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2023-2024 Christmas Bird Counts

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by Don Paseka

With the resurrection of the Kearney count, twenty CBCs were run in the 2023-2024 season. This is four more than last year and one more than the previous high number of nineteen from 2021. Although the Crawford, Harrison and Scottsbluff counts were postponed because of snow, the weather on count days was mild with an average high of 43°F and an average low of 27°F, resulting in mostly open water. Rain and mud eliminated access to several normally productive areas of the Harlan County count which still produced the highest number of species (94). Lake McConaughy produced 89 species with only 4 observers. The total number of species for all counts was 146, which is the third highest. There were 149 species in 2010 and 147 in 2015. However, the total number of individuals (282,280) was fairly typical. There were 957 total party hours.

Twelve species, including Bald Eagle, were found in all circles. Thirty-one species were found in just one circle with nine of those being a single bird. Thirty species set or tied high counts. New to Nebraska CBCs were the two Whooping Cranes found along the Platte River at Grand Island.

Twenty-six species of Anseriformes were counted with no unexpected species present, but several dabblers were found in notable numbers. The count of 38 Wood Ducks was only lower than the 41 found in 2014 and the high count of 46 in 2012. A total of 619 Northern Shovelers were found in eleven circles smashing the old high count number of 285 from 2021. Lincoln alone accounted for 246 of them. Northern Pintails also produced a new high count of 371, more than doubling the old high count of 163 from 2011. Even more impressive was the new high count of 11,367 Green-winged Teal found in 13 circles. The previous high count of 2,601 birds was from 2021 but both DeSoto and Harlan County more than doubled that this year. Long-tailed Ducks had the only noteworthy diver count of 10, with birds being found at Branched Oak, North Platte and Lake McConaughy. The only higher count for this species was 11 from 2010.

Overall grebe numbers were not impressive, but the 4 Red-necked Grebes counted at Lake McConaughy tied for high count with 2015. While not a new species, the Clark's x Western Grebe hybrid also found at Lake Mac was still very interesting.

There were also high numbers of most Columbiformes this year. Rock Pigeons were found in every circle but Harrison, and their total of 6,505 birds was bettered only by the counts of 6,723 and 6,593 from 2015 and 2010 respectively. Eurasian-collared Doves renewed their expansion effort and were found in all circles with a new high count of 3,262 birds. The previous high had been 2,585 in 2016. Mourning Doves also set a new high of 818 topping the old high of 691 in 2021.

Virginia Rail also set a new high count of 17 with 13 of those found at Lake McConaughy and the other 4 at North Platte. In addition to the aforementioned pair of

Whooping Cranes, Grand Island also hosted a record number (17,774) of Sandhill Cranes. The previous high count had been 5,000 in 1990. Three of the four species of shorebirds found established new high counts. The count of 54 Killdeer beat the old high of 46 from 2021. Two Dunlins were counted at Harlan County. A single of this species had been found just once previously in 2011. The find of 7 Greater Yellowlegs at Grand Island is also only the fifth occurrence for this species. The other four were of single birds in 2017, 2010, 2006 and 1993.

Nine species of gulls were seen in 13 circles. A single Franklin's Gull was found on the Harlan County count. This is only the sixth time this species has been observed. The record high is 151 from 2001 when 150 of them were counted at Omaha and one in Grand Island. All the other counts were single birds from 2004, 1999, 1993 and 1975. Two Short-billed Gulls were found at Harlan County; the high count for this species is 3 from 2011. The 18 Lesser Black-backed Gulls counted at Lake McConaughy plus the singles at Branched Oak and Lower Platte accounted for the new high count of 20 for that species. The old high count was 7 from 2017. A big surprise was the Black-legged Kittiwake found at Ponca away from any large reservoir. This marks only the third time this species has been counted. Other single birds occurred in 2015 at Lake McConaughy and in 1999 at Harlan County

Raptors also had a good year. While not showing up in record numbers, Northern Harriers were counted in all 20 circles. Golden Eagles had the third best count (10) with two of those found easterly at Ponca. The only better counts were 15 and 11 from 2013 and 1971 respectively. Sharp-shinned Hawks produced a count of 39 which is the best count since 2017 when 42 were counted. Cooper's Hawks did have a record year with a total of 61 birds beating the old high count of 43 from 2017 and 2018. A record number of 5 Red-shouldered Hawks were counted this year with singles at DeSoto, Lincoln and Omaha but also surprisingly farther west from Harlan Co. and Kearney. Red-tailed Hawks had their fourth best count (620); the high count is 983 from 2018. A total of 11 Ferruginous Hawks were counted in 5 circles. The high count for this bird is 12 from 1996.

Woodpeckers were another group with impressive counts this year. Redbellied Woodpeckers were found in all circles but Scottsbluff, Ft. Niobrara and Harrison. The total of 710 beat the previous high count of 680 from 2021. Yellowbellied Sapsuckers had their third highest count (15) behind 17 in 1981 and 16 in 2012. Downy Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers and Northern Flickers also set new high counts and were counted in all circles. The 756 Downies edged out the 741 from last year. The Hairy Woodpecker count of 182 beat the old high of 151 from 2022, and the total of 845 Flickers topped the previous high of 665 from 2010. After the explosion of Pileated Woodpeckers in 2022 when 34 were found, this year's count of 18 from 5 circles seems somewhat disappointing even though it is still the second-best count.

A total of 21 Merlins were found in 11 circles which is second to the high count of 26 from 2017. Other falcons were found in typical numbers.

In the Corvid department, the tally of 1,481 Blue Jays is the third highest count behind the 1,565 and 1,491 from 2020 and 2022 respectively. Black-billed Magpies still have low counts, but the 31 birds, 25 of which were from Crawford, was the best count since 2018. Harrison accounted for all four of the Common Ravens. The only other CBC report for this species was of three birds dining at an Applebee's parking lot in North Platte in 2015.

In the dickie bird department, five Mountain Chickadees were found at Scotts Bluff. This ties with 2007 and 1976 for third place behind counts of 11 in 1996 and 8 in 2012. A new record total of 20 Winter Wrens was found in 9 circles. The previous record had been 14 in 2020. Seven Hermit Thrushes this year is the best count since 11 were found in 2010. A Varied Thrush was observed at Scotts Bluff during count week, but not on count day. This species had only been found once for the CBC in 2005 also at Scotts Bluff. On a low note, only 30 Golden-crowned Kinglets were observed, which is the lowest count since only 11 were found in 2008.

The European Starling count of 50,414 is topped only by the 110,898 from 1975, 61,255 from 2004, and 268,232 from 2012.

The upper Panhandle counts produced a record number of 49 Pine Grosbeaks with an amazing 48 at Harrison and a single at Crawford. This was only the eighth time that this species appeared on a Nebraska CBC. The previous high had been 10 from 1970 and the sum of all the previous counts was only 26. Harrison also produced all the 25 Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches this year. This species has become more common in recent years. Prior to 2010, single birds had been counted only three times going back to 1963. Since then, they have been counted six times with the high count of 40 occurring in 2017. House Finches had their second-best count (1221) behind 2013 when 1,803 were counted. The 8 Cassin's Finches found at Scotts Bluff plus the single at Harrison produced the second-best count for this species; the high count is 14 from 2002.

Perhaps because of the mild weather, a couple of winter visitors were found in low numbers. Only 4 Purple Finches were counted, which is the lowest count since 1996 when three were found. High count for this species is 436 from 2007. Lapland Longspurs were also scarce. A total of 36 birds were present in 6 circles, which represents the lowest count since only 13 were found in 2007. High count for this species is 24,003 from 1978.

Overall, sparrows did quite well. Fox Sparrows continued a recent trend of higher numbers with 41 being found in ten circles. High count for this species is 92 in 2021. The Harris's Sparrow count of 975 was bettered only by the counts of 1,253 and 1,046 from 1989 and 1973 respectively. White-throated Sparrows set a new high count of 154, beating the old high of 125 from 2018. Song Sparrows were found in 15 circles for a new high count of 473, topping the old high count of 305 from 2020. Swamp Sparrows also set a new high with the total of 30 beating the previous high of 25 from 2012. While only two Savanah Sparrows were found, this was the best count since the high count of 9 in 2011.

Icterid numbers were unremarkable with exception of the 297 Brown-headed Cowbirds. This was the highest count for this species since 405 were counted in 2012. The all-time high for this bird is 2,239 from 1975.

Only two warbler species were found. Yellow-rumped Warblers showed up in typical numbers, but a single Orange-crowned Warbler was found at Lincoln joining 4 other individuals from 2019, 1999, 1998 and 1996.

I don't feel that I'm going out on a limb when I say that those of us who participate in CBCs enjoy coming up with high numbers of different species and individuals of a particular species. We especially enjoy finding those birds that are out of place at this time of the year. This year's counts certainly didn't disappoint us. Who would have guessed that Sandhill Cranes would be the fifth most numerous species?

But perhaps looking at Christmas counts as citizen science rather than a competition to see who can find the best birds, these results should be a bit concerning. While having more counts and observers undoubtably can produce higher count totals, this year's results were largely affected by the unusually mild weather we all enjoyed during December and the first week and half of January. Unfortunately, this was followed by a week of bitter cold and deep snow. It is likely that many of the tardy birds which we were happy to find on a CBC perished at this time. Moreover, this should be further proof of a changing climate. Something is definitely amiss when this season produced only two more Purple Finches than Whooping Cranes.

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			202	2023-2024 CBC Site Data	Site Dat	a			
					Total				
					Party	Low	High		
	Date	Species	Individuals	Observers	Hours ^d	Temp.	Temp.	Sky	Precipitation
Ames	14 Dec	71	9,937	20	62	26	48	partly cloudy	none
Beaver Valley	21 Dec	33	11,672	L	16	26	47	foggy; clear	none
Branched Oak-Seward	18 Dec	87	5,915	30	85	25	39	partly clear	none
Calamus-Loup	30 Dec	44	9,637	2	11	29	44	clear	none
Crawford	4 Jan	41	1,943	5	20	26	35	cloudy	none
DeSoto-Boyer	29 Dec	62	45,283	41	102	25	40	partly clear	none
Ft. Niobrara	19 Dec	41	1,264	6	17	26	53	clear	none
Grand Island	16 Dec	99	28,913	19	36	35	41	cloudy	none
Harlan Co.	14 Dec	94	28,907	8	41	32	47	cloudy	light rain
Harrison	5 Jan	34	1,033	L	21	24	32	cloudy	light snow pm
Indian Cave	28 Dec	58	8,648	20	32	17	37	partly clear	none
Kearney	15 Dec	69	10,401	11	38	34	40	cloudy	light rain
Lake McConaughy	30 Dec	89	20,182	4	17	23	43	partly cloudy	none
Lincoln	16 Dec	76	17,971	62	233	37	41	partly cloudy	light rain
Lower Platte River	5 Jan	81	10,371	12	68	27	34	cloudy	none
Norfolk	16 Dec	58	8,945	18	24	28	46	cloudy	none
North Platte	16 Dec	81	32,324	12	42	15	53	clear	none
Omaha	17 Dec	80	8,826	30	59	30	45	partly clear	none
Ponca S.P.	14 Dec	10	6,046	21	8	28	51	cloudy	none
Scottsbluff	15 Dec	59	14,062	6	25	32	52	partly cloudy	none
a-total (sum of column values)	values)	146	282,280	364 ^a	957	27	43		
b-av crage				291°					
c-number of people who participated in CBCs. Note: many observers participated in more than one CBC.	participa	tted in CE	Cs. Note: ma	my observers	s participa	ted in m	ore than	one CBC.	
d-the sum of hours spent driving and walking during daylight, excluding feeder watching and owling	it driving	and walk	ing during day	ylight, exclu	ding feeds	er watchi	ng and o	wling	

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Ft. Nöbrara	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Hamison	Indian Cave
Snow Goose			41	13		12,211		5	10,808		5,810
Ross's Goose			1					2	138		74
Gr White-fr. Goose	1		2			306	1	2			310
Cackling Goose	95		4	14		16	12	410	18		
Canada Goose	3,348	55	318	5,500		8,677	799	5,299	233		30
Cackling/Can. Goose											
goose sp.											
Trumpeter Swan		22	2	157		17					
Wood Duck								36			
Blue-winged Teal											
Northern Shoveler	2		20	5		4		2	62		
Gadwall	7					3			19		
American Wigeon				6		1			26		
Mallard	220	1,232	76	76	53	10,694	11	427	2,277		975
Northern Pintail			1			34			4		
Green-winged Teal			9	12		5,379	5		5,460		78
Canvasback	8		1						7		
Redhead				1				2	3		
Ring-necked Duck	23					37	1	12			
Greater Scaup											
Lesser Scaup			2						14		
scaup sp											
Long-tailed Duck			1								
Bufflehead	2		1						12		
Common Goldeneye	16		CW	3		67		30	31		12
Hooded Merganser			2						3		
Common Merganser	14		45	CW		40			3,242		
Red-br. Merganser			20								
Ruddy Duck			9								
Duck sp.											
Northern Bobwhite	13		60			29		20	24		1
Wild Turkey	5			13	269	110	16	8	2		5
Sharp-tailed Grouse										12	
Gr. Prairie-Chicken		6		85			2	8			
Ring-necked Pheasant	17		10	1		33		8	7		1

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	Keamey	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Snow Goose	9	192	5	12		4	50	25	75	29,260
Ross's Goose					1	1	2			219
Gr White-fr. Goose		1		126	CW	20	3	1		773
Cackling Goose	163	510	30	110	18	148	7	80	3,479	5,114
Canada Goose	1,512	2,221	2,985	4,247	1,910	5,025	1,951	1,204	5,614	50,928
Cackling/Can. Goose	120									120
goose sp.	76									76
Trumpeter Swan	9	6		2		7	18			240
Wood Duck	1		1							38
Blue-winged Teal						3				3
Northern Shoveler			246	80		183	7		8	619
Gadwall		2	18	70	2	38	65	35		259
American Wigeon		CW	6	19		97		57	153	365
Mallard	312	185	722	737	145	13,019	286	1,104	1,167	33,718
Northern Pintail		1		2		274	1	13	41	371
Green-winged Teal	7	102	67	54		129	3	62		11,367
Canvasback	6	3		9		4	24	17		79
Redhead		7		1		4	6	25		49
Ring-necked Duck		12		5	CW	34		6	35	165
Greater Scaup		4				1				5
Lesser Scaup	2	45		47		2	5		4	121
scaup sp								68		68
Long-tailed Duck		7				2				10
Bufflehead	3	88				3	2	8	4	123
Common Goldeneye	15	246	32	28	4	135	143	62	73	897
Hooded Merganser	1	8		5		14	52		2	87
Common Merganser	1	934	31	153		99	7	19		4,585
Red-br. Merganser		19				1				40
Ruddy Duck		4		80			7			100
Duck sp.	30		5				4			39
Northern Bobwhite			7		9			6		169
Wild Turkey	184		86	21	5	20	97	110	48	999
Sharp-tailed Grouse										12
Gr. Prairie-Chicken	1	22				3				127
Ring-necked Pheasan	3	7	21		33	6		8	2	157

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	202	3-24 (Chris	stmas	s Bir	d Cou	nt				
	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	De Soto-Boyer	Ft. Niobrara	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Hamison	Indian Cave
Pied-billed Grebe									1		
Red-necked Grebe											
Western Grebe											
Clark's Grebe											
West. x Clark's Grebe											
Rock Pigeon	171	41	43	18	59	123	4	543	282		7
Eur. Collared-Dove	150	114	18	35	42	11	16	389	104	80	4
White-winged Dove											
Mourning Dove	225		24			194		51	45		2
Virginia Rail											
American Coot	3		1					9	18		
Sandhill Crane								17,774			
Whooping Crane								2			
Killdeer	1		2				6	1	35		
Dunlin									2		
Wilson's Snipe								1	6		
Greater Yellowlegs								7			
Black-leg. Kittiwake											
Bonaparte's Gull									13		
Franklin's Gull									1		
Short-billed Gull									2		
Ring-billed Gull	11		133	175		2		5	1,042		
California Gull											
Herring Gull			13	1					14		
Iceland Gull									1		
L. Black-backed Gull			1								
gull sp.											
Common Loon									1		
Double-cr. Cormorant			1						1		
Am. White Pelican			1						2		
Great Blue Heron	3		1	CW		1	1	1	1		1
Golden Eagle					4					2	
Northern Harrier	2	3	1	5	4	13	2	7	13	2	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		2	1	2	2		3			2
Cooper's Hawk	5	3	7	1		6		2	6		2

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	Keamey	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe		2	1		CW		1			5
Red-necked Grebe		4								4
Western Grebe		154								154
Clark's Grebe		1								1
West. x Clark's Grebe		1								1
Rock Pigeon	790	175	1,212	135	630	1,632	117	170	353	6,505
Eur. Collared-Dove	1,354	37	338	68	109	257	9	86	41	3,262
White-winged Dove						1				1
Mourning Dove	3	2	157	41	2	6	20	42	4	818
Virginia Rail		13				4				17
American Coot	4	3	15	43	14	3	1			114
Sandhill Crane										17,774
Whooping Crane										2
Killdeer		5		1			3			54
Dunlin										2
Wilson's Snipe		1				4	1			13
Greater Yellowlegs										7
Black-leg. Kittiwake								1		1
Bonaparte's Gull										13
Franklin's Gull							CW			1
Short-billed Gull										2
Ring-billed Gull	17	2,960	568	7		218	400		11	5,549
California Gull		5								5
Herring Gull		119	31			5				183
Iceland Gull		2								3
L. Black-backed Gull		18		1						20
gull sp.			273							273
Common Loon										1
Double-cr. Cormorant	10									12
Am. White Pelican		1					1			5
Great Blue Heron	9	2	2		1	12	2			37
Golden Eagle		1						2	1	10
Northern Harrier	5	3	3	1	1	4	7	3	6	88
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	2	4	2	1	4	2	4	1	39
Cooper's Hawk	8	1	9	1	5	1	2		2	61

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	De Soto-Boyer	Ft. Niobrara	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Hamison	Indian Cave
Northern Goshawk			1								
Accipiter sp.						1					
Bald Eagle	50	4	7	7	7	91	5	9	46	2	17
Red-shouldered Hawk			CW			1			1		
Red-tailed Hawk	61	14	41	8	2	62	2	29	45		18
Rough-legged Hawk	1		2	6	2	1	2	2	2	2	
Ferruginous Hawk					3					4	
Buteo sp.	3	1									
hawk sp.						1					
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1	2	1					1		
Great Horned Owl	5	9	2	4		3		2	4		
Barred Owl	2		5			3			2		2
Long-eared Owl									2		
Short-eared Owl						1					
N. Saw-whet Owl											
owl sp.											
Belted Kingfisher	6		3	1		3	3	5	3		
Red-head. Woodpecker						32					58
Red-bel. Woodpecker	45	5	87	1	1	108		10	38		58
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	1		4			1			2		3
Downy Woodpecker	41	9	71	2	10	103	6	18	30	2	40
Hairy Woodpecker	12	4	24	1	3	21	3	3	12	3	3
Northern Flicker	52	18	71	9	11	113	8	109	64	1	29
Red-shafted			1				5				
Yellow-shafted			22			113	3				
unspecified	52	18	48	9	11			109	64	1	29
Pileated Woodpecker						4					5
American Kestrel	7		13	4	5	16		9	5		3
Merlin	1		2					2	1		
Prairie Falcon										1	
Northern Shrike	1		8	3	5	2			1		
Blue Jay	164	15	111		6	118	2	25	29		63
Black-billed Magpie					25					3	
American Crow	38	27	102	600	5	86	19	20	14	2	68
Common Raven										4	

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	Keamey	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Northern Goshawk										1
Accipiter sp.					1		1			3
Bald Eagle	16	31	17	23	13	18	39	36	72	510
Red-shouldered Hawl	1		1				1			5
Red-tailed Hawk	55	14	47	54	23	16	89	23	17	620
Rough-legged Hawk	2	CW			1	1	1	17		42
Ferruginous Hawk	1	1							2	11
Buteo sp.							3			7
hawk sp.			9							10
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1		1	1			1		11
Great Horned Owl	9	4	7	1	5	1		1	1	58
Barred Owl			2	6			2	3		27
Long-eared Owl										2
Short-eared Owl	3	CW								4
N. Saw-whet Owl		1								1
owl sp.	2									2
Belted Kingfisher	6	3	12	2		5	1	2	6	61
Red-head. Woodpeck	er						1			91
Red-bel. Woodpecker	16	4	93	80	21	10	112	21		710
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	1		2				1			15
Downy Woodpecker	23	11	121	79	26	13	119	24	8	756
Hairy Woodpecker	2	7	28	15	13	1	13	11	3	182
Northern Flicker	41	11	96	35	26	29	75	27	20	845
Red-shafted		4				1				11
Yellow-shafted		6	96			1	18		2	261
unspecified	41	1		35	26	27	57	27	18	573
Pileated Woodpecker				3			4	2		18
American Kestrel	9	6	24	13	9	19	9	2	8	161
Merlin	3		3	2	2	3	CW	1	1	21
Prairie Falcon						1				2
Northern Shrike	4	CW	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	35
Blue Jay	42	10	523	157	40	7	58	89	22	1,481
Black-billed Magpie		2							1	31
American Crow	31	8	97	110	46	25	159	420	4	1,881
Common Raven										4

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	Ames	Beaver Valley	Branched Oak Lake	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	De Soto-Boyer	Ft. Niobrara	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Hamison	Indian Cave
Black-cap. Chickadee	47	1	73	6	22	297	7	5	24	15	31
Mountain Chickadee											
Tufted Titmouse						10					26
Horned Lark	20		81		47	2			35	460	2
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	1		1					2	2		2
Golden-cr. Kinglet	2						1	4	2	1	3
Cedar Waxwing	52		68		7	21	12	35	46		11
Red-br. Nuthatch	1		9		1		4	7	1	7	
White-br. Nuthatch	64	13	90	7	2	142	10	11	31		58
Pygmy Nuthatch											
Brown Creeper	2		2		1	3		1		1	
Carolina Wren	2		2			7					2
Winter Wren			3		1	1			3		
Marsh Wren					1				2		
Brown Thrasher			1			1					
European Starling	1,829	8,777	820	600	596	2,306	32	2,637	903	65	182
Eastern Bluebird	9	14	58	7		129	9	9	9		15
Mountain Bluebird											
Townsend's Solitaire			1		6					8	
Hermit Thrush			1			3			1		
American Robin	471	502	1,001	2,200	158	270	83	95	612	79	58
Varied Thrush											
House Sparrow	732	54	306		70	729	38	335	82	37	223
Pine Grosbeak					1					48	
Gray-cr. Rosy-Finch										25	
House Finch	100	14	98	3	2	97	4	35	24		15
Purple Finch	1										1
Cassin's Finch										1	
Common Redpoll										37	
Red Crossbill			1		25	8	12		27	7	
Pine Siskin	6		14		2	2	5			27	2
American Goldfinch	74	18	124		17	173	10	3	28	21	50
Lapland Longspur								2		11	
Snow Bunting										5	
Field Sparrow											

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	Keamey	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Black-cap. Chickadee	4	4	156	119	34	7	150	27	24	1,053
Mountain Chickadee									5	5
Tufted Titmouse			2	28			23			89
Horned Lark	70	115	4	2	80	9	3		121	1,051
Ruby-cr. Kinglet		1	1			1				11
Golden-cr. Kinglet	1	2	5	3			5		1	30
Cedar Waxwing	8	23	23	17	9	23	52	12	CW	419
Red-br. Nuthatch	2	3	10	9	4	6	1	4	18	87
White-br. Nuthatch	15	3	93	76	35	6	128	47	7	838
Pygmy Nuthatch									3	3
Brown Creeper	1	1	15	1	2	4	27	1	CW	62
Carolina Wren			6	3			25	1		48
Winter Wren			2	3		1	4	2		20
Marsh Wren		2								5
Brown Thrasher		CW								2
European Starling	2,551	9,912	2,907	607	2,400	8,637	2,410	754	1,489	50,414
Eastern Bluebird			9	19	6	1	85	62		441
Mountain Bluebird						93				93
Townsend's Solitaire		8							8	31
Hermit Thrush			1	1						7
American Robin	982	435	235	148	1,350	750	206	430	219	10,284
Varied Thrush									CW	CW
House Sparrow	297	50	848	493	70	121	281	217	70	5,053
Pine Grosbeak										49
Gray-cr. Rosy-Finch										25
House Finch	159	31	195	98	17	97	141	51	40	1,221
Purple Finch				2						4
Cassin's Finch									8	9
Common Redpoll										37
Red Crossbill	CW		17	10				7	47	161
Pine Siskin		7	21	28	1		7	3	328	453
American Goldfinch	139	40	469	215	76	65	93	56	39	1,710
Lapland Longspur	14	6			2				1	36
Snow Bunting										5
Field Sparrow			3							3

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Fox Sparrow	3		6			4			7		1
Am. Tree Sparrow	221	90	378	21	141	333	16	92	748	38	19
Dark-eyed Junco	351	48	677	6	169	854	76	124	264	20	62
Slate-colored			115		23	21	66				
Oregon			2		20	1	9				
Pink-sided					1		1				
unspec.subspecies	351	48	560	6	125	832		124	264	20	62
White-cr. Sparrow	4		4			18		2	217		8
Harris's Sparrow	78	2	84			72		14	392		9
White-thr. Sparrow	6		21			42			4		15
Savannah Sparrow									2		
Song Sparrow	10	1	38			33	3	17	132		26
Lincoln's Sparrow						3			4		
Swamp Sparrow			3			3			3		
Sparrow sp.						6					
Spotted Towhee	3		6			7			20		2
Eastern Towhee						2			CW		
Yelheaded Blackbird									1		
Western Meadowlark	7		21		3	60					
Meadowlark sp.	198		39	7		362	4	12	287		35
Red-winged Blackbird	657	550	42	2	153	286		135	572		25
Brheaded Cowbird	4		250			6			26		
Rusty Blackbird			5				8		CW		
Brewer's Blackbird		1		CW					51		
blackbird sp.	35					5					
Common Grackle						13		2			31
Great-tail. Grackle				9				2			
Orange-cr. Warbler											
Yellow-ru. Warbler	7		11			1		CW	16		
Northern Cardinal	105	4	147			191	4	23	47		50
Passerine sp.											
TOTAL SPECIES	71	33	87	44	41	78	41	66	94	34	58
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	9,937	11,672	5,915	9,637	1,943	45,283	1,264	28,913	28,907	1,033	8,648

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	Keamey	Lake McConaughy	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Fox Sparrow	CW		6	7	3		2	2		41
Am. Tree Sparrow	479	43	614	340	117	76	197	97	10	4,070
Dark-eyed Junco	154	119	1,851	682	305	108	385	294	162	6,711
Slate-colored		97	903			78	73		31	1,407
Oregon		1	7			1		26	38	105
Pink-sided		9				2				13
unspec.subspecies	154	12	941	682	305	27	312	268	93	5,186
White-cr. Sparrow	64	1	18	15	1	32	20		30	434
Harris's Sparrow	109	8	52	53	2	27	70	3		975
White-thr. Sparrow	4	2	25	18	1		14	2		154
Savannah Sparrow										2
Song Sparrow	70	7	58	45		15	17	1		473
Lincoln's Sparrow										7
Swamp Sparrow	1		6	2		8	3	1		30
Sparrow sp.	1		6							13
Spotted Towhee	CW	1	3	1			3			46
Eastern Towhee										2
Yelheaded Blackbird										1
Western Meadowlark					22				14	127
Meadowlark sp.	213	1	14	131		67	116	9		1,495
Red-winged Blackbird	77	1,087	2,124	346	1,251	350	252	23	127	8,059
Brheaded Cowbird				9	2		CW			297
Rusty Blackbird		3		26	2		2	2		48
Brewer's Blackbird								3		55
blackbird sp.										40
Common Grackle			2		2					50
Great-tail. Grackle						235				246
Orange-cr. Warbler			1							1
Yellow-ru. Warbler	17	9		4	3	1				69
Northern Cardinal	41	6	210	120	30	6	109	33	1	1,127
Passerine sp.			1							1
TOTAL SPECIES	69	89	76	81	58	81	80	70	59	146
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	10,401	20,182	17,971	10,371	8,945	32,324	8,826	6,046	14,062	282,280