

MERRITT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS, 1995/96 TO 2023/24

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Rare, high counts or well above average

Expected species missing or exceptionally low

Average

SPECIES	1995	1996	1997	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Max	AVG	Counts	
GR. WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	
ACKLING GOOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.2	1	
Canada Goose	40	25	171	151	13	55	1	107	115	87	43	232	193	296	469	638	305	189	782	482	389	536	19	11	337	782	227.4	25	
Trumpeter Swan	CW	0	2	13	1	12	CW	34	9	41	2	18	32	50	32	52	57	55	52	51	129	75	49	27	51	129	36.7	22	
Tundra Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	CW	7	0	0	0	1	7	0.5	4	
Mute Swan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Wood Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	CW	7	0.4	2	
Gadwall	4	0	1	0	0	12	0	9	25	10	0	CW	31	0	0	0	CW	0	1	11	19	43	18	0	3	43	8.1	13	
American Wigeon	0	CW	4	1	2	50	18	17	7	1	5	11	6	0	10	11	20	24	2	31	74	31	46	27	31	74	17.9	22	
Mallard	2985	461	3503	1247	877	1084	1054	448	698	221	186	576	852	542	785	418	506	811	1384	425	496	951	2784	5199	3315	5199	1272.3	25	
NORTHERN SHOVELER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	2	6	0.4	3	
Northern Pintail	0	1	0	0	1	2	CW	1	CW	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	17	6	0	0	2	17	1.5	10	
Green-winged Teal	3	13	22	40	6	67	23	61	23	0	0	9	3	15	12	24	13	2	4	15	8	9	2	6	27	67	16.3	23	
Canvasback	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.3	4	
REDHEAD	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1	1	
Ring-necked Duck	0	CW	0	251	49	61	0	51	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	CW	15	6	CW	32	2	5	0	1	251	21.8	13	
Greater Scaup	26	11	7	75	41	18	0	8	38	0	0	0	3	2	CW	0	CW	14	0	0	0	9	5	8	2	75	11.6	15	
Lesser Scaup	0	0	5	15	65	7	1	63	7	4	7	6	10	0	0	18	3	CW	0	20	1	CW	13	2	5	65	11.0	18	
Scaup sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	20	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	20	1.5	3	
Bufflehead	15	11	8	47	40	42	41	37	13	39	25	26	26	35	20	45	42	111	54	22	46	29	50	54	93	111	38.8	25	
Common Goldeneye	24	10	47	50	51	53	43	49	7	67	11	23	23	32	11	44	22	52	20	25	20	27	19	33	39	67	32.1	25	
Barrow's Goldeneye	17	5	2	38	41	27	15	30	20	9	27	19	12	43	28	37	42	33	59	48	36	76	16	9	104	104	31.7	25	
CoGo x BaGo hybrid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Hooded Merganser	CW	1	1	6	2	4	0	4	4	3	0	0	2	0	6	0	4	10	21	0	12	12	CW	0	0	12	4.5	16	
Common Merganser	15	7	31	11	9	14	12	21	4	7	3	10	12	4	19	16	19	6	20	11	14	10	4	4	42	42	13.0	25	
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
RUDDY DUCK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.2	4	
Chukar	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	CW	6	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2.0	4	
RING-NECKED PHEASANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2	2	
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	22	1.0	2	
Ruffed Grouse	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	2	2	9	3	0	5	1	1	0	0	9	1.5	12	
Common Loon	2	0	0	4	5	2	0	3	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	5	5	3	5	CW	0	0	5	5	2.1	16	
PACIFIC LOON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	1	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	1	1	3	6	1	1	0	1	0	4	0	3	2	4	2	7	CW	0	1	1	0	5	1	7	2.0	19	
Horned Grebe	4	2	5	15	33	12	1	3	7	5	0	1	CW	6	1	7	6	18	9	3	1	3	10	10	7	33	7.0	23	
Red-necked Grebe	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	CW	0	0	0	0	CW	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0.5	7	
EARED GREBE	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.2	2	
Western Grebe	CW	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	CW	3	1	1	CW	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0.8	7	
DOUBLE-CR. CORMORANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
AM. WHITE PELICAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CW	0	0.0	0
Great Blue Heron	1	1	0	2	6	5	1	4	2	4	5	2	9	13	3	4	3	3	7	8	3	1	3	1	6	13	3.9	24	
Golden Eagle	1	1	4	2	1	0	CW	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.0	14	
Northern Harrier	0	1	16	2	CW	5	1	4	1	0	1	2	1	6	3	3	6	2	4	11	4	2	CW	0	3	16	3.4	20	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	5	1	2	2	5	5	0	5	1.7	17	
COOPER'S HAWK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	0	1	0	0	CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	
Bald Eagle	3	10	52	18	18	9	17	19	18	21	16	25	36	38	15	38	56	74	65	28	31	23	36	36	36	74	29.5	25	
Red-tailed Hawk	3	3	12	14	14	9	8	9	10	8	7	27	20	14	21	26	9	52	28	5	17	22	8	24	16	52	15.4	25	
Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.3	7	

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Rough-legged Hawk	0	3	7	10	7	CW	5	2	6	2	9	7	2	4	11	8	8	16	12	6	1	3	5	15	0	16	6.2	22	
Buteo sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1	1	
American Coot	1	0	10	2	45	14	901	21	0	5	1	1	0	0	CW	2	1	482	0	24	0	0	1118	253	0	1118	120.0	16	
VIRGINIA RAIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	4	0.3	2	
Killdeer	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0.4	6	
Wilson's Snipe	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2	3	
RING-BILLED GULL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Rock Pigeon	25	177	213	69	597	131	77	113	468	218	149	49	202	111	80	123	175	85	102	78	259	360	380	281	254	597	191.0	25	
Eurasian Collared Dove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	34	112	115	85	107	63	228	151	99	146	114	161	242	186	242	74.3	15	
Mourning Dove	100	23	65	441	38	113	158	237	150	153	23	28	34	80	42	40	55	122	40	0	18	48	235	53	37	441	93.3	24	
Great Horned Owl	CW	0	0	CW	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	CW	CW	0	1	0	0	1	0	CW	CW	1	0	2	0.5	8	
SNOWY OWL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	0	1	0	3	1	0	CW	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	CW	1	1	0	3	0.7	12	
BARRED OWL	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	
Short-eared Owl	0	0	0	0	0	CW	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.1	2	
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Belted Kingfisher	3	CW	1	1	3	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	6	3	1	3	CW	4	1	1	1	1	1	CW	4	6	2.0	20
Downy Woodpecker	0	2	3	4	5	3	1	3	1	6	6	5	4	4	1	6	6	9	7	2	7	2	4	5	4	9	4.0	24	
Hairy Woodpecker	2	7	2	10	2	3	1	4	2	11	8	6	4	5	CW	8	3	7	11	1	6	2	0	2	5	11	4.7	23	
THREE-TOED WOODPECKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2	2	
N. (Red-shafted) Flicker	3	7	7	23	20	17	13	12	22	16	12	20	34	36	18	44	34	45	31	34	40	30	39	54	30	54	25.6	25	
N. (hybrid) Flicker	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	
Pileated Woodpecker	CW	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	CW	2	2	0	5	1.4	18	
American Kestrel	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	3	3	1	6	2	4	0	2	6	1.2	15	
Merlin	0	1	1	0	6	0	1	CW	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	CW	0	0	1	3	0	6	1.2	15	
GYRFALCON	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	
PEREGRINE FALCON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	3	
PRAIRIE FALCON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Northern Shrike	2	5	7	3	3	4	2	4	4	5	3	7	8	0	1	3	6	7	3	3	5	3	10	7	3	10	4.3	24	
Canada (Gray) Jay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0.8	7	
Steller's Jay	CW	4	6	6	5	0	4	6	2	14	19	9	23	2	27	37	33	34	1	38	19	5	9	18	38	13.5	23		
Black-billed Magpie	6	13	39	45	20	19	18	38	21	50	23	22	32	23	31	37	52	47	72	23	36	30	34	28	50	72	32.4	25	
Clark's Nutcracker	4	17	10	82	12	67	49	1	25	5	34	24	25	65	20	25	20	18	23	8	20	19	2	1	3	82	23.2	25	
American Crow	139	17	65	48	38	24	15	49	40	31	49	8	74	36	19	106	98	165	347	73	42	59	137	138	103	347	76.8	25	
Common Raven	35	124	116	67	98	68	106	100	85	95	74	77	131	139	87	128	118	193	117	63	169	84	45	160	104	193	103.3	25	
Horned Lark	0	3	0	0	CW	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	2.0	3	
Black-capped Chickadee	0	26	12	45	25	35	11	18	36	35	6	22	31	12	31	47	21	45	39	58	96	18	19	12	41	96	29.6	24	
Mountain Chickadee	CW	34	24	42	24	115	19	41	10	30	39	25	24	17	34	17	24	10	33	15	10	25	7	0	15	115	26.4	23	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	10	6	16	11	32	9	2	11	1	12	20	11	22	2	CW	5	12	9	2	23	15	CW	8	6	32	10.8	23	
White-breasted Nuthatch	CW	3	2	3	6	8	1	4	1	1	5	0	6	1	0	2	1	4	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	8	2.6	18
Pygmy Nuthatch	0	12	14	37	13	53	8	2	26	17	22	2	25	21	4	3	15	3	33	CW	14	30	14	5	55	55	17.8	23	
Brown Creeper	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	4	0.4	6	
Pacific (Winter) Wren	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0.4	5	
MARSH WREN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	3
American Dipper	9	8	2	8	12	12	16	8	6	12	5	5	6	5	8	8	7	7	8	4	2	2	10	8	1	16	7.2	25	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0.5	5
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Townsend's Solitaire	5	3	2	10	15	19	5	4	8	9	5	8	3	0	10	10	2	13	4	9	0	7	4	6	19	6.8	23		
American Robin	0	0	7	20	312	8	0	1	3	15	6	1	1	1	1	20	9	6	0	61	1	53	0	8	1	312	21.4	20	
Varied Thrush	0	0	0	CW	0	2	0	0	0	0	CW	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	3	0	1	1	CW	1	5	0.7	8	
European Starling	25	108	139	152	158	58	90	168	166	252	256	228	563	188	329	336	115	733	199	619	327	405	432	787	225	787	282.3	25	

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Bohemian Waxwing	20	460	170	1036	910	45	383	420	622	1221	637	1	76	311	100	383	192	2009	85	551	425	66	290	670	40	2009	444.9	25	
SNOW BUNTING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	0.6	1	
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1	2	
American Tree Sparrow	0	0	0	33	CW	7	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	0	6	0	2	10	29	11	18	33	5.5	12	
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	15	7	15	15	6	45	33	73	30	48	35	47	29	135	126	74	68	190	39	272	61	115	79	263	49	272	74.8	25	
Dark-eyed (Slate-c.) Junco	0	1	3	0	CW	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.6	8	
White-crowned Sparrow	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	6	30	1	0	0	CW	3	0	11	30	2.8	11		
HARRIS'S SPARROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Song Sparrow	1	3	14	9	15	27	15	16	12	16	17	9	16	25	12	28	38	47	32	26	42	35	38	7	50	50	22.0	25	
SWAMP SPARROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
Spotted Towhee	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	6	5	6	5	8	6	2	12	9	3	8	12	5	11	10	5	12	5.0	20	
Red-winged Blackbird	18	CW	2	132	150	52	53	225	136	13	40	3	85	39	15	338	70	302	CW	165	68	55	92	29	0	338	90.5	22	
WESTERN MEADOWLARK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2	4	
Brewer's Blackbird	4	36	0	50	20	0	35	22	70	89	82	3	152	70	15	140	51	66	0	100	2	18	100	34	0	152	46.4	21	
Blackbird sp.	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	200	0	350	24.4	3	
COMMON GRACKLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	1
Pine Grosbeak	0	12	0	0	94	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	48	0	5	0	0	2	0	1	6	94	7.2	9		
House Finch	53	125	109	118	110	168	98	92	306	193	101	231	439	217	150	241	176	317	143	38	353	139	266	188	88	439	178.4	25	
CASSIN'S FINCH	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1	1	
Red Crossbill	0	73	0	8	0	115	0	4	0	0	1	15	8	4	35	14	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	11.3	12	
Common Redpoll	0	0	0	0	281	22	0	1	0	24	8	0	0	79	1	0	54	0	376	0	0	0	0	0	0	376	33.8	9	
HOARY REDPOLL	0	0	0	0	CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Pine Siskin	90	0	0	0	26	0	0	2	1	CW	19	1	0	153	0	1	5	11	24	391	0	160	1	10	6	391	37.5	16	
LESSER GOLDFINCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1	
American Goldfinch	1	8	46	23	50	58	34	6	20	9	33	20	60	152	84	138	82	76	66	30	9	53	10	33	9	152	44.4	25	
Evening Grosbeak	12	6	10	35	6	8	0	10	0	4	0	21	17	0	23	22	0	3	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	35	8.0	14	
House Sparrow	21	15	59	0	72	18	15	39	31	56	72	109	186	192	58	96	166	95	139	37	59	102	77	107	401	401	88.9	24	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3743	1925	5089	4693	4519	2945	3418	2752	3361	3207	2181	2050	3704	3475	2851	4007	3074	7026	4785	4021	3699	3977	7126	9154	5998	9154	4111.2	25	
TOTAL SPECIES	42	54	56	64	70	64	49	68	62	58	56	58	60	64	57	68	74	70	65	62	66	61	59	60	67	74	61.4	25	
TOTAL SPECIES (INCL. COUNT WEEK)	50	59	56	66	75	66	53	69	63	61	58	59	62	66	63	69	78	73	68	68	66	67	63	62	69	78	64.4	25	
No. of participants (field)													26	25	28	34	36	34	30	31	30	17	21	27					
Total party-hours														42.5	51	53.5	52	50	49.5	51.5	56.6	40	40	46					
Feeder-watchers													3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	3					

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