

2025 Calgary Christmas Bird Count Coverage

Field and Feeder Watcher coverage during the 74th annual Calgary Christmas Bird Count on December 14, 2025.

Please note that not all field team data was submitted via eBird and several checklists did not contain tracks. All effort and mammal data was received via a preformatted template and submitted directly to the compilers.

EFFORT SUMMARY	Total	Field	Feeders
Number of Unique Participants	265	154	111
Total Hours Spent	484	276	208
Total Distance Travelled (km)	1,120	1,120	
On foot	371	371	
Driving / Other	749	749	
Number of eBird checklists:	297		
Number of effort/count templates:	116	31	85

Calgary CBC Map Legend

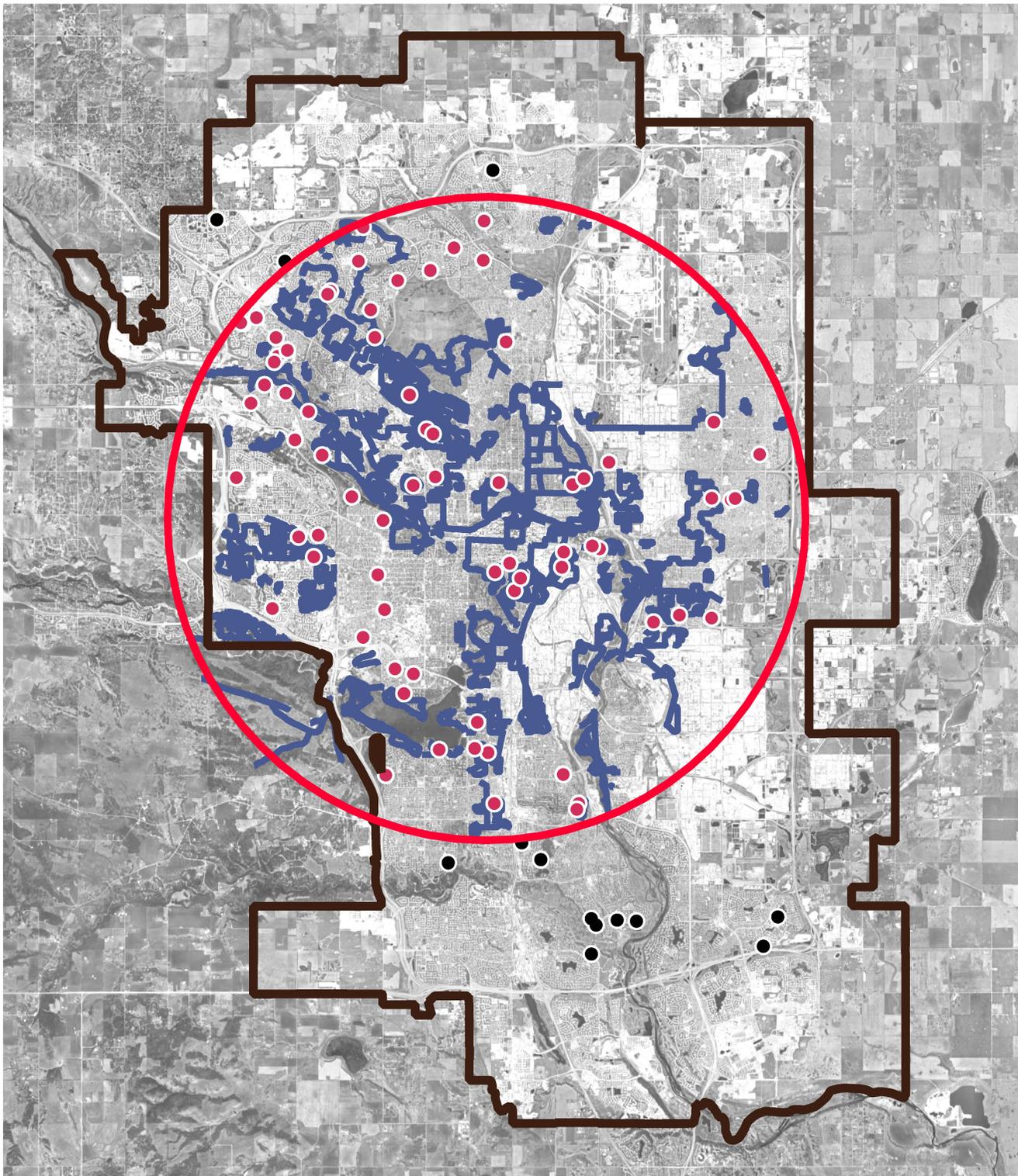
-  ABCA- Calgary Count Circle
-  Calgary Municipal Boundary
-  FW INSIDE
-  FW OUTSIDE
-  Field Team (eBird Track)



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COUNT RESULTS	Total	Field	Feeders	Record	15-yr Avg	vs. Avg
Total Count - Species	68	66	34	77	67	1%
Additional Count Week species	-			in 2003		
New Species this year	1	Northern Mockingbird				
Cumulative # of species since 1952	147					
Total Count - Individual Birds	43,631	40,838	2,793	72,078	51,592	-15%
				in 2015		

CONDITIONS

Mainly cloudy with light wind and no precipitation. Temperatures ranged from -3 C up to 8 C.

Unusual Species (< 4 reports in last 15 yrs)

Long-eared Owl (2nd report in count history, back to 1952)

American Kestrel (last reported in 2003)

Northern Shoveler (3 reports in last 15 yrs)

Sharp-tailed Grouse (2 reports in last 15 yrs)

Common Grackle (3 reports in last 15 yrs)

Missing Regulars (> 12 reports in last 15 yrs)

Cackling Goose (seen 13 of last 15 yrs)

American Dipper (seen 13 of last 15 yrs)

New Record High Counts

Trumpeter Swan (38 vs. prior record of 19)

Ring-necked Duck (21 vs. prior record of 8)

Bufflehead (437 vs. prior record of 321)

Hooded Merganser (16 vs. prior 11)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (16 vs. prior 12)

Pileated Woodpecker (10 vs. prior 9)

Northern Flicker (623 vs. prior 588)

Black-billed Magpie (3,716 vs. prior 3,129)

American Crow (259 vs. prior 219)

American Robin (259 vs. prior 219)

Most-reported Species (highest counts)

Canada Goose, Mallard, House Sparrow, Black-billed Magpie, Rock Pigeon

Most Widespread Species (reported in the most locations)

Black-billed Magpie, Northern Flicker, Black-capped Chickadee, House Sparrow, House Finch

Least Widespread Species

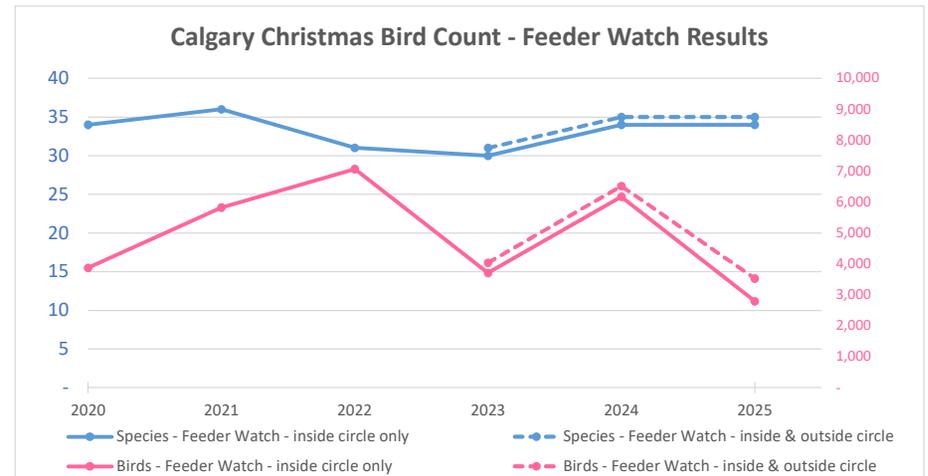
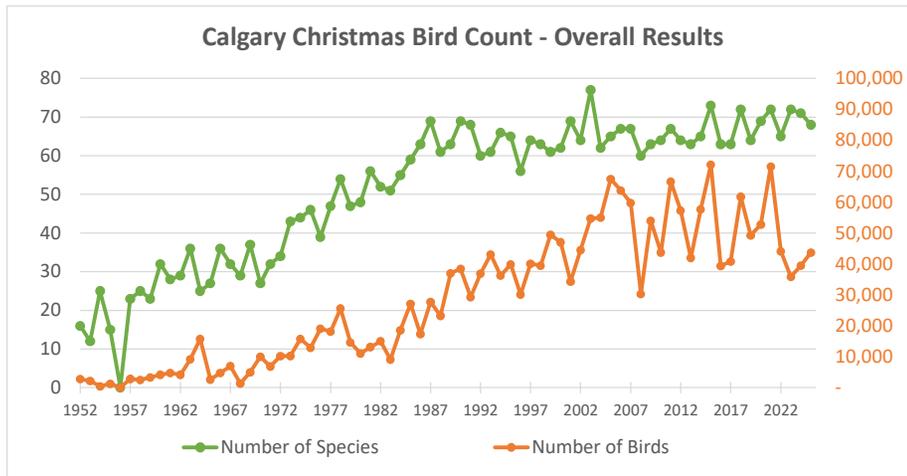
12 species seen in only one location, including: Sharp-tailed Grouse, Common Grackle, Purple Finch, Red Crossbill, American Tree Sparrow, various ducks

2 species seen only by Feeder Watchers: American Kestrel, Pine Siskin

Notable Low Counts

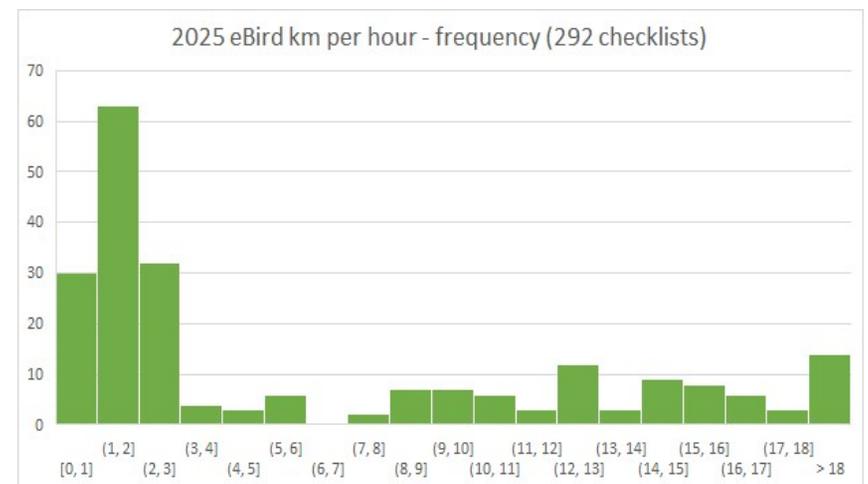
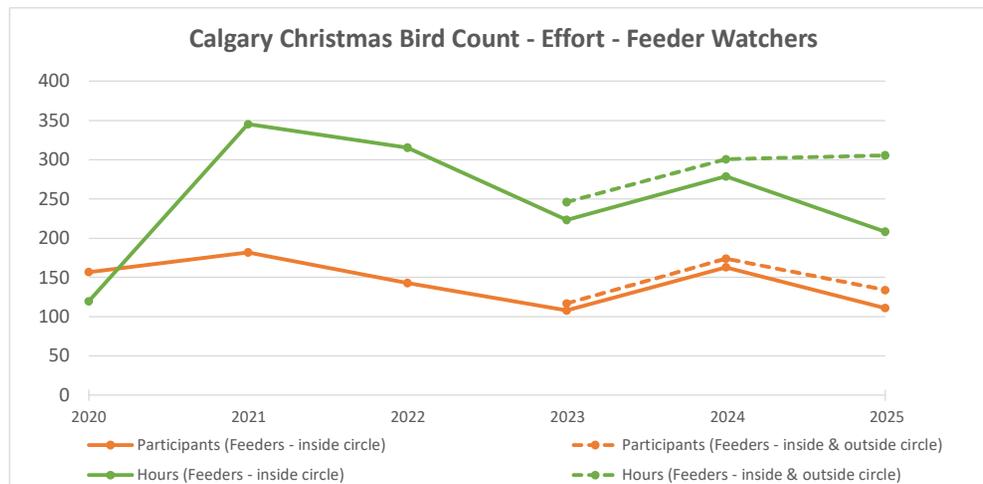
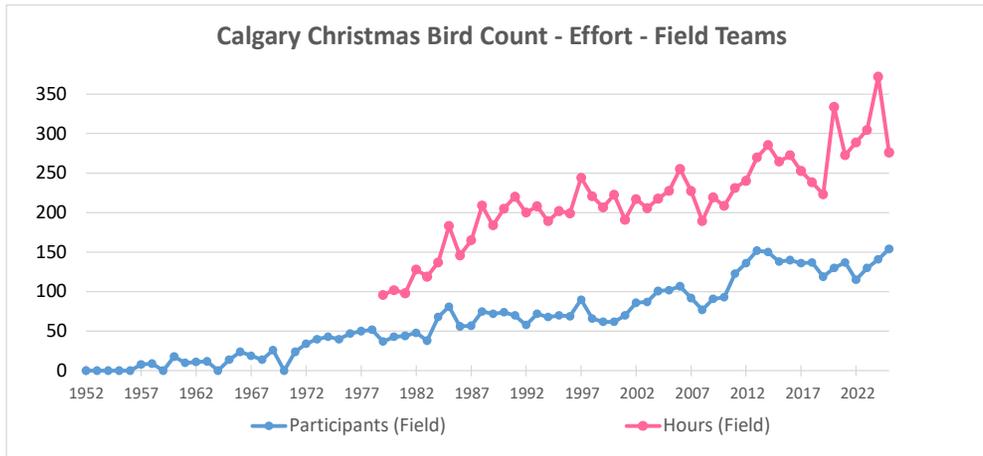
Large shortfalls in total count: Bohemian Waxwing (1,041 vs avg 8,850)

Others 80% or more below avg: Pine Siskin (5 vs. avg 161), Pine Grosbeak (24 vs. avg 151), Red Crossbill (3 vs. avg 88), White-winged Crossbill (45 vs. avg 498)



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EFFORT SUMMARY	Total	Field	Feeders	15-yr Avg	vs. Avg
Number of Unique Participants	265	154	111	Field only: 132	17%
Total Hours Spent	484	276	208	Field only: 271	2%
Total Distance Travelled (km)	1,120	1,120		** Feeder data not available before 2019	
On foot	371	371			
Driving / Other	749	749			
Number of eBird checklists:	297		** Record high checklist count this year		
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SPECIES COUNTS	Current Year Count	Field	Feeders	Count Week	Record High Count	Record Year	Prior Record (if broken this yr)	% of Years Reported Since 1952	15-yr Average	Current Yr vs. 15-yr Avg (Count)	Current Yr vs. 15-yr Avg (%)
Canada Goose	11,569	11,085	485	-	27,452	2004		74%	12,581	-1,012	-8%
Trumpeter Swan	38	38	-	-	38	2025	19	15%	3	35	1362%
Northern Shoveler	2	2	-	-	2	2025	2	9%		2	650%
Gadwall	16	16	-	-	40	2024		43%	5	11	216%
American Wigeon	8	8	-	-	42	2002		49%	1	7	700%
Mallard	11,956	11,852	104	-	24,506	1992		99%	11,299	656	6%
Green-winged Teal	2	2	-	-	9	2005		54%	1	1	131%
Canvasback	1	1	-	-	8	2023		19%	1	-0	-29%
Redhead	23	23	-	-	62	2023		47%	19	4	24%
Ring-necked Duck	21	21	-	-	21	2025	8	23%	2	19	751%
Lesser Scaup	5	5	-	-	14	1991		59%	3	2	83%
Harlequin Duck	4	4	-	-	7	1989		38%	1	3	275%
Bufflehead	437	437	-	-	437	2025	321	73%	189	248	131%
Common Goldeneye	590	590	-	-	5,356	2007		97%	936	-346	-37%
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	2	-	-	25	2016		73%	9	-7	-78%
Hooded Merganser	16	16	-	-	16	2025	11	55%	4	12	287%
Common Merganser	121	118	3	-	159	2017		97%	75	46	62%
Sharp-tailed Grouse	1	1	-	-	25	1986		38%		1	150%
Gray Partridge	67	46	21	-	276	1977		96%	67	0	0%
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	2	1	-	124	1961		97%	9	-6	-67%
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	2,486	2,260	226	-	4,611	2006		70%	1,924	562	29%
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4	2	2	-	63	2015		18%	19	-15	-79%
Killdeer	10	10	-	-	18	1987		54%	4	6	154%
Sharp-shinned Hawk	16	13	3	-	16	2025	12	36%	6	10	176%
American Goshawk	4	3	1	-	9	2019		74%	4	0	11%
Bald Eagle	44	42	2	-	55	2021		80%	33	11	32%
Red-tailed Hawk	4	3	1	-	5	2014		27%	1	3	300%
Rough-legged Hawk	3	2	1	-	17	2015		72%	6	-3	-46%
Great Horned Owl	3	2	1	-	26	1991		84%	7	-4	-56%
Long-eared Owl	2	2	-	-	2	2025	1	3%	-	2	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	2	1	-	4	2024		28%	1	2	165%
Belted Kingfisher	3	3	-	-	9	1988		73%	2	1	45%
Downy Woodpecker	227	177	50	-	264	2021		95%	194	33	17%
Hairy Woodpecker	30	26	4	-	50	2018		85%	36	-6	-16%
Pileated Woodpecker	10	10	-	-	10	2025	9	51%	3	7	295%
Northern Flicker	623	534	89	-	623	2025	588	78%	269	354	131%
American Kestrel	1	-	1	-	3	1986		8%	-	1	-
Merlin	18	15	3	-	43	2015		92%	21	-3	-15%
Northern Shrike	3	3	-	-	11	2015		78%	5	-2	-38%
Blue Jay	101	72	29	-	256	1994		62%	108	-7	-6%
Black-billed Magpie	3,716	3,342	374	-	3,716	2025	3,129	99%	2,579	1,137	44%
American Crow	264	254	10	-	264	2025	183	73%	99	165	167%
Common Raven	443	408	35	-	858	2017		70%	500	-57	-11%
Black-capped Chickadee	1,545	1,423	122	-	2,221	2006		99%	1,845	-300	-16%
Mountain Chickadee	6	6	-	-	58	2024		50%	9	-3	-33%
Boreal Chickadee	11	11	-	-	101	1987		81%	16	-5	-33%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11	11	-	-	85	1990		85%	15	-4	-26%
White-breasted Nuthatch	96	79	17	-	203	2014		81%	104	-8	-7%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	323	264	59	-	727	2015		76%	359	-36	-10%
Brown Creeper	10	9	1	-	33	2014		84%	18	-8	-44%
European Starling	74	74	-	-	1,445	1995		97%	268	-194	-72%

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Northern Mockingbird	1	1	-	-	1	2025	-	1%	-	1	-
Townsend's Solitaire	4	4	-	-	18	2021		50%	6	-2	-30%
American Robin	259	256	3	-	259	2025	219	64%	79	180	226%
Bohemian Waxwing	1,041	1,041	-	-	20,012	2005		95%	8,851	-7,810	-88%
House Sparrow	5,898	5,040	858	-	10,304	2000		96%	6,263	-365	-6%
Pine Grosbeak	24	24	-	-	862	2011		85%	151	-127	-84%
House Finch	862	645	217	-	2,015	2021		47%	1,166	-304	-26%
Purple Finch	1	1	-	-	7	1995		20%	1	-0	-17%
Redpoll	219	209	10	-	2,039	1995		92%	427	-208	-49%
Red Crossbill	3	3	-	-	563	2015		39%	88	-85	-97%
White-winged Crossbill	45	45	-	-	4,448	2015		61%	498	-453	-91%
Pine Siskin	5	-	5	-	772	2003		64%	161	-156	-97%
American Goldfinch	15	14	1	-	39	2022		15%	3	12	411%
American Tree Sparrow	10	10	-	-	34	1999		47%	3	7	188%
Dark-eyed Junco	244	191	53	-	683	2022		72%	185	59	32%
White-throated Sparrow	9	9	-	-	15	1994		38%	4	5	150%
Common Grackle	1	1	-	-	25	1997		12%		1	275%
Other: Sp./Slash/Hybrid	14	14	-	-							