

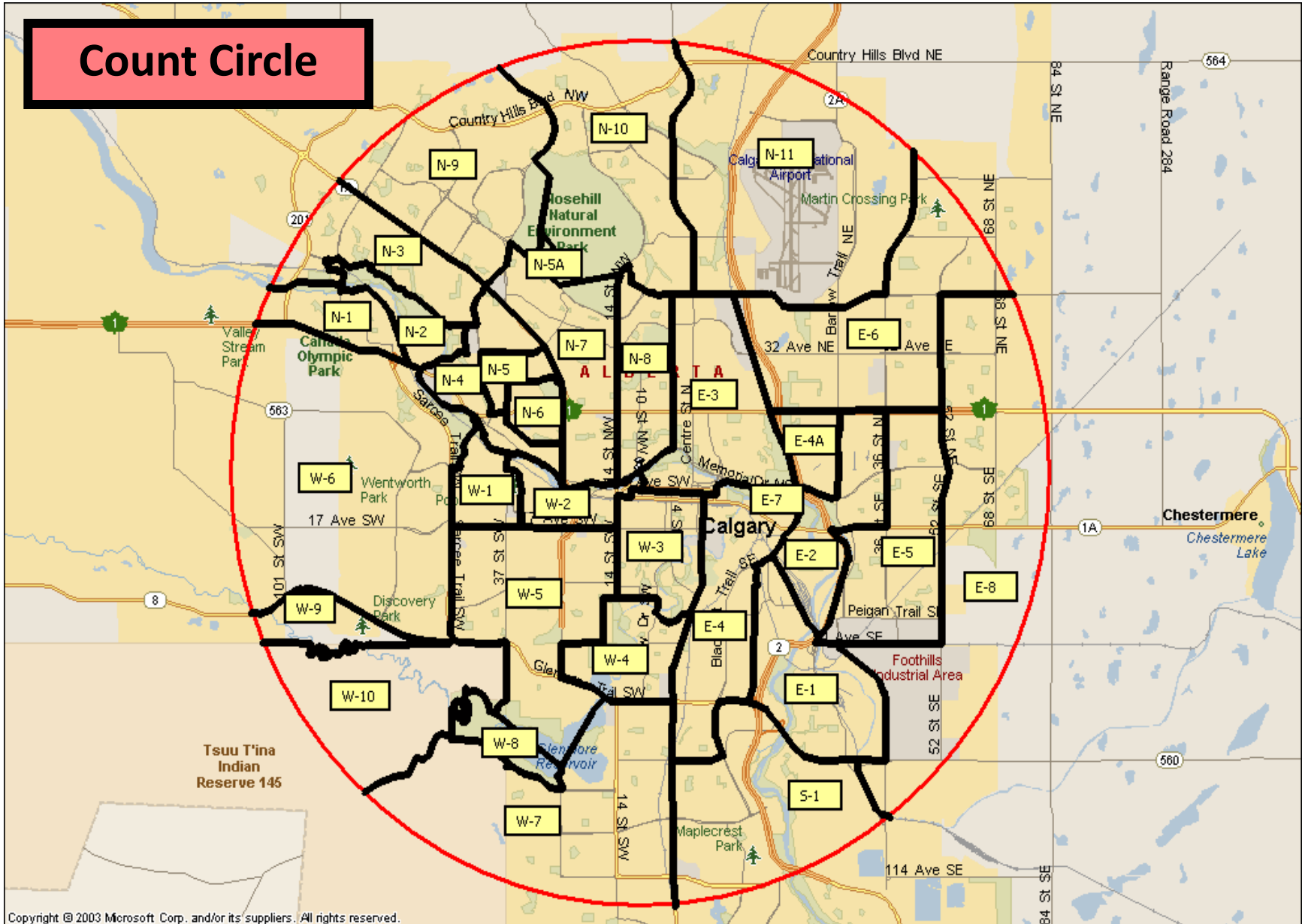
60th Calgary Christmas Bird Count



Sunday December 18, 2011

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Count Circle



Conditions

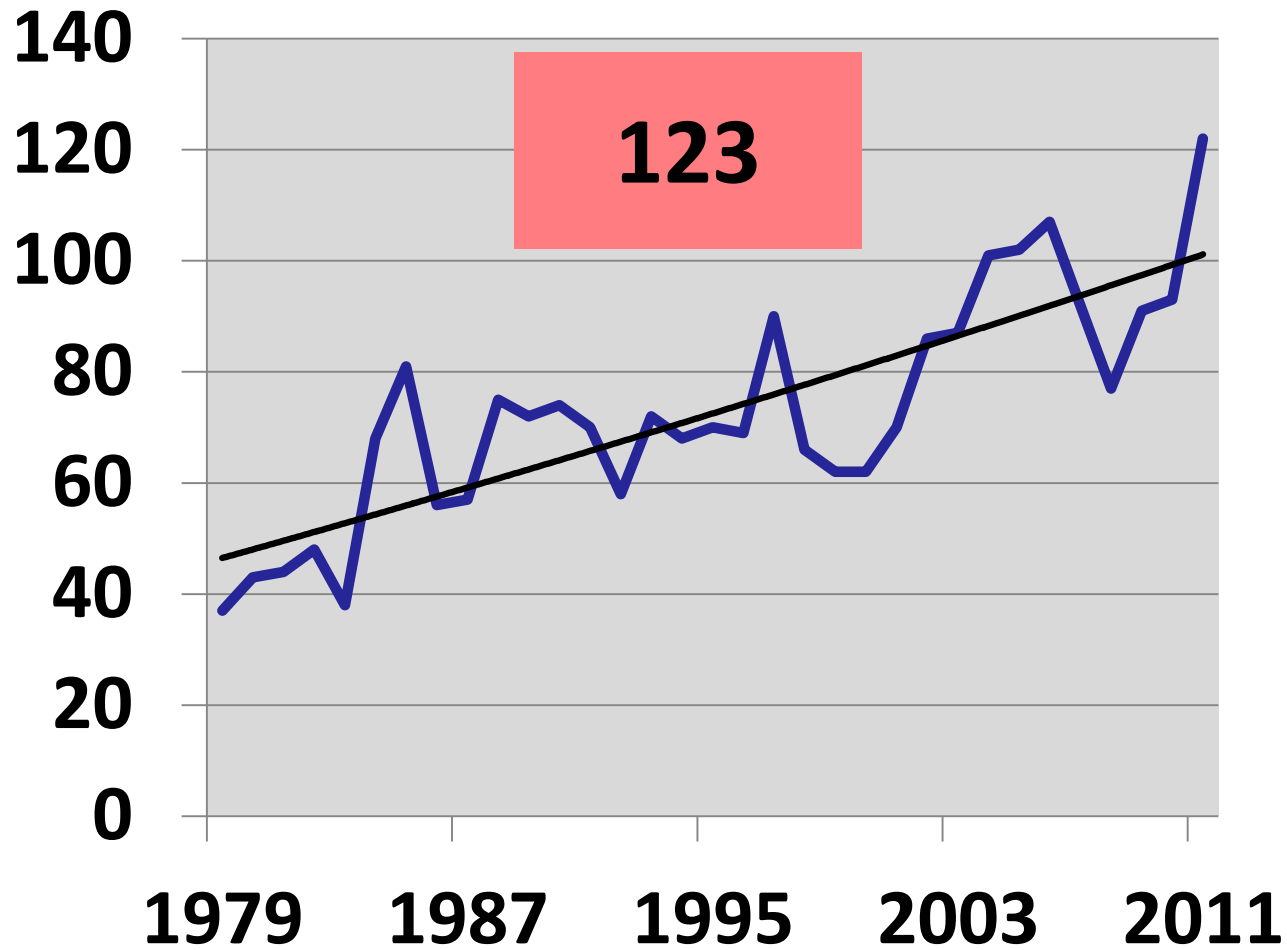
- **Cloudy following light snowfall overnight**
- **Temperature Range: -3 to zero deg C**
- **Wind: Light northerly, max speed 18 km/h**
- **Snow Cover: 10-15 cm**
- **Open Water: Rivers 75-100 %, Reservoir, 0%**

Participants

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Field Observers (28 routes)	123	93	91	77
Feeder Watchers (91 feeders)	117	102	105	123
Total	240	195	196	200

Six under 18s

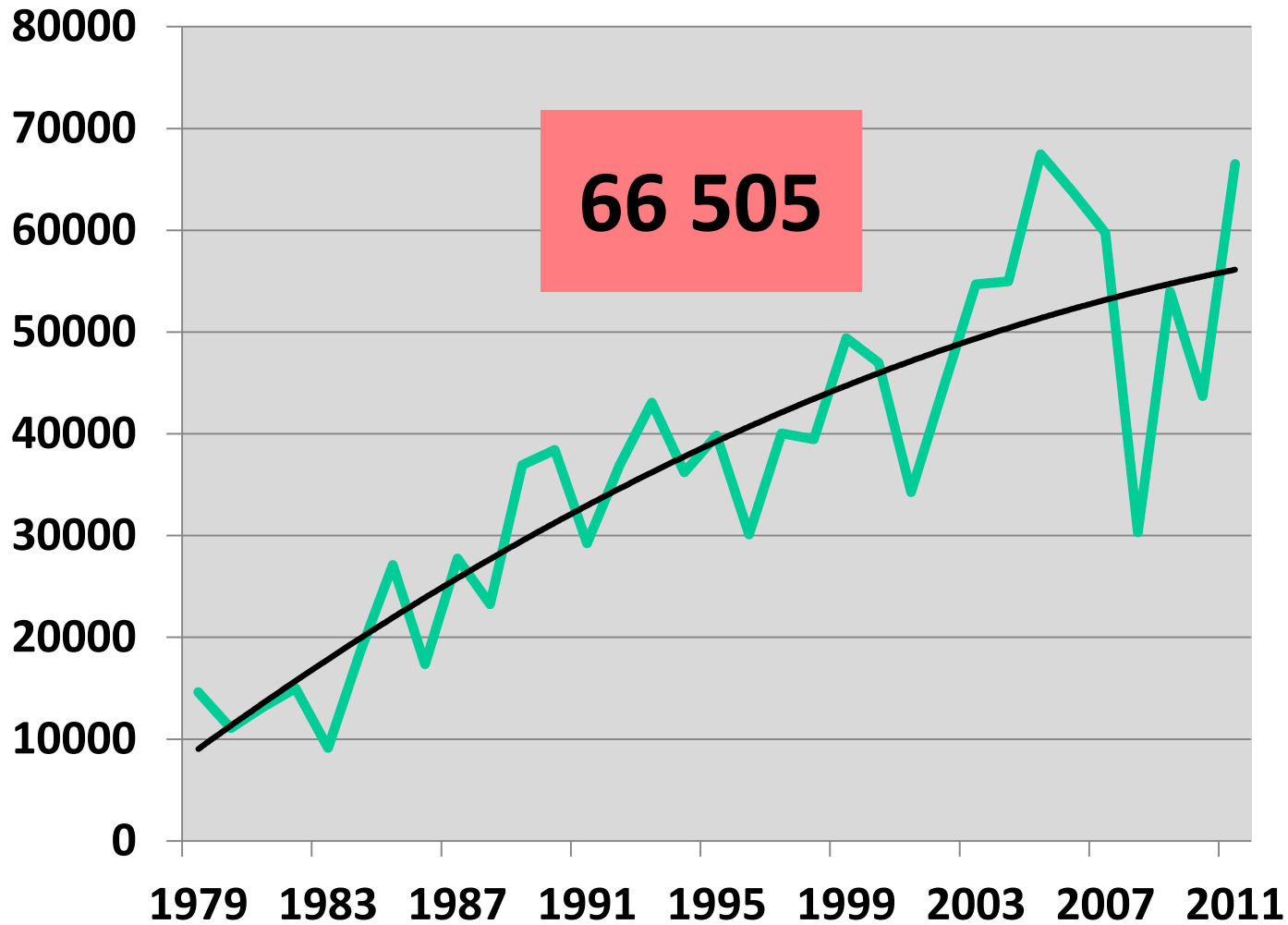
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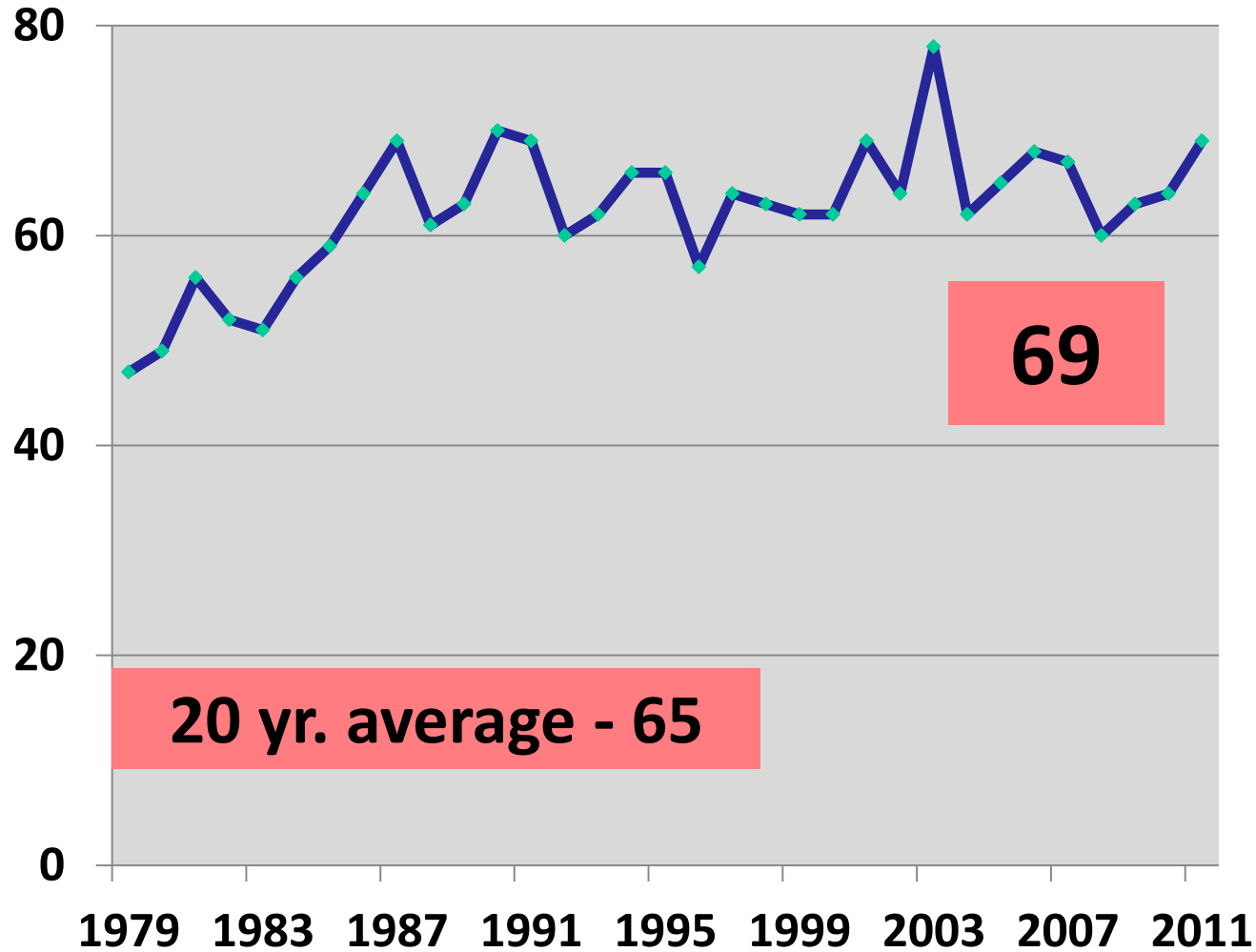
Effort

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Km on Foot	272	230	225	162
Km in Car	1021	881	1050	1236
Party-Hours	231	205	219	190
% PH on Foot	71	70	69	53

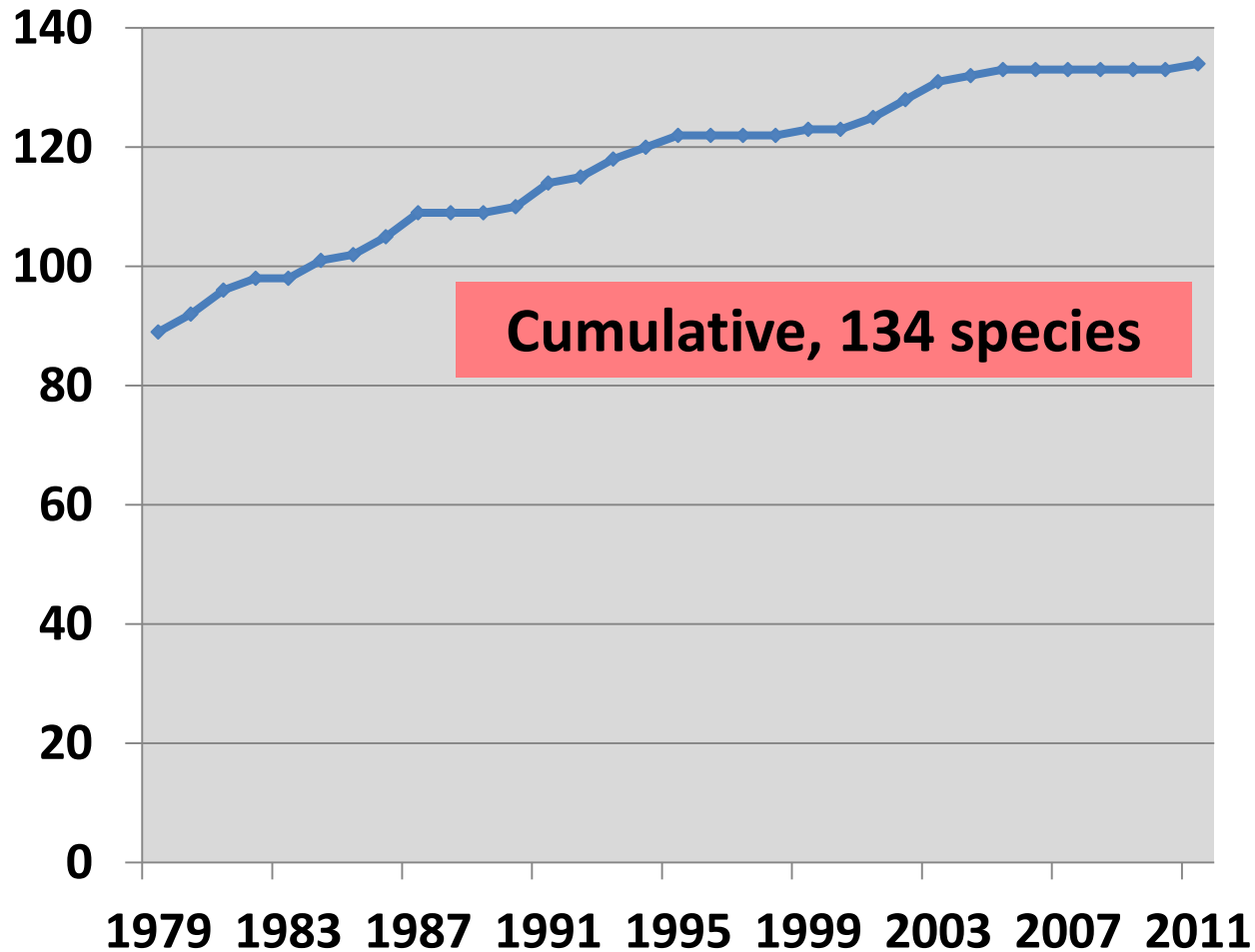
Number of Individuals Seen



Number of Species



Cumulative Species



First new species since 2005

Count Week

- **Count Day, 69**
- **Count Week, 4**
- **Total Including Count Week, 73**
- **... and 2 near misses**

**Below
Average**

Top Ten

**Above
Average**

Bohemian Waxwing, 19593	Common Goldeneye, 2993
Mallard, 14623	Black-billed Magpie, 2364
Canada Goose, 8186	Common Redpoll, 1516
House Sparrow, 6214	Black-capped Chickadee, 1358
Rock Pigeon, 3221	House Finch, 1280
	White-winged Crossbill, 1134

Record Counts

**A Record Count was set for
FIVE species:**

Cooper's Hawk (6)

Northern Flicker (142)

Pine Grosbeak (852)

White-winged Crossbill (1134)

Hoary Redpoll (23)

(2003 – 19; 2004 – 6; 2005 - 9; 2006 – 12; 2007 – 10; 2008 – 1; 2009 – 3; 2010 - 5)

125 –
200%

Above Average

200 –
300%

Mallard, 14623	House Finch, 1280
Barrow's Goldeneye, 20	Northern Goshawk, 6
Sharp-shinned Hawk, 8	Bohemian Waxwing, 19593
Rock Pigeon, 3221	High Counts :
Northern Flicker, 142	Pine Grosbeak, 852
Dark-eyed Junco, 213	Common Redpoll, 1516

>300%

100 – 200%

200 – 300%

Above Average

> 300%

Hooded Merganser, 5	Prairie Falcon, 2
Red-tailed Hawk, 1	Townsend's Solitaire, 8
American Tree Sparrow, 6	Pine Siskin, 571
Snow Bunting, 3	High Counts :
Red Crossbill, 139	Cooper's Hawk, 6
Ring-necked Pheasant, 24	Rough-legged Hawk, 14
Gyr Falcon, 2	White-winged Crossbill, 1134

Below Average

50 – 100%

33 – 50%

< 33 %

Northern Pintail, 1

Lesser Scaup, 1

Killdeer, 5

Belted Kingfisher, 1

Pileated Woodpecker, 1

Cedar Waxwing, 10

Northern Shrike, 2

American Wigeon, 2

Unusual Species

Cackling Goose, 2	3
Canvasback, 1	1
Northern Harrier, 1	2
Harris's Sparrow, 2	3
Rusty Blackbird, 2	3
Purple Finch, 2	3
Hoary Redpoll, 23	2
Evening Grosbeak, 2	1

Fourth Count Record!



Pied-billed Grebe

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Second Count Record!



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New for Count!



American Pipit

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Thanks!

- **To all Field Observers and Feeder Watchers**
- **To Donna and Arthur Wieckowski, and Bob Lefebvre**
- **To Lenora and Dick Flynn**
- **To Jean Moore, Jean Dunn, Barb Coote, Catherine Huene, Dorothy Johnston, Joan Falcione and Aileen Pelzer**
- **To all photographers**
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