



Dickey Rd 12/15/2022

Brodhead Christmas Bird Count December 15th, 2022

A huge THANK YOU to all the counters that have contributed to this count

The 2022 Brodhead Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was the 18th year of this count. In 2022, counters found 50 bird species. The average number of species found is 50.2 5554 individual birds were reported. The average number of individuals is 5499. As these numbers indicate 2022 was a fairly average year for this count.

Eurasian Tree Sparrows were found for the first time on this CBC. One individual was reported in Juda and another was found at a feeder outside of Albany. Eurasian Tree Sparrow is the 99th species recorded in the history of the Brodhead CBC.

Complete list of species found, Count of individuals recorded, 18 year Average, and number of Years found.

Species	Count	Ave.	Years	Species	Count	Ave.	Years
Canada Goose	748	599	18	Black-capped Chickadee	83	113	18
Mallard	16	15	17	Tufted Titmouse	10	11	18
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	10	16	Horned Lark	332	143	17
Wild Turkey	64	155	18	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	4.9	14
Rock Pigeon	226	333	18	White-breasted Nuthatch	48	45	18
Eurasian Collared Dove	23	11	9	Brown Creeper	4	2.9	16
Mourning Dove	322	162	18	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1		6
Wilson's Snipe	23	7.8	9	E. Starling	765	1717	18
Northern Harrier	6	3.7	13	Eastern Bluebird	21	14	14
Cooper's Hawk	3	3.1	15	American Robin	4	13	14
Bald Eagle	7	5.9	17	Cedar Waxwing	50	42	15
Red-Tailed Hawk	23	34	18	House Sparrow	688	602	18
Ring-billed Gull	4		4	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	2		1
Great Horned Owl	3	2.2	15	House Finch	50	91	18
Barred Owl	1	1	8	American Goldfinch	107	130	18
Short-eared Owl	2		4	Lapland Longspur	170	156	13
Belted Kingfisher	3	1.8	16	Snow Bunting	113	79	13
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	0.8	6	American Tree Sparrow	452	481	18
Red-bellied Woodpecker	48	36	18	Dark-eyed Junco	506	798	18
Downy Woodpecker	51	47	18	White-crowned Sparrow	5	6.5	12
Hairy Woodpecker	16	16	18	White-throated Sparrow	1	3	9
Northern Flicker	4	4.7	15	Song Sparrow	8	11.6	18
A. Kestrel	14	15	17	Rusty Blackbird	1	1.5	5
Blue Jay	71	91	18	Common Grackle	1		4
American Crow	328	261	18	Northern Cardinal	120	140	18

Only one species was found in record high numbers. The 23 Eurasian Collared Doves beat the previous high of 15.

No Rough-legged Hawks were found in 2022. This species had been reported in all 17 prior years.

Three other species were found for only the fourth year; Ring-billed Gull, Short-eared Owl, and Common Grackle.

Two Short-eared Owls found hunting a pasture along County FF.



23 Wilson's Snipe seen on Albany Lake. Rain and snow caused the water levels to rise. The high water levels meant the Killdeer seen at this location several days earlier were not found on the day of the count.



Eurasian Tree Sparrows have been found in increasing numbers in Green County the previous two years, so it was not surprising when two were found in 2022.



Several species were found in less than 50% of their normal abundance.

- Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 vs average of 10
- Wild Turkey: 64 vs 155 average
- European Starling: 765 vs 1717 average
- Red-breasted Nuthatch: 2 vs 4.9 average

Species reported at twice there average abundance were:

- Horned Lark: 332 vs 143 average
- Wilson's Snipe: 23 vs 7.8 average
- Eurasian Collared Dove: 23 vs 11 average
- Mourning Dove: 322 vs 162 average

The rain and snow the night prior to the count dampened our results. The wind kept some of the birds sheltered out of sight. Despite the weather we still had another successful CBC.

Thanks,
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Brodhead CBC compile