Black-legged Kittiwake	1							1
Bonaparte's Gull	5							18
Mew Gull								1
Ring-billed Gull	900	92	2	80	1,591	68		4,356
California Gull	3							4
Herring Gull	84	17		46				325

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	Ames	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Thayer's Gull								
Lesser Black-backed Gull								
Glaucous Gull								
Great Black-backed Gull								
Gull sp.		282	1					
Rock Pigeon	136	145	27	142	95	2,418	78	2
Eurasian Collared-Dove	21	14	51	68	5	517	142	18
White-winged Dove								
Mourning Dove	128	11		1	24	34	4	
Eastern Screech-Owl			1		2	10	2	
Great Horned Owl	6	7	3		4	4	11	
Barred Owl	1	2			3			
Long-eared Owl	2							
Short-eared Owl	cw							
Belted Kingfisher	4	1	4		2	7	1	
Red-headed Woodpecker	1				2			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	26	43	4		36	12	29	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1					4	
Downy Woodpecker	32	51	11	1	57	24	26	2
Hairy Woodpecker	10	11	9		5	6	6	
Northern Flicker	35	96	17	2	7	31	85	2
Red-shafted		1						1
Red x Yellow-shafted				2				
Yellow-shafted		43			7			
unspecified	35	52	17			31	85	1
Pileated Woodpecker					1			
American Kestrel	8	9	12	3	21	19	11	
Merlin	cw	1	1	cw	3	1	2	
Prairie Falcon	1	1			2		1	
Northern Shrike		8	6	2	1	1	3	1
Blue Jay	76	117	6	2	68	36	52	
Black-billed Magpie				2				1
American Crow	438	92	3,000	36	63	33	33	14
Common Raven								
Horned Lark	21	20	98	303	33	11	248	27

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	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Thayer's Gull	1							1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2							2
Glaucous Gull		1						1
Great Black-backed Gull					1			1
Gull sp.		40						323
Rock Pigeon	239	1,707	417	439	255	95	528	6,723
Eurasian Collared-Dove	167	17	81	310	31	11	943	2,396
White-winged Dove	1						CW	1
Mourning Dove	10	114	1	5	36		9	377
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	3	1	1		2		23
Great Horned Owl	6	4	8	2	6		CW	61
Barred Owl		1			5	1		13
Long-eared Owl			3					5
Short-eared Owl	7							7
Belted Kingfisher	8	10	2	7	5		8	59
Red-headed Woodpecker		1			2			6
Red-bellied Woodpecker	8	62	17	22	126	32		417
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	7		1				14
Downy Woodpecker	27	117	21	23	116	18	6	532
Hairy Woodpecker	10	17	13	7	35	3		132
Northern Flicker	57	42	20	25	58	18	29	524
Red-shafted	23	2	3	9		2	5	46
Red x Yellow-shafted							9	11
Yellow-shafted	23	37		9		16	1	136
unspecified	11	3	17	7	58		14	331
Pileated Woodpecker					3			4
American Kestrel	16	12	12	24	26	3	29	205
Merlin	1	1	1		3			14
Prairie Falcon	2			2			1	10
Northern Shrike	4	1	3	3	1		1	35
Blue Jay	10	194	36	28	42	64	68	799
Black-billed Magpie	21		3	5			24	56
American Crow	13	99	56	298	66	66	2	4,309
Common Raven				3				3
Horned Lark	116	33	18	36	27	4	1,058	2,053

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	Ames	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Black-capped Chickadee	94	47	6	5	87	17	21	14
Tufted Titmouse					1			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3				1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	57	67	9		51	21	52	
Pygmy Nuthatch								9
Brown Creeper	11	15	1		4	10	6	1
Winter Wren	1				1		1	
Marsh Wren								
Carolina Wren	5	3			6		2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	28	9	1				4	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1					10	
Eastern Bluebird	42	234			56	4	77	
Mountain Bluebird								
Townsend's Solitaire				1				6
Hermit Thrush	1							
American Robin	61	681	358	88	323	41	309	
European Starling	1,819	609	500	286	1,898	1,227	480	
American Pipit								
Bohemian Waxwing								
Cedar Waxwing	82	289	15	12	40	32	117	
Lapland Longspur	36	1	2				24	1
Snow Bunting					2			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9	30					3	
Spotted Towhee		2			2	1	3	
Eastern Towhee					2			
American Tree Sparrow	141	584	330	303	266	63	906	
Field Sparrow								
Savannah Sparrow					1			
Fox Sparrow		9					2	
Song Sparrow	4	6	2		29	10	53	
Lincoln's Sparrow					4			
Swamp Sparrow								
White-throated Sparrow		2	1		15		1	
Harris's Sparrow	9	30	3		70	5	70	

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	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Black-capped Chickadee	1	182	28	7	217	56	10	792
Tufted Titmouse					29			30
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	6	2	6	1		3	25
White-breasted Nuthatch	25	82	15	13	182	32 cw		606
Pygmy Nuthatch								9
Brown Creeper	14	13	4	1	10	4		94
Winter Wren	3				4			10
Marsh Wren	1			cw				1
Carolina Wren		4			20			40
Golden-crowned Kinglet	29	10	2	4	12	2		101
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1			1			15
Eastern Bluebird	18	60		22	91	33		637
Mountain Bluebird						1		1
Townsend's Solitaire	14			2			1	24
Hermit Thrush	1				2			4
American Robin	1,070	513	37	432	454	700	272	5,339
European Starling	2,144	3,312	6,557	1,597	2,013	899	567	23,908
American Pipit							1	1
Bohemian Waxwing						2		2
Cedar Waxwing	14	301	57	42	62	272	11	1,346
Lapland Longspur	10			16		10		100
Snow Bunting	23		2	1				28
Yellow-rumped Warbler	28	30			5			105
Spotted Towhee		1		1	2			12
Eastern Towhee					1			3
American Tree Sparrow	142	362	454	175	413	246	66	4,451
Field Sparrow		5						5
Savannah Sparrow								1
Fox Sparrow		6			4			21
Song Sparrow	16	7	1	4	54		3	189
Lincoln's Sparrow					3			7
Swamp Sparrow					5			5
White-throated Sparrow		3			74			96
Harris's Sparrow		32	13	1	84	5		322

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	Ames	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
White-crowned Sparrow	2	1			30		38	
Sparrow sp.		28						
Dark-eyed Junco	293	689	172	72	724	170	423	21
Slate-colored	293	488		36			416	4
Oregon		13		10			7	13
Pink-sided								1
White-winged								
unspecified subspecies		188	172	26	724	170		3
Northern Cardinal	66	117	13		142	66	65	
Red-winged Blackbird	177	106		7	9	237	2,774	
Western Meadowlark	2	6		14	1	27		
Meadowlark sp.	58	38			439		476	
Rusty Blackbird	1	80						
Brewer's Blackbird								
Common Grackle								
Great-tailed Grackle						171		
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	6				4		
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch								
House Finch	32	123	33		13	64	51	
Purple Finch	1	9			1	10	2	
Cassin's Finch				3				
Red Crossbill								
Common Redpoll	1			17				
Pine Siskin		30	20	19			25	
American Goldfinch	59	481	129	154	177	58	171	26
House Sparrow	228	148	89	211	308	318	319	6
TOTAL SPECIES	68	82	55	32	69	65	83	20
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	9,273	16,881	7,646	1,909	12,161	15,074	52,462	199

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White-crowned Sparrow	1		15	28	10		446	571
Sparrow sp.								28
Dark-eyed Junco	497	1,161	457	206	656	72	338	5,951
Slate-colored	315	902		186			29	2,669
Oregon	77	10		13	2	2	175	322
Pink-sided	25			7			39	72
White-winged	1							1
unspecified subspecies	79	249	457		654	70	95	2,887
Northern Cardinal	11	155	46	30	188	18	2	919
Red-winged Blackbird	186	4	81	463	277		390	4,711
Western Meadowlark	7		27	40		3		127
Meadowlark sp.	82	213			201		198	1,705
Rusty Blackbird			26	40				147
Brewer's Blackbird	1	1						2
Common Grackle	1	83		3				87
Great-tailed Grackle				150				321
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	2	6	2				23
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	1							1
House Finch	128	119	8	184	59	44	170	1,028
Purple Finch		11			25	5		64
Cassin's Finch								3
Red Crossbill	2							2
Common Redpoll	20							38
Pine Siskin	94	19	3	2	3		115	330
American Goldfinch	348	494	51	121	475	166	74	2,984
House Sparrow	180	525	512	220	339	86	288	3,777
TOTAL SPECIES	107	83	66	86	83	48	52	147
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	22,224	29,719	11,818	27,525	16,352	3,656	9,748	236,647

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