

MERRITT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS - 2023

NOTES: "CW" means species seen in count week (3 days before to 3 days after count day), but not on the count itself.

| SPECIES | No. Birds | Notes |
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| Canada Goose | 337 | |
| Trumpeter Swan | 51 | |
| Tundra Swan | 1 | Unusual - only on 3 previous counts |
| Wood Duck | CW | |
| Gadwall | 3 | |
| American Wigeon | 31 | |
| Mallard | 3315 | Well above average - 2nd highest ever |
| NORTHERN SHOVELER | 2 | Unusual - only on 2 previous counts |
| Northern Pintail | 2 | |
| Green-winged Teal | 27 | |
| Ring-necked Duck | 1 | |
| Greater Scaup | 2 | |
| Lesser Scaup | 5 | |
| Bufflehead | 93 | |
| Common Goldeneye | 39 | |
| Barrow's Goldeneye | 104 | New record high count |
| Hooded Merganser | 12 | Well above average |
| Common Merganser | 42 | New record high count |
| SHARP-TAILED GROUSE | 2 | Unusual - only the second count |
| Common Loon | 5 | Above average |
| PACIFIC LOON | 1 | !! A new species for the Merritt count |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 1 | |
| Horned Grebe | 7 | |
| AM. WHITE PELICAN | CW | !! A new species for the Merritt count week |
| Great Blue Heron | 6 | |
| Northern Harrier | 3 | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 0 | Missed - usually seen |
| Bald Eagle | 36 | |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 0 | Missed - usually seen |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 16 | |
| Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk | 1 | |
| Rock Pigeon | 254 | |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | 186 | |
| Mourning Dove | 37 | Low count - average is 93 |
| Belted Kingfisher | 4 | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 4 | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 5 | |
| N. (Red-shafted) Flicker | 30 | |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 0 | Missed - usually seen |
| American Kestrel | 2 | |
| PEREGRINE FALCON | 1 | Unusual - only on 2 previous counts |
| Northern Shrike | 3 | |
| Canada (Gray) Jay | 3 | |
| Steller's Jay | 18 | |
| Black-billed Magpie | 50 | |
| Clark's Nutcracker | 3 | Low count - average is 23 birds |
| American Crow | 103 | |
| Common Raven | 104 | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 41 | |
| Mountain Chickadee | 15 | |

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| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 6 | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 7 | Second highest count in 25 years |
| Pygmy Nuthatch | 55 | New record high count |
| Brown Creeper | 1 | |
| American Dipper | 1 | Low count - average is 7 birds |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 2 | |
| Townsend's Solitaire | 6 | |
| American Robin | 1 | Low count - average is 21 |
| Varied Thrush | 1 | |
| European Starling | 225 | |
| Bohemian Waxwing | 40 | Low count - average is 445 birds |
| YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER | 1 | Unusual - only recorded once before in 2002 |
| American Tree Sparrow | 18 | |
| Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco | 49 | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 11 | |
| Song Sparrow | 50 | A record high count. Average is 22 |
| Spotted Towhee | 5 | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 0 | Missed - usually seen |
| Brewer's Blackbird | 0 | Missed - usually seen |
| COMMON GRACKLE | 1 | !! A new species for the Merritt count |
| Pine Grosbeak | 6 | |
| House Finch | 88 | |
| Pine Siskin | 6 | |
| American Goldfinch | 9 | |
| House Sparrow | 401 | A record high count. Average is 89 |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS | 5998 | Well above the average of 4,107 birds |
| TOTAL SPECIES | 67 | Above the average of 61 species |
| TOTAL SPECIES (INCL. COUNT WEEK) | 69 | Above the average of 64 species |
| No. of participants (field) | 27 | |
| Total party-hours | 46 | |
| Feeder-watchers | 3 | |