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Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)

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The winter of 2006/2007 saw considerably higher than usual numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers wintering on Lake Ontario. On the 7 January 2007 Lake Ontario Mid-Winter Waterfowl Inventory (MWWI), a record 12,950 were found on the entire Canadian portion of the lake. This far surpassed the previous record of 4,942 set in 2006. This compares to a long-term (27 year) average of 1,017. Similarly, the Toronto-only portion of the MWWI tallied a record-high 2,848, eclipsing the previous record of 1,010 set in 2006. This compares to a long-term (60 year) average of 107.

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GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – JANUARY 2007

The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. Key to counties: DU = Durham R.M.; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; MT = City of Toronto; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic; YO = York R.M. [County not specified for sites in Toronto]. Frequently cited place names in Toronto are abbreviated as follows: CSSP = Colonel Sam Smith Park; HP = High Park; HBP = Humber Bay Park (E or W); LSS = Leslie Street Spit; TI = Toronto Islands. Other abbreviations: HFR, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

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Names in *ITALICS* indicate subspecies, hybrids, morphs or other 'recognizable forms', which may be identifiable in the field. This does not necessarily imply that the compilers agree with such designations, or accept their validity.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - 2 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 7th [No doc. seen] (RJN,MWWI, fide GC).

SNOW GOOSE - 2 (white) at Scugog Point, Nestleton [DU] on 7th (BFA fide DRBA), 1 at Joe Fowler Park, Port Perry (L. Scugog) [DU] on 8th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (white) at Port Perry [DU] on 9th (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 (blue) AD at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 10th & on 15th (SLo fide ONTBIRDS). 2 (white) at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 13th (RPye fide DRBA), 3 (2 ad, 1 imm) at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour [DU] on 16th (Paul Burgess fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (blue) at Bronte Harbour [HL] on 20th & 21st (GE fide ONTBIRDS).

ACKLING (RICHARDSON'S) GOOSE - 1 at Metro Toronto Zoo on 2nd (ADob), in 'canal' where Eurasia outdoor exhibit starts. 7 reports between 4th & 9th from Reesor Road Ponds [YO] a high of 13 on 6th (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS). 10 at Joe Fowler Park, Port Perry [DU] on 8th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 11 at Port Perry [DU] on 9th (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 at Darlington Prov. Park [DU] on 12th (THo fide DRBA) & 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 17th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

CANADA GOOSE - 750 at Sunnyside on 17th (NMu), 1500 at HBP on 17th (NMu), 90% in HBP (E) & 750 at HBP on 24th (NMu,MVL).

[TRUMPETER SWAN] - 7 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 7th (MWWI fide DRBA), 9 AD (1 tagged #852) at Bluffer's Park on 7th (MWWI, RBHS, WP), 1 AD at Rouge River Marshes on 7th (RBHS) & 8 flying over at Beatrice & Ritson Rd, Oshawa [DU] on 10th (SLaF fide DRBA). 6 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 13th (RPye fide DRBA), 2 AD at HBP on 17th (NMu) & 4 AD at HBP [W] on 24th (NMu,MVL).

TUNDRA SWAN - 1 at CSSP on 3rd (SMF).

WOOD DUCK - 1 M at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 9th & 30th (FP) at outfall just N of Pottery Rd.

GADWALL - 83 at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL), 53 at HBP on 17th (NMu) & 150 there on 24th (NMu,MVL).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 1 at Way's Bays Rd, Keswick [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 21 at LSS on 7th (NMu) and 20 there on 13th (NMu,MVL), 4 at Sunnyside on 28th (JBMW,GC) & 2 at HBP [E] on 28th (JBMW,GC).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - 26 at Mimico Creek Mouth, HBP on 17th (NMu) & 22 at HBP on 24th (NMu,MVL).

MALLARD - 350 at HBP on 17th (NMu).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 86 at Grenadier Pond, HP on 1st (AA), 55 at HP on 12th (SMF), 58 at HBP [E] on 17th (NMu) & 39 at Mimico Creek Mouth, HBP on 24th (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 4 at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour [DU] on 3rd (ETB fide DRBA) & 1 M there on 16th (Paul Burgess fide ONTBIRDS). 3 (2 M, 1 F) at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 6th (FP).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 7th (SLo fide TH).

CANVASBACK - 1 M at LSS on 1st (JL,RJP) & 1 F at Rouge River Marshes on 4th (JFa fide RBHS).

REDHEAD - 73 at HBP [E] on 4th (SHa), 53 on 17th (NMu) & 21 there on 24th (NMu,MVL). 54 at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL), 78 at Sunnyside on 24th (NMu,MVL) & 74 there on 28th (JBMW,GC).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 1 at Vodden & Hwy 410, Brampton [PL] on 10th (ARa fide TH), 11 at LSS on 7th (NMu) & 6 there on 13th (NMu,MVL).

GREATER SCAUP - 500+ at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 300+ there on 13th (FP). 700+ at Thickson's Bay [DU] on 10th (SLaF fide DRBA), 200+ at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL), 3000 at HBP [W] on 17th (NMu) & 1000 there on 24th (NMu,MVL).

LESSER SCAUP - 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 1st (SLo fide TH), 10 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 7th (MWWI,RBHS,WP), 9 at TI on 7th (MWWI,GC,&), & 2 at Humber Shores, HBP on 24th (NMu,MVL). 7 at Sunnyside & 9 at HBP [E] on 28th (JBMW,GC).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 1 AD-M at HBP on 2nd (SMF) & 2 at HBP on 17th (NMu), one at extreme E tip; one off N side of westernmost point (HBP-W). 1 M at Humber R. Mouth, Sunnyside on 19th (MVL) & 1 M at Sunnyside on 28th (JBMW,GC), later seen (same bird) off SE tip of HBP (E).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - 500+ at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL).

BUFFLEHEAD - 1 F at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 6th (WP) & 59 at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL). 109 at HBP on 17th (NMu) & 111 there on 24th (NMu,MVL).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 50 at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 50+ at HBP [E] on 4th (SHa), 75 at Scugog Point, Nestleton [DU] on 7th (BFA fide DRBA) & 250+ at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL). 258 at HBP on 17th (NMu) & 250 there on 24th (NMu,MVL). 30 at Roche's Point, L. Simcoe [YO] on 19th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 53 at Sunnyside on 24th (NMu,MVL) & 35 at Humber R. Mouth, Sunnyside on 27th (SMF).

HOODED MERGANSER – 7 reports from HBP [E] thro' the month with highs of 11 (6 M, 5 F) on 4th (SHa), 14 on 17th (NMu) & 15 there on 29th (DW). 2 at CSSP on 3rd (SMF), 5 at LSS on 6th & 7th (SMF) & 28 there on 13th (NMu,MVL). 9 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 7th (MWWI fide DRBA), 2 (1 M, 1 F-type) at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 21st (RPye fide DRBA), 2 at Lambton Woods on 24th (SMF), 1 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 28th (DW fide DRBA) & 2 F at Don R N of Bloor Viaduct on 30th (FP). 4 at Sunnyside on 17th (NMu), 3 on 24th (NMu,MVL), 2 on 27th (SMF) & 5 there on 28th (JBMW,GC).

HOODED MERG x C. GOLDENEYE (?) - 1 photographed at Lakefront Promenade Park [PL] on 1st (DEP,JLam). Photo included in Glenn Coady's summary report on MWWI – see TOC Newsletter 172:1-4, Feb 2007I.

COMMON MERGANSER - 15 at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 F at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 6th (RBHS,BF) & 100+ at Scugog Point, Nestleton [DU] on 7th (BFA fide DRBA).

RUDDY DUCK - 2 at HBP on 2nd (SMF), on 24th (NMu,MVL) & on 28th (JBMW,GC).

WILD TURKEY - 3 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27 [YO] on 4th & 17th (JLo fide TH). 9 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 21st (JDL, fide DRBA), 14 at E side Brock Rd, Claremont [DU] on 28th (THo fide DRBA) & 34 at Walkers Line & SR1, Burlington [HL] on date in last week of month (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-THROATED LOON - 1 at HBP [E] on 7th (HC;DEP,JLam;MWWI). 2 at LSS on 13th (NMu;MVL fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON LOON - 1 at TI on 7th (MWWI,GC,&) & 1 at SE Tip, LSS on 13th (NMu,&, fide ONTBIRDS).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 6th (BFe).

HORNED GREBE - 2 at E of Whitby Harbour [DU] on 7th (MWWI fide DRBA), 1 at Rouge Beach Park on 7th (MWWI,JFa) & 1 at Thickson's Bay [DU] on 10th (SLaF fide DRBA).

HORNED GREBE - 2 at E of Whitby Harbour [DU] on 7th (MWWI fide DRBA), 1 at Rouge Beach Park on 7th (MWWI,JFa) & 1 at Thickson's Bay [DU] on 10th (SLaF fide DRBA).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 3 at CSSP on 3rd (SMF), 2 at LSS on 13th (NMu,& fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Humber Shores, HBP on 24th (NMu,MVL).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 2 at TI on 7th (MWWI,GC,&) and 1 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 7th (MWWI,RBHS,WP). 1 at Jackson's Point, L. Simcoe [YO] on 19th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 1 at Sideline 12, S of Conc 8 [DU] on 1st (SLaF fide DRBA) & 5 at Oshawa Harbour & Second Marsh [DU] on 7th (MWWI fide DRBA). 1 at LSS on 7th (SMF;NMu) & 2 there on 13th (SMF).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 7 reports from Lower Don River beginning with 7 on 3rd, high of 9 on 11th & last report of 2 on 29th (FP).

TURKEY VULTURE - 1 at Thornton Rd & King St, Oshawa [DU] on 6th (DRuch fide DRBA).

BALD EAGLE - 1 IMM at Thornton Rd & King St, Oshawa [DU] on 6th (DRuch fide DRBA), 1 AD at Hedge Rd, Jackson's Point [YO] on 16th (Greg Jaski fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 (2 AD, 2 imm) at Lake Dr, L. Simcoe [YO] on 20th (Paul & Lorena Campbell fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS). 2 AD at Markham Rd & Sheppard on 24th (Larry Menard fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Holland Drive [PL] on 25th (anon fide PG, fide TH).

NORTHERN HARRIER - 1 M at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 13th (FP), 1 at Queensville SR and Conc. 2 [YO] on 19th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 1 M at Great Lakes Dr. (West), Brampton [PL] on 21st (WP, RBHS) & 1 M at Markham Bypass & 16th Ave [YO] on 28th (DW). 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 21st (JDL fide DRBA), on 24th (GDe fide ONTBIRDS) & on 27th (JDL fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at HBP on 27th (SMF).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK – 7 reports of singles from 4th to 27th from different locations in [YO] or [PL].

COOPER'S HAWK – 17 reports from 16 different location of singles thro' the month.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK – 3 reports of 2 birds & 6 reports of singles thro' the month.

MERLIN - 1 AD at Major Mackenzie & Jane (NW) [YO] on 2nd (FP), 1 at Lakeview Generating Station [PL] on 7th (DEP,JLam) & 1 at Bronte Harbour [HL] on 20th & 21st (GE fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at John St @ Oshawa Creek [DU] on 21st (DRuch fide DRBA), 1 at Major Mackenzie W of Hwy 27 [YO] on 27th (GDe,RHNC, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at 310 St. Francis Ave. [YO] on 31st (AA).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 2 at Clarica Centre, Islington on 10th (SHa), one on camera, other one on ledge by nest box, loud vocalizations between them. 1 at Burlington Beach Canal [HL] on 21st (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 (v. large) F at Sunnyside on 28th (JBMW,GC) .

AMERICAN COOT - 1 at LSS on 1st (JI,RJP), 2 at Outer Harbour Marina, LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL) & 1 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 21th (RPye fide DRBA). 7 reports from 2nd to 29th of 2 or 3 from either HBP [E] or [W] (m. obs).

BONAPARTE'S GULL - 10 at Sibbald Point P. P. [YO] & 3 at L. Simcoe opp. Snake Is. [YO] on 6th (BB,SM).

CALIFORNIA GULL - 1 1B Neare Is, off Eastport Dr. [HL] @ 14:00hrs on 7th (RD,& fide ONTBIRDS), also seen by Dave Don, C. Edgecombe, Thomas Crooks. It was seen again there @ 09:10hrs on 8th (RC,GSI, fide ONTBIRDS) but very briefly as heavy rain started and bird flew E to L. Ontario.

THAYER'S GULL - 1 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 12th (THo fide DRBA) & 1 1W at Sunnyside on 24th (NMu,MVL).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - 1 AD at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 19th (DW) & on 21st (K. Jennewien fide DRBA). 1 AD at Sunnyside on 29th (DW).

GLAUCOUS GULL - 6 reports from Toronto lakefront from 16th to 28th of only single birds & 1 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 28th (DW fide DRBA).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL - 12 at Cook's Bay (S End) [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 7 at Sunnyside on 28th (JBMW,GC).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 (red morph) at HP on 1st (MVL;SMF) & on 23rd (SMF).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 8th (Joe Grignano fide ONTBIRDS) & on 10th (SLaF fide DRBA).
1 at Hendrie Valley [HL] on 21st (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Grand Vellore Cres. [YO] on 24th (AA).

SNOWY OWL - 1 at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), on 6th (BB,SM) & on 16th (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Hwy 404 & Green Lane [YO] on 12th (Joy Chambers fide Marianne Yake, fide TH) & 1 at Strawberry Ln, Holland Marsh [YO] on 24th (DEP).

BARRED OWL - 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 21st & on 27th (JDL fide DRBA), has been there 5 weeks or so.

LONG-EARED OWL - 6 at LSS on 7th (NMu,Ed O'Conner) & on 13th (NMu,MVL). 4 at Parking Lot 'A', Bronte Creek P.P. (W side) [HL] on 13th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Nashville Cemetery [YO] on 27th (GDe,RHNC, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 there on 28th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27 [YO] on 29th (JLo fide TH).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 3 at Oak Ridges Trail, W of Yonge [YO] @ 17:40hrs on 20th (FP fide ONTBIRDS). 700m W of Yonge St (15min walk in), about 1km N of Stouffville Rd.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL – 1 reported at LSS on 1st, 6th, 7th & 13th (SMF;NMu,Ed O'Conner:MVL). 1 at Corner Marsh [DU] on 19th (DW).

BELTED KINGFISHER – 9 reports from 2nd to 22nd of singles from 8 different locations .

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER – 1 F reported almost daily from 3rd to end of the month at HP (SMF). 10 other reports from different location of singles thro' the month.

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 13 at Spring Road, HP on 17th (NMu) & 15 there on 24th (NMu,MVL).

HAIRY WOODPECKER - 3 (2M, 1 F) at HP on 24th (SMF).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 1 coming to a feeder on Three Valleys Rd, Don Mills thro' the month (Doug Letshe fide DW).
Singles at LSS on 7th (NMu,Ed O'Conner;SMF) & at Tim Taylor Trail, Newmarket [YO] on 21st (RJF fide TH).

PILEATED WOODPECKER – 6 reports thro' the month of 1 F at HP (AA;SMF). Singles at Bayview N of Lawrence on 11th (DSil), Bronte Creek P.P. [HL] on 13th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), Lambton Woods on 23rd (SMF), East Don Parkland on 24th (DW), Ozark Park, Oak Ridges [YO] on 25th (Theresa McKenzie,Glenn Reed, fide TH) & at Graydon Property, Humber Grove [PL] on 29th (PG fide TH).

NORTHERN SHRIKE – 17 reports of singles thro' the month; with 2 at Yonge St N of Queensville SR [YO] on 13th (FP) & 2 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27 [YO] on 31st (JLo fide TH).

COMMON RAVEN - 1 at Happy Valley Forests [YO] on 1st (Henry Barnett fide TH) was first he has seen there in 47 years! 1 at Mt Pleasant & Old Church Rd. [PL] on 4th (GCam fide TH).

HORNED LARK - 11 at N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 19th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 72 at McGillivray N of Rutherford [YO] on 28th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 50 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27 [YO] on 29th (JLo fide TH).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE - 26 at Spring Road, HP on 17th (NMu) & 42 there on 24th (NMu,MVL).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 2 at HP on 22nd (MVL).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 5 at Spring Road, HP on 24th (NMu,MVL).

BROWN CREEPER - 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 3rd (JFloer fide DRBA), 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 3rd (ETB fide DRBA) feeding on suet basket & 1 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 8th (Joe Grignano fide ONTBIRDS).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at Lambton Woods on 4th (SMF). 6 reports from 5th to 24th of 1 at HP (SMF). 1 at Windsor Valley Place, Courtice [DU] on 25th (S. Williams fide DRBA) & on 27th (C. Cao fide DRBA).

WINTER WREN - 1 at Lambton Woods on 3rd (SMF).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 2 at Donalda Golf Course on 1st (RBHS,WP), 2+ at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 1st (RPye fide DRBA) & 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 21st (DJM fide ONTBIRDS).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 1st (RPye fide DRBA).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 3 at Reesor Rd, N of Steeles [YO] on 1st (Chris Dunn, Julia Marko, fide TH)

HERMIT THRUSH - 1 at Brookbanks Ravine (7 Lichen Place) on 1st (JI, RJP) & 1 at 16th Ave E of Reesor Rd [YO] on 1st (Chris Dunn, Julia Marko, fide TH).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 16 at Donalda Golf Course on 1st (RBHS, WP), 40+ at Pottery Rd area on 22nd (FP), 50+ at 18th SR King @ Hwy 400 [YO] on 24th (DEP), 60+ at Indian Rd & Tecumseh Park [PL] on 26th (DEP) & 75 at Scugog Point, Nestleton [DU] on 26th (BFA fide DRBA).

GRAY CATBIRD - 1 at Hendrie Valley [HL] on 21st [No doc. seen] (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & again on 29th [No doc. seen] (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 photographed at Valley Inn [HL] during week ending 18th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), has wintered here previously.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - Extremely mild conditions continued into the early part of the month, but reports dropped off markedly after about 13th as colder conditions set in. In total, there were 55 reports, as follows: 34 [MT], 14 [YO], 4 from [PL]; 3 from [DU], all at Fox St, Oshawa (THo); and 1 from [HL].

BROWN THRASHER - 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 4th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), on 20th (Ina Legzdins fide ONTBIRDS) & on 21st (DJM fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Bronte Creek P.P. (W side) [HL] on 13th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Sideline 4, S of Conc 7, Ajax [DU] on 28th (THo fide DRBA), 1 at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 20th & 28th (THo fide DRBA).

EUROPEAN STARLING - 3000 at Dixie & Mayfield [PL] on 22nd (GCam fide TH).

CEDAR WAXWING - 40 at Scugog Point, Nestleton [DU] on 26th (BFA fide DRBA).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 6 at St Lawrence Park, Port Credit [PL] on 1st (DEP, JLa), 1 at SW Aurora [YO] on 5th (Karen DeGroot, GDe, fide TH) & 1 at LSS on 13th (NMu, &, fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at HBP [E] on 7th (DEP, JLa), 1 at Humber Shores, HBP on 17th (NMu), 2 there on 24th (NMu, MVL), 1 at Humber R. Mouth, Sunnyside on 27th (SMF) & 1 at HBP [E] on 28th (JBMW, GC).

OVENBIRD - 1 at York University Keele Campus @ 08:10hrs on 12th (Bob Read fide Pete Read, fide ONTBIRDS), relocated at Vanier College - same place where found in early Dec and relocated on the CBC on 17 Dec. Seen again there on 13th (CSAM, &, fide ONTBIRDS). *This bird was documented previously, in relation to the CBC.* 1 at house near Yonge & Sheppard, Toronto on 13th [No doc. seen] (Joyce Collier-Brown fide ONTBIRDS); exact location not provided.

EASTERN TOWHEE - 1 at LaSalle Park [HL] on 4th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 21st (DJM fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW - 26 at LSS on 7th (NMu, Ed O'Conner) & 60 at McGillivray N of Rutherford [YO] on 28th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

SONG SPARROW - 7 at LSS on 7th (NMu, Ed O'Conner), 1 at HP on 22nd (MVL), 1 at Sunnyside on 28th (JBMW, GC) & 1 at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 28th (THo fide DRBA).

SWAMP SPARROW - 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 1st (RPye fide DRBA) & 1 at boardwalk, Hendrie Valley [HL] on 29th (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 14 reports from HP from 7th to end of the month included; 5 at Spring Road, HP on 17th (NMu), 14 (4 across road at Colborne Lodge; 10 @ Centre ST & Spring Rd) on 24th (NMu, MVL) & last report of 1 on 30th (SMF). 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 1st (RPye fide DRBA), 2 or 3 at Newton Dr., Willowdale from 1st to 22nd (DW) & 1 at Lynde Shores C. A. [DU] on 19th (ETB fide DRBA). 1 at Lambton Woods on 4th, 11th & 23rd (SMF).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - 1 reported at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 1st, 8th to 12th, 20th & 28th (THo fide DRBA). 3 at Mount Charles Park [PL] on 27th (BFe).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR - 1 at Flats, LSS on 7th (NMu, Ed O'Conner).

SNOW BUNTING - 40 at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 1st (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 100+ at N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 19th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 35 at Thicksons Rd & Columbus, Brooklin [DU] on 20th (THo fide

DRBA) & 100+ at 60 Miles Hill Cr, Rich. Hill [YO] on 27th (FP). 11 at McGillivray N of Rutherford [YO] on 28th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 50 at S of Herongate Barn, Pickering [DU] on 28th (THo fide DRBA), 80 at Fox St., Oshawa [DU] on 28th (THo fide DRBA) & 300+ at Hwy 400 2km N of King Rd. [YO] on 28th (FP).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 6 at Dacre Crescent on 1st (AA), 6 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 19th (ETB fide DRBA), 6 on 21st (JDL fide DRBA) & 3 there on 24th (GDe fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Hendrie Valley [HL] on 21st (DJM fide ONTBIRDS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 1 at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 7th (SLo fide TH) & 2 at Mayfield & Torbram [PL] on 22nd (anon fide PG, fide TH).

ORIOLE SP. - 1 at 198 Locksley Ave, Toronto on late date in month (Ruth Holzwick, fide HC), this is N of Eglinton about 300m E of Dufferin.

HOUSE FINCH - 40 at Pugsley Ave, Richmond Hill [YO] thro' the month (Denise Potter, Rod Potter, fide TH).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 20 at Long Sault C.A. [DU] on 1st (BH fide DRBA), 6 (1 M, 5 F) at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 19th (DEP fide GC), 1 M at Halls Rd. [DU] on 20th (DJM fide DEP, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 21st (JDL fide DRBA). 25-30 at YRF - North Tract [YO] on 26th (Julia Marko, Chris Dunn, fide ONTBIRDS), 20 at YRF - North Tract (McCowan S of Davis Dr) [YO] on 27th (FP) & 15 at YRF - North Tract [YO] on 28th (Chris Dunn, Julia Marko, fide TH).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 100 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27 [YO] on 3rd (JLo fide TH) & 24 at Spring Road, HP on 17th (NMu).

CITED OBSERVERS: & et al.; AA Alfred Adamo; BFA Bruce F. Aikins; ETB Eleanor Beagan; BB Bruce Brydon; GCam Gordon Cameron; GC Glenn Coady; HC Hugh Currie; RC Bob Curry; GDe Gene Denzel; RD Rob Dobos; ADob Alex Dobson; KDu Keith Dunn; CEdge Cheryl Edgecombe; GE Gavin Edmonstone; JFa Jim Fairchild; BF Bruce Falls; SMF Steven Favier; BFe Bruce Ferry; RJF Ron Fleming; JFlo Joachim Floegel; PG Phyllis Graydon; SHa Sandra Hawkins; BH Brian Henshaw; THo Tyler Hoar; TH Theo Hofmann; JI Jean Iron; SLaF Steve LaForest; JLa John Lamey; MVL Margaret Liubavicius; JDL J. Doug Lockrey; SLo Stan Long; JLo Joan Love; SM Sean Macey; CSAM Craig S.A. McLauchlan; JBMW Jim Baillie Memorial Walk; DJM Dave J. Milsom; NMu Norman Murr; MWWI MW Waterfowl Invtry; RJN Robert J. Nisbet; anon Unknown Observer; ONTBIRDS OFO Email Hotline; DEP Don E. Perks; FP Frank Pinilla; RJP Ron Pittaway; WP Winnie Poon; RPye Rayfield Pye; ARa Alfred Raab; DRBA Durham Rare Bird Alert; RHNC Richmond Hill Nats.; DRuch Dave Ruch; KRS Kevin Shackleton; DShil David Shilman; GSI Glenda Slessor; RBHS Roy B. H. Smith; CHvR Christel von Richter; DW David Worthington.

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