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2021-2022 Christmas Bird Counts

by Don Paseka

With the addition of the new Fort Niobrara circle, 19 counts were run during the 2021-2022 CBC season. Thirteen of them were run from December 14 through December 21 and the other six were done December 27 or later. The weather was mild to start the count period with almost all water open. As the count period progressed, the weather became more seasonable and much of the standing water froze, but conditions remained fairly benign with the exception of the Lake McConaughy count on January 2. Though it was cold but sunny on that day, the previous day's snow and ice prevented all of the intended participants from the east from coming, and the count was done by two field counters and one feeder watcher. As a result, the McConaughy tally totaled only 50 species while its ten-year average is about 100, and many are McConaughy specialties. So, it is surprising to see that total number of 133 species for all circles is only slightly lower than the ten-year average of 138, and that the total number of individuals (336,111) was the third highest tally, behind only the counts in 1977 (652,936) and 2018 (436,316).

Nine species were found in all circles compared to 21 last year. Twenty-four species were found in only one circle with 15 of those being single birds. New high counts were set by 15 species including a couple of first timers. Single Say's Phoebes were found in the Crawford and Scottsbluff circles with the distinction of being the first flycatchers found on a Nebraska CBC. Just as surprising were the two Pine Warblers found at North Platte and the single found at Harlan County.

Twenty-five species of Anseriformes were found. Geese definitely had a good year and made a big contribution to this year's large number of individuals. Snow Geese were found in 12 circles producing the fourth best count (137,237) and the best number since the high count (308,463) from 1988. The count (2604) of Ross's Geese found with 2156 of those coming from the Lower Platte circle is second only to the count of 6304 tallied in 2016. For the fourth consecutive year, Greater White-fronted Geese set a new high count. The 10,352 birds at DeSoto made up the bulk of this year's total of 10,670 "speckle-bellies", more than tripling last year's count of 3084. The tally of 5456 Cackling Geese came from 15 circles and now stands as the third highest count behind 7689 from 2013 and 6946 from 2010.

Though no scoters or Long-tailed Ducks were found, several duck species were found in notable numbers. A new high count of 285 Northern Shoveler was found. The 207 counted this year in the Lincoln circle equaled the old high count for all circles from 2002. The count of 146 Northern Pintails ties with 2006 for fourth highest count behind the 163 from 2011, 162 from 2012, and 157 in 1966. Green-winged Teal set a new high count of 2601. The 2210 found at Harlan County alone would have topped the old high of 1849 from 2019. Hooded Merganser was the only diving duck of note with a new high count of 123 birds, which were found in nine circles. The previous high had been 104 from 2019. Another new high count for water birds was the 16 Eared Grebes, all found at Harlan County, smashing the previous high of 3 from 1997.

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Galliformes numbers were unremarkable, except that only five Greater Prairie Chickens were counted with four at Harlan County and a single at Fort Niobrara. This is the lowest number since only three were found in 2001.

While the population of Eurasian Collared-Doves seems to have topped out for now, the White-winged Doves continue to slowly expand their range. This year a total of seven birds were found at Branched Oak, Grand Island, Harlan Co., Lake McConaughy, and North Platte. This is one less than the highest count of eight doves, which were all found at North Platte in 2017. Birds from 16 circles produced a new high count of 691 Mourning Doves, topping the old high count of 612 from 2016.

Other than a lone Wilson's Snipe found at Grand Island, Killdeer was the only shorebird counted this year. The 24 found at Lake McConaughy were the bulk of the record high total of 46 birds for this year, topping the previous high count of 43 in 2012.

Six gull species plus one count week species were tallied, all in unremarkable numbers with the exception of the total of 75 Bonaparte's Gulls, 66 of which were found at Harlan County. This number is a distant second to the high count of 241 at Lake McConaughy in 2003.

Three other swimming birds set new high counts. The four Common Loons counted at Harlan County beat the old high of three from 2010, 1999, and 1998. The Pelicaniformes showed dramatic increases. There were 161 Double-crested Cormorants counted, easily bettering the old high of 43 in 1999. The bulk of them (150) were found at Harlan County, but Ames, Branched Oak, and DeSoto also contributed to the total. Harlan County also had a large proportion (256) of the total 267 American White Pelicans. Pelicans were also found at Ames, Calamus, North Platte and Omaha. The previous high for pelicans had been 26 in 2019.

While all the open water early on in the count period obviously boosted the totals for many of the water birds, they did the opposite for Great Blue Herons. Normally limited to small areas of open water, they were harder to find this season, possibly because of all the open water. This year's total of 12 is the lowest count since 2000 when only nine were counted.

Diurnal raptors were counted in expected numbers, but it is worth mentioning that for the first time, two or more Bald Eagles were found in each of eighteen circles with the lone exception being Crawford. Twenty Merlins were counted in 12 circles, which is second to the count of 26 from 2017.

On the nocturnal raptor side, owls were a mixed bag. The single Snowy Owl found in the Ames circle was the tenth time this species has been recorded on a Nebraska CBC. The high count for this species is 4 from 2011 when two were found at Calamus and singles were found at Lake McConaughy and North Platte.

For the past six years, Barred Owl numbers have been high and consistent, averaging 26, which was this year's tally. The average count was 6 in the 1990s and 15 in the 2000s. However, the only Long-eared Owls were singles found at Harlan County and Norfolk, the lowest count since only one was found in 1998. The only Short-eared Owl this season was one from the Ames circle.

Woodpeckers had a good year with three new high counts. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were found in 14 circles for a total of 680 birds, beating the previous high of 629 from 2017. A total of 699 Downy Woodpeckers were found in all 19 circles besting the old high of 657 from 2011. Sixteen Pileated Woodpeckers were counted in all four Missouri River circles. There was also a count week bird at Ames. The previous high count of 14 occurred in 2018. Northern Flickers were found in eighteen circles with a total of 636 birds, second only to the high count of 665 from 2010.

Two species' CBC numbers have been severely impacted by West Nile virus. Black-billed Magpies remain historically low. Only 22 were tallied this year displacing the 28 from last year for the fourth lowest count. Fortunately, Black-capped Chickadees seem to be doing better. They were counted in all nineteen circles with a total of 1097 birds, which is the highest number since 2012 when 1135 were found.

White-breasted Nuthatch was found in all circles with a new high count of 926 birds passing the old high of 858 from 2006, while Pygmy Nuthatch had the best count (26) since 48 were found in 2013.

Despite reports of low numbers during the breeding season, the Eastern Bluebird number (322) rebounded from last year's count of 167. Sparrow numbers and species were unremarkable with the exception of Fox Sparrows which were found in 11 circles for a new high count of 92, beating the previous high count of 44 from 2012.

Lastly, Icterid numbers had a down year overall. Only 298 meadowlarks were counted for the lowest total since 2008 when only 186 were found. Red-winged Blackbirds totaled 1985, the lowest since 2004 when only 1298 were counted, and finally only 8 Common Grackles were found in just two circles for the lowest count since only 3 were counted in 2005.

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2021-2022 CBC Site Data										
	Date	Species	Individuals	Observers	Party Hours ^d	Low Temp.	High Temp.	Sky	Precipitation	
Ames	16 Dec	76	14,616	20	58	24	41	clear	none	
Beaver Valley	27 Dec	45	3,556	9	35	21	36	cloudy	none	
Branched Oak-Seward	19 Dec	76	11,755	22 + 12	110	12	40	clear	local fog	
Calamus-Loup	21 Dec	50	7,196	6	21	23	41	partly cloudy	none	
Crawford	3 Jan	30	289	2	15	35	50	clear	none	
DeSoto-Boyer	18 Dec	75	121,400	35 + 2	91	20	23	cloudy	none	
Ft. Niobrara	17 Dec	38	4,434	7	7	27	37	clear; cloudy	none	
Grand Island	18 Dec	60	12,959	18 + 6	50	14	26	clear	none	
Harlan Co.	14 Dec	86	25,514	5	31	25	59	clear	none	
Harrison	2 Jan	28	529	3	15	15	40	clear	none	
Indian Cave	30 Dec	30	700	9	10	24	44	N/A	none	
Lake McConaughy	2 Jan	50	6,718	2 + 1	9	-3	12	clear	none	
Lincoln	18 Dec	70	18,384	57 + 6	198	13	29	partly cloudy	none	
Lower Platte River	4 Jan	72	50,073	17	71	27	43	partly cloudy	none	
Norfolk	18 Dec	62	11,370	17	28	17	25	cloudy; pt clear	light snow	
North Platte	17 Dec	61	3,792	9 + 2	27	16	50	clear	none	
Omaha	19 Dec	70	10,807	33	47	15	30	clear	none	
Ponca S. P.	14 Dec	69	11,568	22	53	24	42	cloudy; pt cloudy	none	
Scottsbluff	14 Dec	69	20,451	10	31	21	41	pt. cloudy; clear	none	
a-total (sum of column values)		134	336,111 ^a	332 ^a	892 ^d	19 ^b	37 ^b			
b-average				269c						
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	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Ft. Niobrara	Grand Island	Hartan Co.	Harrison
Snow Goose	2,564		69			83,706		24	11,501	
Ross's Goose			1			4			443	
Gr White-fr. Goose			2			10,352				
Cackling Goose	445		22	4		143	5	27	1	
Canada Goose	7,685	65	883	2,350		9,428	3,370	3,737	399	
Cackling/Canada G.										
Trumpeter Swan		22		29		49	12			
Wood Duck										
Northern Shoveler			1			5			19	
Gadwall			65			5			32	
American Wigeon			14			6			4	
Am. Black Duck										
Mallard	131	139	2,174	54		7,900	272	414	6,012	3
Northern Pintail			3			23			cw	
Green-winged Teal		20	43	20		180		7	2,210	
Canvasback	2									
Redhead	2								1	
Ring-necked Duck	3		15				16	6		
Lesser Scaup	1		43	4					1	
scaup sp.										
Bufflehead			8	13					49	
Com. Goldeneye	25		9	5		98	10	21	36	
Bar. Goldeneye										
Hooded Merganser	2		30	8		8			18	
Com. Merganser	12		607	198		2,345	20	6	286	
Red-breasted Merg.			1			1				
Ruddy Duck	4									
Duck sp.	39		500			419				
Northern Bobwhite	8	10							3	
Wild Turkey	79		4	77		127	12	76	3	
Gr. Prairie-Chicken							1		4	
R-n Pheasant	16		2	1		9		1	7	

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Ft. Niobrara	Grand Island	Hartan Co.	Harrison
Pied-billed Grebe										
Eared Grebe									16	
Western Grebe									2	
Rock Pigeon	86	90	28	33	115	120	12	783	36	
Eur. Collared-Dove	69	142	53	15	10	1	5	209	80	13
White-winged Dove			2					1	2	
Mourning Dove	81	1	17	2		21		8	1	
American Coot			32			9	1		173	
Sandhill Crane								736		
Killdeer						6			6	
Wilson's Snipe								1		
Bonaparte's Gull				8					66	
Ring-billed Gull	3		254	133		92			954	
California Gull										
Herring Gull			61	48					21	
Iceland Gull				1						
L. Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull								ow		
gull sp.										
Common Loon									4	
D-cr. Cormorant	3		7			1			150	
Am. White Pelican	1			1					256	
Great Blue Heron	1		1						3	
Golden Eagle					2				1	4
Northern Harrier	1	10	5	2		13	2	14	5	
Sharp-sh. Hawk	1	1	3	1		5	1		2	
Cooper's Hawk	3	2			1	2		1		
Accipiter sp.		1	1							
Bald Eagle	33	11	31	21		53	4	27	19	2
Red-tailed Hawk	68	17	55	11	7	58	6	25	40	2
Rough-leg. Hawk	3	8	11	3	6	16	4	10	3	7
Ferruginous Hawk				1	1					1

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Buteo sp.	1					9				
hawk sp.										
E. Screech-Owl	6	5	1	6		1		1	6	1
Great Horned Owl	8	6	1	5	1	3		1	5	
Snowy Owl	1									
Barred Owl	2		3			4			1	
Long-eared Owl									1	
Short-eared Owl	1									
Belted Kingfisher	5		2			2		3	3	
Red-h. Woodpecker						10				
Red-b. Woodpecker	47	6	64			137		10	29	
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	1		1			2		1		
Downy Woodpecker	41	7	43	4	2	163	1	17	24	3
Hairy Woodpecker	5	3	12		1	18	3	1	7	2
Northern Flicker	42	31	81	9		87	9	55	30	1
Red-shafted			2							
Red x Yellow										
Yellow-shafted			26							
unspecified	42	31	53	9		87	9	55	30	1
Pileated Wood.	cw					2				
American Kestrel	7	6	13	9	3	17		6	5	
Merlin	1	3	2	2		1	1	1		1
Peregrine Falcon										
Prairie Falcon	2								1	
large falcon sp.	1									
Say's Phoebe					1					
Northern Shrike	1	1	4	2	1				1	
Blue Jay	124	27	143	1		133	2	29	31	1
Black-b. Magpie					2					
American Crow	13	56	150	449	6	97	66	17	36	12
Horned Lark	349		58	13			12	591	6	414
Black-c. Chickadee	66	3	66	9	22	185	13	8	15	12

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Ft. Niobrara	Grand Island	Hartan Co.	Harrison
Fox Sparrow	2		13			21		2	12	
Am. Tree Sparrow	267	475	590	101	13	441	33	271	714	
Dark-eyed Junco	436	79	948	39	26	1,432	62	205	137	6
Slate-colored			205		12	1,431				1
Oregon			4		1	1				
Pink-sided					2					1
White-winged										
unspecified	436	79	739	39	11		62	205	137	4
White-cr. Sparrow	1	1				7			17	
Harris's Sparrow	45		30			78		45	90	
White-th. Sparrow	3		8		1	35		2	1	
Song Sparrow	7	1	18		1	22		8	48	
Lincoln's Sparrow						3				
Swamp Sparrow	1					1			1	
Sparrow sp.						9				
Spotted Towhee	2					1			6	
Sp./Ea. Towhee										
Yellow-h. Blackbird									1	
W. Meadowlark	3				1					
Meadowlark sp.	14		13			54		115	47	
Red-w. Blackbird	263	185	210	200		28		3	47	
Brown-h. Cowbird	17	1	1						4	
Rusty Blackbird									12	
Brewer's Blackbird	5		40						5	
Common Grackle										
Great-tailed Grackle								300		
Pine Warbler									1	
Yellow-r. Warbler	2		17						24	
No. Cardinal	52	15	110	3		239	1	38	45	
TOTAL SPECIES	76	45	76	50	30	75	38	60	86	28
INDIVIDUALS	14,616	3,556	11,755	7,196	289	121,400	4,434	12,959	25,514	529

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	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Snow Goose		1,740		31,370	460	353	374	5,075	1	137,237
Ross's Goose				2,156						2,604
Gr White-fr. Goose				293	1	17	7		7	10,679
Cackling Goose		243	394	544	8	15	24	2	3,579	5,456
Canada Goose	94	3,505	3,469	7,476	2,240	1,266	2,109	2,759	2,302	53,137
Cackling/Canada G.									8,027	8,027
Trumpeter Swan		3		4		34	12			165
Wood Duck									8	8
Northern Shoveler			207			14	1		38	285
Gadwall			25	12	2	35	40	9	52	277
American Wigeon			23	4	1	12	1	2	203	270
Am. Black Duck				1						1
Mallard		21	429	2,459	226	427	69	55	1,394	22,179
Northern Pintail				9		40 ^{cw}			71	146
Green-winged Teal			53	15		39	1		13	2,601
Canvasback						5	2	1	12	22
Redhead				6			2		10	21
Ring-necked Duck				18				3	11	72
Lesser Scaup		31	4	12	33				6	135
scaup sp.							7	1		8
Bufflehead		7	14		2	3 ^{cw}			14	110
Com. Goldeneye		46	31	32	9	35	240	12	84	693
Bar. Goldeneye						^{cw}			1	1
Hooded Merganser		2		6			45		4	123
Com. Merganser	17	306	32	35	100	18	212	7		4,201
Red-breasted Merg.							2			4
Ruddy Duck							13			17
Duck sp.			43							1,001
Northern Bobwhite								6		27
Wild Turkey	1	9	104	21	74	16	34	76		713
Gr. Prairie-Chicken										5
R-n Pheasant		1			1		1	13	5	57

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	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Buteo sp.					1					11
hawk sp.			4							4
E. Screech-Owl					2			2	1	32
Great Horned Owl			3	3	3	1	1	4	4	49
Snowy Owl										1
Barred Owl	2		1	3			7	3		26
Long-eared Owl					1					2
Short-eared Owl										1
Belted Kingfisher		1	5	1	1	cw		1	1	25
Red-h. Woodpecker							1	2		13
Red-b. Woodpecker	34	2	99	69	22	2	127	32		680
Yellow-b. Sapsucker			1							6
Downy Woodpecker	18	2	144	52	23	7	100	38	10	699
Hairy Woodpecker	2	1	21	5	12	1	10	11	1	116
Northern Flicker	5	5	65	33	16	7	64	60	36	636
Red-shafted		4	3			1			3	13
Red x Yellow									4	4
Yellow-shafted		1	62			1	2	9	5	106
unspecified	5			33	16	5	62	51	24	513
Pileated Wood.	6						6	2		16
American Kestrel	1	1	26	14	6	12	9	13	18	166
Merlin			1	1	1			5		20
Peregrine Falcon			1							1
Prairie Falcon					1	1			1	6
large falcon sp.										1
Say's Phoebe									1	2
Northern Shrike			3	3	4	1	1	2	4	28
Blue Jay	26	1	228	138	61	2	43	124	70	1,184
Black-b. Magpie		2							18	22
American Crow	7	2	68	127	48	184	57	103	15	1,513
Horned Lark	22	107	23	32	59	13	30	9	113	1,851
Black-c. Chickadee	16	2	256	89	35	9	195	80	16	1,097

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	Indian Cave	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Fox Sparrow	10		18	8	1		1	4		92
Am. Tree Sparrow		11	357	207	280	3	291	566	71	4,691
Dark-eyed Junco	80	15	1,663	817	138	69	11	348	261	6,772
Slate-colored		9	1,660			42			70	3,430
Oregon		3	3						35	47
Pink-sided						3			12	18
White-winged									13	13
unspecified	80	3		817	138	24	11	348	131	3,264
White-cr. Sparrow			1				31	1	11	70
Harris's Sparrow	33		58	45	2		30	8	1	465
White-th. Sparrow	3		27	5			7	3		95
Song Sparrow			32	8	1		8	4	7	165
Lincoln's Sparrow							1			4
Swamp Sparrow										3
Sparrow sp.										9
Spotted Towhee	5			1				1		16
Sp./Ea. Towhee			5		1					6
Yellow-h. Blackbird										1
W. Meadowlark				1					2	7
Meadowlark sp.		2	8	9	8	1		20		291
Red-w. Blackbird		1	150	80	30	7	661	16	104	1,985
Brown-h. Cowbird				12	7					42
Rusty Blackbird				31						43
Brewer's Blackbird									27	77
Common Grackle			7		1					8
Great-tailed Grackle										300
Pine Warbler						2				3
Yellow-r. Warbler			5	27			1	1		77
No. Cardinal	28	2	286	90	42	20	87	37	1	1,096
TOTAL SPECIES	30	50	70	72	62	61	70	69	69	133
INDIVIDUALS	700	6,718	18,384	50,073	11,370	3,792	10,807	11,568	20,451	136,111