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2020-2021 Christmas Bird Counts

by Don Paseka

Fourteen counts were run during the 2020-2021 CBC season, ten of which were run in the period December 14 through December 22. The other four were done December 28 or later. The weather was generally cooperative with little snow cover and some open water. While there were no weather issues that resulted in cancellation or postponement, four counts, Crawford, Harrison, Harlan County, and Omaha, were cancelled over concerns for the Covid situation.

It would be expected that running fewer counts would have a noticeable negative impact on this year's species count and overall numbers. The Harrison and Crawford counts usually produce some good western species although not in huge numbers. With the revival of the Harlan count in recent years, it has become a very productive circle for both waterfowl and land birds. The Omaha count had not been cancelled before in any of the years that this analysis covers going back to 1963, and it has consistently provided good numbers for the species expected along the Missouri River in the eastern end of the state. It is somewhat surprising that this year's total of 136 species is close to the ten-year average. However, the total number of individual birds, 174,549, was the lowest number since 2009, a year which had many weather issues and only fourteen counts completed.

Twenty-one species were found in all circles, compared to four last year. This is probably the only positive aspect of having four counts cancelled. Twenty-eight species were found in only one circle and thirteen of those were single birds. Eight species set new high counts including the first ever two Lesser Goldfinch which were found at Lake McConaughy.

Twenty-five species of Anseriformes were counted with mostly unremarkable tallies. One exception was Greater White-fronted Goose which set a new high count for the third year in a row. This year's total of 3,084 handily beats last year's count of 1223. The bulk of this year's "speckle-bellies" (2972) were found at DeSoto-Boyer on December 19.

While Galliformes, grebes, and most of the Columbiformes numbers were nothing out of the ordinary, the 596 Mourning Doves counted were second only to the high count of 612 from 2016, and mostly likely would have set a new high if all of the counts had been done.

The 12 Virginia Rails, all found at Lake McConaughy, beat the old high count of 11 from the same circle in 2017 and were one of the highlights for water-related species. Other than Killdeer and Wilson's Snipe, which were found in typical numbers, no other shorebirds were counted. There were eight gull species with no surprising species or numbers.

Diurnal raptors also produced little in the way of noteworthy numbers. The count of 42 Northern Harriers is the lowest since 2009 when 31 were counted, and the 16 Sharp-shinned Hawks is the lowest count since 1997 when only 13 were tallied. On the nocturnal side, the 27 Barred Owls tied with the previous two years for high count honors.

Without the Omaha and Harlan County counts to pad their totals, woodpecker numbers were generally below average. The Northern Flicker tally of 246 was the lowest since 229 were counted in 1998. Seven Pileated Woodpeckers were counted with 4 found at DeSoto and 3 at Indian Cave. In the last 5 years, Omaha has averaged 5 Pileated Woodpeckers per year, and the average for all counts has been 9.

Even with four counts missing, for the second consecutive year Blue Jays set a new high count. This year's total of 1,565 easily topped the 2019 tally of 1,371. On the other hand, Black-billed Magpies continue to do poorly. This year's total of 28 ranks as fourth lowest.

Black-capped Chickadee numbers fared better than in recent years even with the absence of the Omaha circle to pad the numbers. The total of 1,004 is the best since 1,135 were found in 2012. Some other dicky birds also did well. Red-breasted Nuthatches had the third highest count and White-breasted Nuthatches had the fifth highest count. Winter Wrens set a new high count of 14, seven of which were counted in the Branched Oak circle; the old high count was 11 found in 2010.

A couple of the thrushes produced numbers on the low side. For the last decade Eastern Bluebird numbers have ranged from 466 to 637 birds per year. This year only 167 were counted, which is the lowest count since only 152 were found in 2004. American Robin numbers were also below average with the lowest count (2160) since 1994 when only 574 were found. The numbers were consistently low along the eastern end of the state with a total of only 46 robins found in the Ames, DeSoto, Indian Cave and Lower Platte counts combined.

For those of you who have been wondering which circle has produced the most White-winged Crossbills over the years, the answer is Norfolk. This circle produced all of this year's 12 White-winged Crossbills for second highest count for this species. The all-time high count for this species is 30 birds, all of which were also found in the Norfolk circle in 1989. The now third highest count for these crossbills is 8 from 2001. While one of these birds was from the Crawford count, the other seven were from, you guessed it, Norfolk.

Sparrow numbers were mostly lackluster this year. Two Fox Sparrows, one at Branched Oak and one at Ponca, were the only representatives of this species this year. This is the lowest count since two were counted in 2008. Over half of this year's White-crowned Sparrow total of 62 were found in the Scottsbluff circle, but this was the lowest count since 2006 when only 5 were found. Interestingly, this species has never been missed, with the low count of 3 birds occurring in 1991. Harris's Sparrow also had a lower than usual count of 210, which is the lowest since 179 were counted in 2009.

On the positive side, a lone Lark Sparrow was found in the Ames circle. This is the fifth time this species has been found on a Nebraska count and the first find since 3 were found in Grand Island in 1992. The high count for this sparrow is 13 from 1984. The other sparrow bright spot was a record 305 Song Sparrows, 104 of which were found in the DeSoto circle. The old high count of 209 goes back to 1994.

The count of 1689 meadowlarks was good enough for a third place high count, but other Icterid numbers were unremarkable or on the low side. The total of 2361 Red-winged Blackbirds was the lowest since 1298 were found in 2004, and the count of 9 Brown-headed Cowbirds was the lowest since 2008, when only 6 were found.

Last CBC season (2019-20) produced three species of warblers while this year there was only one species of warbler and only four individuals. Single Yellow-rumped Warblers were found in the Branched Oak, Calamus, Lake McConaughy and Lower Platte circles. This is the lowest count since 2000 when only three were counted.

To end this discussion on a bright note, Northern Cardinals were found in every circle and gave us a new high total of 1200, beating the old high of 1111 from 2017.

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy
Snow Goose	13,687	120	772	2	1,612	382	980	cw
Ross's Goose	19				1	1	20	
Gr White-fronted Goose	85				2,972	5		2
Cackling Goose	61		50	280	24	64		366
Canada Goose	3,137	2	1,526	3,630	4,908	5,037	230	2,273
Trumpeter Swan		39		44	72			13
Wood Duck								
Northern Shoveler	6		21	8		12	2	cw
Gadwall			cw	2				2
American Wigeon			3	2				1
Mallard	491		4,758	2,740	9,588	201	92	605
Northern Pintail			24	6	5			
Green-winged Teal	2	9	102	200				43
Canvasback								3
Redhead								
Ring-necked Duck	8			5				cw
Greater Scaup								3
Lesser Scaup			1	12				46
White-winged Scoter			1					1
Black Scoter			cw					
Bufflehead	2							24
Common Goldeneye	11		83	71	97	20		222
Hooded Merganser			20	7	5			11
Common Merganser	cw		22	385	37			940
Red-breasted Merganser								38
Ruddy Duck			48		3			
Duck sp.					42			
Northern Bobwhite	4	6	8	20	8		7	12
Wild Turkey	39	9		102	194	69		
Sharp-tailed Grouse								1
Greater Prairie-Chicken		196		2				11
Ring-necked Pheasant	19	2	10		4	2		6

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	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Snow Goose		cw		13	3,468	1	21,037
Ross's Goose			1	1	2		45
Gr White-fronted Goose		cw	4	15	1		3,084
Cackling Goose	15	22	230	362	39	492	2,005
Canada Goose	4,915	3,809	5,000	4,329	3,830	11,222	53,848
Trumpeter Swan				34			202
Wood Duck	1			1			2
Northern Shoveler	6	8		1		17	81
Gadwall	5	3	2	19	9	5	47
American Wigeon	1		1	8		48	64
Mallard	637	2,881	17	4,917	5,018	635	32,580
Northern Pintail	1	3	5	48		31	123
Green-winged Teal	16	28		13		2	415
Canvasback				3			6
Redhead	cw	6	6	4		2	18
Ring-necked Duck	cw	2	15	79		69	178
Greater Scaup			2				5
Lesser Scaup	10	8	19	2			98
White-winged Scoter							2
Black Scoter							cw
Bufflehead				1			27
Common Goldeneye	cw	17	55	54	7	39	676
Hooded Merganser	cw	12		8			63
Common Merganser	cw	8	12	5	17	1	1,427
Red-breasted Merganser							38
Ruddy Duck	cw	19	1	2			73
Duck sp.							42
Northern Bobwhite	10						75
Wild Turkey	16	77	4	10	334	52	906
Sharp-tailed Grouse							1
Greater Prairie-Chicken				39	2		250
Ring-necked Pheasant	8	1	9	11	30	18	120

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy
Pied-billed Grebe	1		2					
Red-necked Grebe								1
Western Grebe								98
Clark's Grebe								1
Rock Pigeon	134	51	80	17	126	130	12	284
Eurasian Collared-Dove	110	70	21	16	11	188		19
White-winged Dove			1					
Mourning Dove	98		35		10	8	4	1
Virginia Rail								12
American Coot			81		3			
Sandhill Crane						292		
Killdeer								18
Wilson's Snipe	1			1		3		2
Bonaparte's Gull			2					
Mew Gull								1
Ring-billed Gull	23		16	42	5			490
California Gull								8
Herring Gull			12	5				102
Iceland Gull								2
Lesser Black-backed Gull								6
Glaucous Gull								1
gull sp.				75				
Common Loon			cw					
Double-crested Cormorant						1		
American White Pelican				1				
Great Blue Heron	3		5	8	2	4		4
Golden Eagle								1
Northern Harrier	2	4	3	3	5	9		3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3		1		1	1		
Cooper's Hawk	1	2		2	3	1		
Accipiter sp.				1				
Bald Eagle	33	25	10	21	78	17	7	13

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	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2					6
Red-necked Grebe							1
Western Grebe							98
Clark's Grebe							1
Rock Pigeon	944	245	156	173	304	402	3,058
Eurasian Collared-Dove	54	34	160	237	27	375	1,322
White-winged Dove				1			2
Mourning Dove	275	143	3	2	16	1	596
Virginia Rail							12
American Coot	4	6	20		1	7	122
Sandhill Crane							292
Killdeer							18
Wilson's Snipe							7
Bonaparte's Gull							2
Mew Gull							1
Ring-billed Gull	36	2		13	5	5	637
California Gull							8
Herring Gull	cw	2		1			122
Iceland Gull							2
Lesser Black-backed Gull	cw						6
Glaucous Gull							1
gull sp.	6						81
Common Loon							cw
Double-crested Cormorant							1
American White Pelican							1
Great Blue Heron		1	4	2		1	34
Golden Eagle					2		3
Northern Harrier	5		2	2	2	2	42
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	2		1	2	2	16
Cooper's Hawk	5	2	2	3	1	2	24
Accipiter sp.							1
Bald Eagle	9	24	31	34	32	16	350

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy
Red-tailed Hawk	39	19	73	18	79	24	31	22
Rough-legged Hawk	11	4	6	11	3	3	2	1
Ferruginous Hawk								
Buteo sp.	1		1					
Eastern Screech-Owl	5	1	1	4			1	4
Great Horned Owl	2	6	cw	3	1			8
Barred Owl	2		6		4		2	
Long-eared Owl			1					
Short-eared Owl				1				
Northern Saw-whet Owl								1
Belted Kingfisher	3		4	3	2	10		3
Red-headed Woodpecker					1		37	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	38	8	56	2	71	14	29	5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			3			cw		
Downy Woodpecker	58	7	59	14	90	36	14	13
Hairy Woodpecker	4	1	21	3	16	9	1	5
Northern Flicker	17	5	34	7	15	25	2	11
Red-shafted			2		1			2
Red x Yellow-shafted			2					
Yellow-shafted			14		14		2	6
unspecified	17	5	16	7		25		3
Pileated Woodpecker					4		3	
American Kestrel	6	2	19	6	12	8	5	14
Merlin	cw		3		3	1		cw
Prairie Falcon		1			1	1		1
falcon sp.								
Northern Shrike	1	3	9	4		1		6
shrike sp.		1						
Blue Jay	139	40	167	5	108	43	91	15
Black-billed Magpie								13
American Crow	30	87	511	440	91	38	56	25
Horned Lark	546	189	33	14	10	88	1	74

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	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Red-tailed Hawk	69	59	25	26	51	15	550
Rough-legged Hawk	5	2	2	4	15	12	81
Ferruginous Hawk				1			1
Buteo sp.	11					1	14
Eastern Screech-Owl			5	1	3	1	26
Great Horned Owl	2	1	12	6	7	5	53
Barred Owl	3	6	1		3		27
Long-eared Owl			1	1	1		4
Short-eared Owl							1
Northern Saw-whet Owl							1
Belted Kingfisher	12	3	3	1	4	2	50
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	1					40
Red-bellied Woodpecker	88	57	12	9	37		426
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4			1	1		9
Downy Woodpecker	145	56	31	18	42	8	591
Hairy Woodpecker	17	13	8	5	27	1	131
Northern Flicker	50	10	10	20	26	14	246
Red-shafted					1	2	8
Red x Yellow-shafted						3	5
Yellow-shafted	50					2	88
unspecified		10	10	20	25	7	145
Pileated Woodpecker							7
American Kestrel	15	12	16	16	2	30	163
Merlin	1	cw		1			9
Prairie Falcon				3		2	9
falcon sp.	1						1
Northern Shrike	1		1	2	1	3	32
shrike sp.			1				2
Blue Jay	548	217	64	12	66	50	1,565
Black-billed Magpie			1			14	28
American Crow	113	119	53	38	227	2	1,830
Horned Lark		99	7			384	1,445

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy
Black-capped Chickadee	52	2	63	8	241	10	27	4
Mountain Chickadee								1
Tufted Titmouse							41	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7	7	23	3	6	15		11
White-breasted Nuthatch	60	14	82	22	117	19	9	3
Pygmy Nuthatch								
Brown Creeper	3	2	5	2	1	6	2	3
Winter Wren			7		1			1
Marsh Wren								3
Carolina Wren	4		9		3	4		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	17		19	3	2	2		5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			cw			5		
Eastern Bluebird	10		49	4	40	20	1	
Mountain Bluebird		40						27
Townsend's Solitaire								15
Hermit Thrush	1							
American Robin	6	115	87	382	10	81	9	448
Brown Thrasher					1			
European Starling	1,138	273	337	109	435	463	127	381
Cedar Waxwing	36		91		110	110		8
House Sparrow	611	328	231	70	438	385	105	46
House Finch	80	49	90	45	51	133	9	31
Purple Finch			3	4	10	5	7	
Cassin's Finch								
Common Redpoll								
Red Crossbill		1	9					
White-winged Crossbill								
Pine Siskin	3	12	9	51	30		1	162
Lesser Goldfinch								2
American Goldfinch	122	62	271	103	445	65	48	26
Lapland Longspur	34	97	1			15		37
Lark Sparrow	1							

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	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Black-capped Chickadee	292	111	42	24	94	34	1,004
Mountain Chickadee						2	3
Tufted Titmouse	1	19					61
Red-breasted Nuthatch	32	4	20	17		9	154
White-breasted Nuthatch	150	83	41	37	77	cw	714
Pygmy Nuthatch						1	1
Brown Creeper	16	4	1	2	4	1	52
Winter Wren	1	3			1		14
Marsh Wren							3
Carolina Wren	27	10	1		2		60
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9	2			27		86
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1						6
Eastern Bluebird	8	1		cw	34		167
Mountain Bluebird				2			69
Townsend's Solitaire		1		2	1	12	31
Hermit Thrush		1			1		3
American Robin	138	21	409	70	93	291	2,160
Brown Thrasher							1
European Starling	1,288	813	5,350	699	278	1,176	12,867
Cedar Waxwing	59	21	46		305		786
House Sparrow	862	528	343	123	511	325	4,906
House Finch	127	16	15	66	48	109	869
Purple Finch	6	2	6		15		58
Cassin's Finch						2	2
Common Redpoll			4				4
Red Crossbill						9	19
White-winged Crossbill			12				12
Pine Siskin	11	cw	50	53	3	483	868
Lesser Goldfinch							2
American Goldfinch	366	49	241	96	265	266	2,425
Lapland Longspur	3	1	13		90		291
Lark Sparrow							1

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy
Field Sparrow						2		
Fox Sparrow			1					
American Tree Sparrow	680	163	649	77	668	189	62	156
Dark-eyed Junco	500	97	590	10	682	191	110	182
Slate-colored	500		130					140
Oregon		4	2					6
Pink-sided								5
White-winged								31
unspecified subspecies		93	458	10	682	191	110	
White-crowned Sparrow					12	8		
Harris's Sparrow	64	4	23	3	39	12		
White-throated Sparrow			4		10			
LeConte's Sparrow			cw					
Song Sparrow	4	1	8	4	104	5	32	16
Lincoln's Sparrow					1			
Swamp Sparrow	1		cw					
Sparrow sp.					103			
Spotted Towhee			1		5			
towhee sp							2	
Western Meadowlark	15	45						5
Meadowlark sp.	256		139		70	406		24
Red-winged Blackbird	217	120	54		1	28		708
Brown-headed Cowbird	2							cw
Rusty Blackbird	1		30					
Brewer's Blackbird						1		
Common Grackle						2		cw
Great-tailed Grackle		1				200		
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1	1				1
Northern Cardinal	167	7	118	28	211	34	41	15
TOTAL SPECIES	67	48	76	62	70	63	40	84
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	22,974	2,349	11,729	9,174	24,174	9,164	2,262	8,232
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2020-2021 Christmas Bird Count							
	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Field Sparrow							2
Fox Sparrow					1		2
American Tree Sparrow	376	197	161	75	336	130	3,919
Dark-eyed Junco	964	471	261	152	236	362	4,808
Slate-colored	946					109	1,825
Oregon	18	7				48	85
Pink-sided						8	13
White-winged						2	33
unspecified subspecies		464	261	152	236	195	2,852
White-crowned Sparrow	1	2			5	34	62
Harris's Sparrow	40	18	cw		7		210
White-throated Sparrow	11	9					34
LeConte's Sparrow							cw
Song Sparrow	67	23	1		39	1	305
Lincoln's Sparrow	1						2
Swamp Sparrow	3						4
Sparrow sp.							103
Spotted Towhee	2				8		16
towhee sp							2
Western Meadowlark	52	23	6			10	156
Meadowlark sp.	97	301	7	43	126	64	1,533
Red-winged Blackbird	119	36	620	147	134	177	2,361
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	2	2		1		9
Rusty Blackbird		1	2		1		35
Brewer's Blackbird					4		5
Common Grackle				45	2		49
Great-tailed Grackle	1		cw	80			282
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1					4
Northern Cardinal	264	168	41	31	74	1	1,200
TOTAL SPECIES	72	72	66	73	70	61	136
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	13,466	10,964	13,709	12,377	16,485	17,490	174,549

