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## 2019-2020 Christmas Bird Counts

by Don Paseka

Seventeen counts were run during the 2019-2020 CBC season, which is one fewer than last year. The Lake McConaughy count was cancelled due to the weather, which very negatively affected this year's overall numbers, particularly with regards to some western and water-related species. Four other counts were also rescheduled due to weather issues.

Twelve of the counts were done from December 14 through 22. After an eight-day hiatus, the other five were done between December 31 and January 5. The weather on actual count days was dry and fairly benign with mostly average to above average temperatures. The amount of open standing water varied, but streams and springs were mostly open.

In all, 131 species were tallied compared to an average of 140 for the past nine years. This is still a respectable number given that many of the Lake McConaughy specialties were missed this year. As would be expected, the total number of individuals (281,295) was also lower than the average of this same period.

Only four species (Blue Jay, American Robin, European Starling, and Dark-eyed Junco) were counted in all circles. Twenty-four species were found in only one circle and 15 of those were single birds. Eight species, including the first ever Lewis's Woodpecker, which was found in the Lower Platte circle, set new high counts, while three others tied high counts and four more had second-highest counts.

Twenty-seven species of Anseriformes were counted and were present in mostly unremarkable numbers, but there were a few exceptions. The estimated 50,000 Snow Geese at DeSoto along with the 26,666 counted at Harlan County composed the bulk of the total (81,524) for this species on all counts. This is the highest count for Snow Geese since 129,415 were found in 2002. Greater White-fronted Geese set a new high count of 1,223 beating the old mark of 1064 from just last year. Most of these "specklebellies" were found in the Lower Platte circle on January 2 when 1,042 were counted.

Both swan species had good numbers this year. The total of 213 Trumpeter Swans came mostly from the DeSoto circle, where 144 were found, and is second only to the 316 trumpeters counted in 2016. The 3 Tundra Swans, all found at North Platte, tied the record for second high count with 2014 when 3 were found at Lake McConaughy. While tundras have now been counted in five of the last ten years, they were found only three times before that with singles in 1985 and 1994, and the all-time high count of 11 birds found at Omaha in 1999.

Two duck species set new high counts this season. The previous high count for Green-winged Teal was 872 from 1998. Harlan County accounted for 1606 of this year's total and new high count of 1849 for the species. Among the divers, Hooded

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Mergansers reached a new high of 104 counted in nine circles, which topped the count of 97 from 2017. A single Surf Scoter was found in the Lower Platte circle, which was only the fourth time that this species has been found on a Nebraska CBC. Lone birds were also found at Lake McConaughy in 1999, 2010 and 2015. A good North Platte find were two Barrow's Goldeneye.

Several species, however, were counted in numbers much below the norm. The lone Wood Duck found at Branched Oak was the lowest count for that species since 2004, when they were missed entirely. The two Canvasbacks from the Norfolk circle were a nice find, but they were the only ones found this season and represent the lowest count since they were missed entirely in 2009. The 8 Redheads were the fewest counted since 2009 when only five were found. Greater Scaup were missed for the first time since, you guessed it, 2009. (For those of you who've forgotten the blizzards of the 2009 CBC season, you're lucky.) Only 17 Bufflehead were found, which is the lowest total since 12 were counted in 2008. Red-breasted Merganser was missed for the first time since 1994.

Without the Lake McConaughy count, grebes were nearly absent from this year's counts. The Lower Platte circle had the single count day Pied-billed Grebe, while Harlan county had a count week Pied-billed and one Eared Grebe on count day. No other grebes were found. Western Grebes had last been missed in 2008.

Twenty-four American White Pelicans were found at Indian Cave along with singles at Harlan County and Grand Island for a new high count of 26, beating out the previous high of 11 from 1997. Since the Lake McConaughy count was cancelled this season, Virginia Rail was missed for only the third time in the last 25 years.

While diurnal raptor numbers were lackluster, Barred Owls continued to do well. This owl was found in 9 circles and the total of 27 tied with 2018 for high count. On the other hand, Short-eared Owl was missed for the first time since 2008.

The big news in the woodpecker department had to be the first ever Lewis's Woodpecker, which took up residence near the Schramm SRA Education Center in mid-December and hung around long enough to be counted on the Lower Platte count on January 2. Pileated Woodpecker was missed that day at Schramm, but was spotted in the park the next day, so the Lower Platte count very nearly had eight species of woodpeckers on count day. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were the only other Piciforme of note. A total of 552 birds were found in 13 circles, which is second only to the count of 629 from 2017.

Blue Jays set a new high count of 1371, bettering the old high of 1310 from 1994. Other corvids didn't fare so well. The 19 Black-billed Magpies found this year is slightly better than the 2017 total of 12, but is still the all-time third lowest count. Five of them were found at Norfolk, so at least that population showed some

improvement this year. American Crow numbers were also down this year; the total of 1224 was the lowest since 908 were found in 2007

Horned Larks had a good count of 6067, but it is well below the all-time high of 10,015 from 2007. A total of 15 Ruby-crowned Kinglets were found in seven circles, tying 2015 for second place high count behind the 18 counted in 1988. As noted last year, the Black-capped Chickadee recovery has stalled out. While the 613 birds counted this year is barely worse than the 614 found in 2016, one would have to go back to 1975, when only 527 were tallied, to find a lower count. Brown Creeper was another dickie bird having a tough year. The 33 birds counted this season is the worst count since the same number was found in 1978.

Three more species had a down year. Mountain Bluebird was missed entirely for the seventh time since 1987. The 14,329 European Starlings was the lowest count since 13,198 were counted in 2002, and the number of House Sparrows (2574) is the lowest since 1406 were counted in 1998.

After a long absence, a nice surprise were the two Evening Grosbeaks found at Crawford. This species was last seen on a CBC in 1989 when 59 were counted: 56 from Scottsbluff, one from North Platte and two from Grand Island. The all-time high for this bird is 173 from 1977. The bulk of that year's numbers came from Scottsbluff and Crawford, but 9 of them were counted at Omaha. This species was found more years than not during the 1960s through the 1980s, often in double digit numbers.

Another grosbeak surprise was the trio of Pine Grosbeaks found at Harlan County. This species was last seen in 2004 when a single bird was found at Branched Oak. This makes only the seventh time that this species has been counted on a Nebraska CBC. The high counts for Pine Grosbeaks come from the Scottsbluff circle in the back-to-back years of 1969 and 1970, with counts of 7 and 10 respectively.

Two of our finches had a down year. Only 21 Purple Finches were counted, which is the lowest number since 14 were counted in 2002, and the count of 1432 American Goldfinch was the lowest since 1100 were counted in 1999.

The only sparrow surprise was the Vesper Sparrow found on the Nebraska part of the DeSoto circle. This marks the sixth time that this species has been counted. Singles were found in 1994 and 1987, and there were reports of 4 to 6 birds 1984, 1982 and 1971. A total of 38 towhees (Eastern and Spotted together) were recorded, topping the old high number of 26 from 1998.

For the first time, three species of warblers were found on this year's CBCs. Although the 25 Yellow-rumped Warblers was on the low side for recent years, there were a couple of surprises. A single Orange-crowned Warbler was found at Grand Island, as well as a count week bird at Harlan County. This makes only the fourth time this species has been counted. Singles were also reported in 1996 and 1999 at Lincoln and in 1998 at Harlan County. What may have been the second best find for season was the lone male Common Yellowthroat on the DeSoto count. The only other record of this species was a single bird in the Lincoln circle in 2001. This year's bird, although on the DeSoto count, was found 800 feet outside of Nebraska, in the state of Iowa.

2019-2020 CBC Site Data

	Date	Species	Individuals	Observers	Total Party Hours <sup>d</sup>	Low Temp.	High Temp.	Sky	Precipitation
Ames	17 Dec	63	6,643	16	52	16	38	pt. cloudy	none
Beaver Valley	1 Jan	42	1,455	3	18	25	38	pt. cloudy	none
Branched Oak-Seward	14 Dec	77	8,454	19 + 16	51	16	27	pt. cloudy	none
Calamus-Loup	31 Dec	48	7,003	3 + 1	16	16	32	clear	none
Crawford	21 Dec	35	865	3	13	28	48	pt. cloudy	none
DeSoto-Boyer	15 Dec	77	77,479	33	117	16	21	cloudy	lt. snow
Grand Island	14 Dec	59	24,324	18 + 7	39	21	26	cloudy	none
Harlan Co.	14 Dec	84	52,103	11	57	28	32	cloudy	none
Harrison	22 Dec	18	456	5	27	27	50	pt. cloudy	none
Indian Cave	14 Dec	25	710	3 + 5	7	21	21	cloudy	none
Lincoln	5 Jan	66	13,032	56	154	26	50	clear	none
Lower Platte River	2 Jan	80	13,961	15	90	28	44	pt. cloudy	none
Norfolk	21 Dec	62	6,200	18	37	24	50	pt. cloudy	none
North Platte	22 Dec	74	39,372	12 + 1	34	26	56	clear	none
Omaha	1 Jan	69	8,857	21 + 3	56	23	46	pt. cloudy	none
Ponca S. P.	18 Dec	52	6,730	14 + 3	30	8	36	clear	none
Scottsbluff	18 Dec	49	13,651	6 + 2	20	27	48	pt. cloudy	none
		131	281,295 <sup>a</sup>	294 <sup>a</sup>	791 <sup>d</sup>	22 <sup>b</sup>	39 <sup>b</sup>		
a-total (sum of column values)				237 <sup>c</sup>					
b-average									
c-number of people who participated in CBCs. Note: many observers participated in more than one CBC.									
d-the sum of hours spent driving and walking during daylight, excluding feeder watching and owling									

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Hartan Co.	Harrison
Snow Goose	10		9			50,000	1,003	26,666	
Ross's Goose						6		14	
Gr White-fronted Goose	150		5			12	11		
Cackling Goose	20		97	2		5	1,202	39	
Canada Goose	1,894	2	1,871	5,500		8,275	10,577	668	
Trumpeter Swan	15	7		18		144		cw	
Tundra Swan									
swan sp.			4						
Wood Duck			1						
Northern Shoveler			cw					87	
Gadwall			22			2		6	
American Wigeon								12	
Mallard	634	35	1,071	130	8	12,218	397	14,401	
American Black Duck									
Northern Pintail			3					1	
Green-winged Teal				1		3		1,606	
Canvasback									
Redhead									
Ring-necked Duck	11					30			
Lesser Scaup	2		1	3		22		2	
Surf Scoter									
Long-tailed Duck									
Bufflehead						2		15	
Common Goldeneye	22		175	5		155	25	54	
Barrow's Goldeneye									
Hooded Merganser			4	1		8		55	
Common Merganser	8		507	1		111		4,339	
Ruddy Duck	3		14			14			
Duck sp.									
Northern Bobwhite		9	14						
Wild Turkey	101	67	24	118	18	431	79		
Sharp-tailed Grouse				8					
Greater Prairie-Chicken		30		5			36		



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	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Snow Goose	67	13	206	13	100	437	3,000		81,524
Ross's Goose		1	2		1				24
Gr White-fronted Goose			1,042		3				1,223
Cackling Goose		25	232		3,669	6	1	110	5,408
Canada Goose		4,895	2,642	1,506	2,679	2,375	650	10,146	53,680
Trumpeter Swan					16	13			213
Tundra Swan					3				3
swan sp.									4
Wood Duck									1
Northern Shoveler					5	20		40	152
Gadwall		1	1	2	16			7	57
American Wigeon					108	1		49	170
Mallard	15	480	5,472	150	21,447	132	14	1,354	57,958
American Black Duck			1						1
Northern Pintail			4	1	53			13	75
Green-winged Teal			147		68	24			1,849
Canvasback				2					2
Redhead		6	2						8
Ring-necked Duck			3	1	41			29	115
Lesser Scaup		10	12	3	1				56
Surf Scoter			1						1
Long-tailed Duck						1			1
Bufflehead									17
Common Goldeneye			90	9	51	109	51	47	793
Barrow's Goldeneye					2				2
Hooded Merganser			6		7	21	1	1	104
Common Merganser		1		2	24	44	14		5,051
Ruddy Duck			7			24			62
Duck sp.		9				6			15
Northern Bobwhite			1	24					48
Wild Turkey		26	1	196	125	67	138	18	1,409
Sharp-tailed Grouse									8
Greater Prairie-Chicken					29				100

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	7	2	3	4	7		2	
Pied-billed Grebe								ow	
Eared Grebe								1	
Rock Pigeon	224	37	157	20	22	56	309	56	24
Eurasian Collared-Dove	88	43	42	11	92	6	320	116	31
White-winged Dove								1	
Mourning Dove	92		27			51	8	15	
American Coot	2		1			18		20	
Sandhill Crane							2		
Killdeer	1								
Wilson's Snipe								2	
Ring-billed Gull			291					245	
Herring Gull			22					12	
Glaucous Gull									
Common Loon								2	
Double-crested Cormorant			1						
American White Pelican							1	1	
Great Blue Heron	3		1	1		2	1	4	
Golden Eagle					1				1
Northern Harrier	2	5	11	1		6	15	8	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3		7			1		3	
Cooper's Hawk		3	4			5		2	
Northern Goshawk								1	
Accipiter sp.		1		1		1			
Bald Eagle	43	5	19	115	1	65	11	35	
Red-tailed Hawk	57	16	79	21	6	44	24	49	
Rough-legged Hawk	4	5	5	16	2	3	2	1	4
Ferruginous Hawk					1				
Buteo sp.			2			4			
Hawk sp.									
Eastern Screech-Owl	2		2			1	2	12	
Great Horned Owl	5	8	3			7	3	7	
Barred Owl	1		6			6		4	

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Ring-necked Pheasant			2	47	1		37	1	115
Pied-billed Grebe			1						1
Eared Grebe									1
Rock Pigeon		691	137	344	101	278	46	246	2,748
Eurasian Collared-Dove		115	53	92	389	16	18	272	1,704
White-winged Dove					1				2
Mourning Dove	9	139	19	6		160	1		527
American Coot		74		4				1	120
Sandhill Crane									2
Killdeer								2	3
Wilson's Snipe					3				5
Ring-billed Gull	1	20			64				621
Herring Gull			2		1	3			40
Glaucous Gull						1			1
Common Loon									2
Double-crested Cormorant			1			1			3
American White Pelican	24								26
Great Blue Heron					6	1			19
Golden Eagle									2
Northern Harrier		2	1	1	6	3	1	3	66
Sharp-shinned Hawk		4	3	3		3			27
Cooper's Hawk		5	1	2	4	2	1	1	30
Northern Goshawk									1
Accipiter sp.									3
Bald Eagle	13	14	35	21	23	41	8	4	453
Red-tailed Hawk		76	53	41	34	63	30	12	605
Rough-legged Hawk		2	1	5	5	1	17	1	74
Ferruginous Hawk					2				3
Buteo sp.									6
Hawk sp.		11							11
Eastern Screech-Owl		1		2	2				24
Great Horned Owl		3	3	10	9	3	2	2	65
Barred Owl		2	1	3		2	2		27

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Hartan Co.	Harrison
Long-eared Owl								2	
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	5	2	1	1	4	5	
Lewis's Woodpecker									
Red-headed Woodpecker			1			35			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	37	7	75			97	9	44	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1			1			
Downy Woodpecker	34	13	47	9	1	79	27	38	
Hairy Woodpecker	4	5	18	1	1	11	5	14	
Northern Flicker	33	8	92	9		63	27	40	
Red-shafted			2						
Red x Yellow-shafted	1								
Yellow-shafted	32		35			63			
unspecified		8	55	9			27	40	
Pileated Woodpecker	1					5			
American Kestrel	5	4	9	1	4	12	6		
Merlin	2	2		1				1	
Prairie Falcon	2	1			1		1	3	
large falcon sp.			1						
Loggerhead Shrike								1	
Northern Shrike		1	10	3		1		1	1
shrike sp.									
Blue Jay	91	27	150	13	4	163	44	23	1
Black-billed Magpie					2				
American Crow	16	66	220	166	13	35	60	38	177
Horned Lark	145	22	2	18	33	42	5,232	167	24
Black-capped Chickadee	53		45		19	57	19	14	18
Tufted Titmouse						2			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	3	4	2		3	1	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	58	9	65	9	1	74	11	43	1
Pygmy Nuthatch					4				
Brown Creeper						3	2	2	
Winter Wren						1			

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Long-eared Owl			1	2	1		1		7
Belted Kingfisher		2	4	1	3	3		3	36
Lewis's Woodpecker			1						1
Red-headed Woodpecker	22		3			133	1		195
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12	87	57	18	5	81	23		552
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5		2						9
Downy Woodpecker	8	88	50	22	12	62	12	3	505
Hairy Woodpecker		12	13	13	5	15	1		118
Northern Flicker	1	98	56	20	23	115	12	18	615
Red-shafted		3			3				8
Red x Yellow-shafted								2	3
Yellow-shafted		42			1	44	12	2	231
unspecified	1	53	56	20	19	71		14	373
Pileated Woodpecker			cw			2			8
American Kestrel		19	7	8	10	11	2	12	110
Merlin		4			2		1		13
Prairie Falcon					1			1	10
large falcon sp.									1
Loggerhead Shrike									1
Northern Shrike		1	2		2	1	6	1	30
shrike sp.				1					1
Blue Jay	38	268	196	109	9	106	114	15	1,371
Black-billed Magpie				5				12	19
American Crow	5	120	144	72	1	62	29		1,224
Horned Lark		6	11	271	59		12	23	6,067
Black-capped Chickadee	2	170	69	36	13	60	33	5	613
Tufted Titmouse	13	2	9			3			29
Red-breasted Nuthatch		10	5	8	27	1	2	8	81
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	148	60	50	8	90	19		652
Pygmy Nuthatch								3	7
Brown Creeper		6	6	5	1	8			33
Winter Wren			3						4

## 2019-20 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Hartan Co.	Harrison
Marsh Wren								1	
Carolina Wren			1			1	2	cw	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6		1	1		8	3	3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			2	1	5	
Eastern Bluebird	22		151	6		35	12	8	
Townsend's Solitaire			2		5				4
Hermit Thrush								1	
American Robin	605	12	846	7	102	1,505	26	80	3
European Starling	864	456	244	360	222	1,400	1,773	652	102
Cedar Waxwing	35	105	50		19	340	22	24	
House Sparrow	261	95	111	50	99	113	386	105	
Evening Grosbeak					2				
Pine Grosbeak								3	
House Finch	12	7	105	83		40	68	48	
Purple Finch	cw					1	2		
Red Crossbill			10		12				25
Pine Siskin			15	1	2				
American Goldfinch	68	10	250	16	112	87	55	110	
Lapland Longspur	20						550	39	
Snow Bunting									5
Field Sparrow			1					1	
Fox Sparrow	2		4			1		1	
American Tree Sparrow	253	178	535	107	3	545	1,056	775	
Dark-eyed Junco	307	113	551	55	45	607	199	406	30
Slate-colored	307		241		3	599			9
Oregon			1			8			3
Pink-sided									3
unspecified subspecies		113	309	55	42		199	406	15
White-crowned Sparrow			1			4	6	147	
Harris's Sparrow	18		15	6		29	26	113	
White-throated Sparrow	1		9	1		14	2	1	
Vesper Sparrow						1			
Song Sparrow	13	1	6		1	10	2	31	

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	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Marsh Wren								1	2
Carolina Wren		7	7			9			27
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3	4	4	9	4	2		48
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		4			1	1			15
Eastern Bluebird		73	61	1		40	57		466
Townsend's Solitaire		1			8			4	24
Hermit Thrush									1
American Robin	5	807	444	133	368	2,070	201	110	7,324
European Starling	37	2,458	1,368	1,735	576	919	741	422	14,329
Cedar Waxwing		45	113	17	7	40	59		876
House Sparrow		389	194	88	117	135	212	219	2,574
Evening Grosbeak									2
Pine Grosbeak									3
House Finch	142	167	55	8	32	84	16	53	920
Purple Finch	11		3	2		2			21
Red Crossbill		2			7	25			81
Pine Siskin		7	2	6		10		67	110
American Goldfinch	2	152	106	68	40	119	207	30	1,432
Lapland Longspur			4	14	804				1,431
Snow Bunting							5		10
Field Sparrow		1	1						4
Fox Sparrow		1	2						11
American Tree Sparrow		179	109	253	151	131	258	1	4,534
Dark-eyed Junco	50	697	376	535	238	175	244	138	4,766
Slate-colored		693			228			69	2,149
Oregon		4			9		1	38	64
Pink-sided					1			3	7
unspecified subspecies	50		376	535		175	243	28	2,546
White-crowned Sparrow		3	2			5		57	225
Harris's Sparrow	195	56	26	8		44	23		559
White-throated Sparrow		8	8	1		47			92
Vesper Sparrow									1
Song Sparrow		7	12	7	5	16	1	3	115

## 2019-20 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Lincoln's Sparrow						1			
Swamp Sparrow						3		3	
Sparrow sp.			24			8			
Spotted Towhee	4		8			4	5	6	
Eastern Towhee	1								
towhee sp.									
Yellow-headed Blackbird									
Western Meadowlark		15		5					
Meadowlark sp.	81	3	41			28	80	231	
Red-winged Blackbird	27	3	114	80		127	98	194	
Brown-headed Cowbird	100							3	
Rusty Blackbird								47	
Common Grackle		2	1			11	102		
Great-tailed Grackle							300		
blackbird sp	1								
Orange-crowned Warbler							1	cw	
Common Yellowthroat						1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler			14					2	
Northern Cardinal	60	7	95	8		150	69	62	
TOTAL SPECIES	63	42	77	48	35	77	59	84	18
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	6,643	1,455	8,454	7,003	865	77,479	24,324	52,103	456

Correction: In the 2018-2019 CBC tally (March 2019 NBR Vol. 87 No. 1 page 32), it was incorrectly reported that 26 Red-breasted Nuthatches were observed on the Indian Cave count. This should have been 26 White-breasted Nuthatches.



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	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Lincoln's Sparrow									1
Swamp Sparrow		2	2			1			11
Sparrow sp.									32
Spotted Towhee						3			30
Eastern Towhee	7								8
towhee sp.		1							1
Yellow-headed Blackbird			2						2
Western Meadowlark				35		22			77
Meadowlark sp.		15	64		23	16	7	1	590
Red-winged Blackbird		79	1	99	7,602	61	358	81	8,924
Brown-headed Cowbird				18	1		5		127
Rusty Blackbird							2		49
Common Grackle									116
Great-tailed Grackle					70				370
blackbird sp						158			159
Orange-crowned Warbler									1
Common Yellowthroat									1
Yellow-rumped Warbler			8		1				25
Northern Cardinal	20	201	103	37	31	109	32	1	985
TOTAL SPECIES	25	66	80	62	74	69	52	49	135
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	710	13,032	13,961	6,200	39,372	8,857	6,730	13,651	281,295