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## COVER PHOTO

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**Long-eared Owls** (*Asio otus*)

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Two of the four Long-eared Owls found at the Leslie Street Spit, *Toronto*, 22 January 2010.

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## GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – DECEMBER 2010

The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. County/Region codes used in the *database* are: MT = City of Toronto; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; YO = York R.M.; DU = Durham R.M.; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic, but full names are provided in the Report, except for locations within City of 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: HRF, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

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This male **Northern Pintail** (right) was actively displaying to Mallard and Bufflehead females at Humber Bay Park East, *Toronto*, 18 December 2010. © Sandra Hawkins.

SNOW GOOSE - 1 (blue) JUV at Bronte Creek P.P. (W side), *Halton* on 18th (SPXC,MAV, fide HBGG) & on 19th (DRD fide HBGG). 1 flying NW at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 29th (Tim King fide HBGG).

ACKLING (RICHARDSON'S) GOOSE - 1 at Strawberry Lane, Holland Marsh, *York* on 1st (PW fide ONTBIRDS), 14 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th (WP) & 12 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 7th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA). 1 at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 25th (GRE fide ONTBIRDS), 27th (GRE,Sue Edwards, fide HBGG) & on 28th (Ken & Angie Williams fide HBGG).

CANADA GOOSE - 540 at Country Glen Pond, Markham, *York* & 2520 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th (RBHS,WP).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 2 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM). 1 at LSS on 4th & 11th (NMu,MVL,&).

TUNDRA SWAN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

WOOD DUCK - 3 at Ernest T. Seton Park on 1st (ETB) & 1 M at Lake Wabukayne, Meadowvale, *Peel* on 18th (SPXC, fide OUTON). 1 M at Grenadier Pond, HP on 17th, 23rd, 25th & 30th (SMF). 1 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 26th (HXC fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Willow Point, *Halton* on 26th (HXC fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS).

GADWALL - 146 (big increase from November) at LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C) & 72 at TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 10 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM), 28 at LSS on 11th & 12 there on 18th (NMu,MVL,&). 13 at TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - 20 at LSS on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS).

MALLARD - 328 at LSS on 4th & 225 there on 11th (NMu,MVL,&). 406 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th (RBHS,WP), 253 at TI on 10th & 250 there on 21st (NMu,MVL).

MALLARD X GADWALL - 1 at CCIW-Centre for Inland Waters, *Halton* on 4th (MVB fide HBGG).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 1 at Bay 'B', LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 50 at Grenadier Pond, HP on 1st (SMF) & 100 there on 4th (JBMW,DJM).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 1 M at Ward's Island, TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS). 2 M at HBP [E] on 11th (AEK fide OUTON) & 1 M there on 18th (SCH).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 3 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 1st (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 F at CSSP on 2nd (SMF). 15 at Hydro Park, *Durham* on 3rd (RLau) & 1 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM).

CANVASBACK - 2 at Glenwood Beach Park, *York* on 4th (KRS fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 (1 M, 2 F) at Bay 'B', LSS on 11th (NMu,MVL,&).

REDHEAD - 100 at Glenwood Beach Park, *York* on 4th (KRS fide ONTBIRDS) & 145 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM). 125 at LSS on 4th, 200 on 11th & 125 there on 18th (NMu,MVL,&). 300 at TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 3 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 25 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Cell #3, LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C), 2 on 7th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 M there on 11th (NMu,MVL,&).

GREATER SCAUP - 750 at LSS on 4th, 500 on 11th & 300 on 30th (NMu,&).

LESSER SCAUP - 1000 at Glenwood Beach Park (Cook's Bay), *York* on 4th [documented] (KRS fide ONTBIRDS); would be both a **new GTA record** and unprecedented for this date, if accepted by TBRC. [Previous single site high counts for GTA were 680 for a fall count (29 Oct 2000) and 750 for a spring count (9 Apr 1991) ]. 2 at HBP [E] on 11th (AEK fide OUTON) & 1 M at Outer Harbour Marina, LSS on 11th (NMu,MVL,&).

**KING EIDER** - 1 1W-M at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* on 5th (GC,Dan Kaczynski, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 11th (GRE fide CEE; AEK fide ONTBIRDS) a photo was posted on OFO website. 1 1W-M at Oshawa Harbour, *Durham* on 24th (B. Smith fide DRBA) & on 31st (John Houston fide ONTBIRDS). [No doc seen for any of these].

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 1 reported at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on most dates from 1st to 11th (m.obs) where it was photographed and pictures appear on OFO website. 1 F at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* on 12th (GC), stayed most of the day; eventually drifted towards Thickson's Point.

SURF SCOTER - 2 at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 11th (RLau).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 4 at LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C) & 1 M at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 11th (AEK fide ONTBIRDS).

BLACK SCOTER - 2 at Rouge Beach Park on 3rd (RLau), 1 at Rotary Park, Ajax, *Durham* on 4th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 2 at Tip, LSS on 11th (RLau).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - 600 at TI & 5000 at Ontario Place on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS). 500 at LSS on 11th (NMu,MVL,&) & 500 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C).

BUFFLEHEAD - 104 at LSS on 4th & 98 there on 11th (NMu,MVL,&). 8 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th (RBHS,WP) & 52 at TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 1000 at Glenwood Beach Park, *York* & 1000 at Keswick Beach area, *York* on 4th (KRS fide ONTBIRDS). 275 at LSS on 4th, 300 on 11th & 100 on 18th (NMu,MVL,&). 120 at TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS).

**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE** - 1 AD-M at L. Ontario off Oshawa Second Marsh/mouth of Harmony Creek, *Durham* on 19th [No doc. seen] (OXC fide DRBA). It was reported again there on 29th (GCarp,P. Hogenbirk, fide ONTBIRDS) & 31st (Jerry Ball,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), and stayed into January.

HOODED MERGANSER - 1 at HP on 1st & 2 at CSSP on 2nd (SMF). 2 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th (RBHS,WP), 10 at Glenwood Beach Park, *York* on 4th (KRS fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 5th (RRP fide DRBA). 109 at LSS (87 in Bay C) on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C), 26 on 9th (RLau), 20 on 11th & 5 there on 18th (NMu,MVL,&). 1 F at Ward's Island, TI on 21st (NMu,MVL) & 2 at St Andrews & Olde Baseline Rd., *Peel* on 26th (GCam) (Brydon 2011).

COMMON MERGANSER - 336 at LSS on 11th, 53 on 18th & 88 on 30th (NMu,&).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 400 at LSS on 11th (NMu,MVL,&).

RUDDY DUCK - 4 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 4th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 200 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS). 8 at LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C) & 6 there on 11th (RLau). 2 at HBP [E] on 11th (AEK fide OUTON), 6 on 18th (SCH) & 5 at HBP on 24th (SMF).

RUFFED GROUSE - 1 at Waterfront Trail, Squires Beach, *Durham* on 19th (AA) & one at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 26th (JFL) (Brydon 2011).

WILD TURKEY - 2 (tracks seen) at TI on 9th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS) & again fresh tracks were seen at Nature Reserve, TI on 21st (NMu,MVL). 34 at Castlederg & Humber Station Rd, *Peel* on 19th (KXC,PMG). 8 at Dufferin N of Rutherford Rd, Richmond Hill, *York* on 26th had probably come out of the McMillan Farm property, where many tracks were found in snow off Marc Santi Dr. (RBHS,WP).

COMMON LOON - 1 at TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS) & 2 at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 11th (AEK fide ONTBIRDS).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 4th (RRP fide DRBA).

HORNED GREBE - Singles at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS), Thicksen's Bay, *Durham* on 7th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & at Sunnyside on 19th [Documented] (TFI,&,TXC).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 2 at CSSP on 2nd (SMF) & 12 there on 4th (JBMW,DJM). 2 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 1 at Valley Inn, *Halton* on 1st (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 (1 ad, 1 juv) at LSS on 11th (NMu,MVL,&).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 2 at Valley Inn, *Halton* on 1st (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 5th (RRP fide DRBA) & 1 at Trout Pond, TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS). 1 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON), 1 at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 18th (AA) & 1 at Walmart Pond, Richmond Hill, *York* on 18th (RHXC,Denise Potter,&).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 7 (1 ad, 6 imm) at Mimico Creek Mouth, HBP & 1 at Marie Curtis Park on 4th (JBMW,DJM). 1 at HBP [E] on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11th (AEK fide OUTON).

TURKEY VULTURE - 1 at Hwy 2 & McQuay, Whitby, *Durham* on 22nd (DRuch fide DRBA).

BALD EAGLE - 1 at Burlington Beach Canal, *Halton* on 2nd (Steven Price fide ONTBIRDS), 1 JUV at Thicksen's Woods, *Durham* on 6th (J. McKnight fide DRBA) & 1 at Bovaird & Airport Rd., *Peel* on 18th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2011). 1 at Ward's Island (Ferry Dock), TI on 20th (anon fide NMu) & 1 JUV at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 21st (J. Robinson fide DRBA).

NORTHERN HARRIER - 2 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 4th (KRS fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 F there on 16th (SLo,Dr. C. Smith, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 (F or imm) at Reesor Pond, *York* on 4th (RBHS) & 1 M at Audley Rd nr. Rossland,



*Durham* on 5th (ETB). 2 at LSS on 11th (Andrew Don fide OUTON), 4 (incl. 1 M) on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS), 1 on 29th (SMF) & 2 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C). 2 at Bell School Line & Britannia, *Halton* on 17th (Philip Waggett fide HBGG), 1 M at # 10545 Keele St, *York* on 18th (RHXC, RBHS) & 1 at Centreville Creek & Healy Rd., *Peel* on 24th (GCam) (Brydon 2011).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK - 2 migrants at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 reports of single birds from different location thro' the rest of the month.

COOPER'S HAWK - 12 reports of single birds all from different locations thro' the month.



A **Cooper's Hawk** enjoying its pigeon-meal, Commissioner's Road and Carlaw, *Toronto*, 9 December 2010. © Rick Lauzon.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 AD at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at LSS on 4th, 11th & 18th (NMu,MVL,&). Singles at J.C. Saddington Park, *Peel* on 21st (DRD fide ONTBIRDS), TI on 21st (NMu,MVL), at Innis Lake & Old Church Rd., *Peel* on 24th (GCam) (Brydon 2011) & 1 at Centreville Creek & Castlederg, *Peel* on 24th (GCam).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK - 9 reports of singles thro' the month & 11 at Peel Plain N of Mayfield Rd, *Peel* on 24th, in the area bounded by Centreville Creek, Innis Lake Rd, Old Church Rd and Mayfield Rd. (GCam) (Brydon 2011).

\* GOLDEN EAGLE - 1 ('#42 - Whitey') at central York Region, *York* on 7th [Radio tagged] (anon fide DAS). Based on radio telemetry (satellite tag) this bird was in *Durham* on 6/7 Dec, crossed *York R.M.* on 7th and was detected in southern *Simcoe Co.* on 8/9th. It subsequently moved S and crossed into New York State over the Niagara River on December 15<sup>th</sup>. *We have no indication that any local observer saw it at all!* It was originally caught in a leghold trap in western Wisconsin on 6 Nov 2008; after treatment released with PTT radio to monitor its movements. [Documented based on satellite telemetry]. 1 AD at York/Durham Line & Hwy 7, *York* on 14th [No doc. seen] (MDW fide ONTBIRDS).

MERLIN - 1 at Midwest Rd, Scarborough on 2nd & 17th (RLau). 1 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM) & 2 at HBP [E] on 11th (AEK fide OUTON). Singles at 45 Trayborn Dr, Richmond Hill, *York* on 12th (NMu), Solina Rd S of Hwy 2, Courtice, *Durham* on 17th (P. Hogenbirk fide DRBA) & at Glen Shields & Cherry Hills Dr (S), Marita Payne Park, *York* on 19th (RBHS,TXC). 2 at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 31st (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 2 at Lift Bridge, Burlington Beach Canal, *Halton* on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 26th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Ajax Waterfront Park, *Durham* on 9th (B. Smith fide DRBA), 1 seen attacking a Canada Goose at LSS on 11th (Andrew Don fide OUTON) & 2 AD (pair) there on 30th (NMu,EO'C). 1 at St. Marys Cement Plant, *Durham* on 19th (OXC fide DRBA) & 2 at Sun Life Financial Centre on 23rd (SCH), one on camera, 1 'performing a magnificent aerial display'. 1 AD-M at Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 24th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 24th (GC), 1 AD-M at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (GCarp,P. Hogenbirk, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 JUV at Newtonville Rd S of 401, *Durham* on 29th (Bill Logan fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN COOT - 17 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS) & 700 (estimate) at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 4th [Documented] (KRS fide ONTBIRDS), seen from Walter St & Lake Dr, Keswick. 6 at Grenadier Pond, HP on 4th (JBMW,DJM), 12 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 5th (RLau). 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 5th (RLau), 2 at HBP [W] on 11th (AEK fide OUTON), 2 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 11th (RRP,Dan Kaczynski, fide DRBA), 1 at Professor's Lake, Brampton, *Peel* on 19th (KXC,BNo) & 1 at HBP on 30th (SMF).

KILLDEER - 1 at Rotary Park, Ajax, *Durham* on 15th (M. Bense fide DRBA).

DUNLIN - 1 1B at Burlington Beachstrip, *Halton* on 10th (KAM fide HBGG) & again there on 11th (CEE fide HBGG).

HERRING GULL - 51 (increasing) at LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C).

ICELAND GULL - Singles at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 18th (RLau), Newcastle Marina, *Durham* on 24th (J. Robinson fide DRBA) & at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 31st (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - 1 1B at LSS on 5th (AA) & 1 2W there on 30th (NMu,EO'C).

GLAUCOUS GULL - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 12th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & on 19th (OXC fide DRBA).

**POMARINE JAEGER** - 1 at Travelodge Hotel, *Halton* on 26th [No doc. seen] (Bill Smith et al. fide HXC, fide CEE /Ontbirds).

ROCK PIGEON - 150 at Jane St & Woolner, Toronto on 11th (AA).

MOURNING DOVE - 40 at Arnold Tennis Courts, Richmond Hill, *York* on 17th (Glenn Reed).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 at HP on 23rd (SMF) & 1 (calling) at Hague Park, Scarb. @ 19:00hrs on 30th (RLau).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11th (AA). 1 at LSS on 4th, 2 on 11th & 1 on 18th (NMu,MVL,&). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 19th (AA) & 1 at Hunsden SR., *Peel* on 30th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2011).

**"SNYDER'S" GREAT HORNED OWL** - 1 reported on 7 dates from 4th to 30th at LSS (m.obs). It was photographed on the 11<sup>th</sup>; photo posted to [www.flickr.com/photos/andrew-don/5252085909](http://www.flickr.com/photos/andrew-don/5252085909) (Andrew Don fide OUTON) [Documented].

SNOWY OWL - 1 at Conlin Rd & Grandview, Oshawa, *Durham* on 6th (P. Hogenbirk fide DRBA) & 1 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 16th (SLo,Dr. C. Smith, fide ONTBIRDS).

LONG-EARED OWL - 1 at Burton St & Rebecca, Oakville, *Halton* on 7th (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Humber Arboretum on 14th (Bernie Monette fide OFO-W) & 1 at HBP [E] on 23rd (CEE,& fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at LSS on 11th, 9 on 18th (NMu,MVL&), 3 on 19th (JL,&Txc), 1 on 26th (Colin Marciano fide OUTON) & 3 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 1 at Lakeridge Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 9th (B. Smith fide DRBA) & 1 at LSS on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS). 1 at Downsview Park on 19th (DBo,TXC), 1 at Claireville C.A., *Peel* on 19th (KXC,BNo) & 2 at Bloor & Solina, Courtice, *Durham* on 21st (J. Robinson fide DRBA).





**Snyder's Great Horned Owl** *B. v. scalariventris* at the Leslie Street Spit , *Toronto*, 11 December 2010. Note the pale facial disc and intricate vermiculations on the owl's upperparts. © Andrew Don.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - 4 at LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C), 1 on 5th (AA), 3 on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS), 1 on 29th (SMF) & 3 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C).



BELTED KINGFISHER - 10 reports of single birds from 9 different locations from 1st to 26th.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th & 2 there during week ending 10 Dec, F was visiting the feeders; M was only seen inside the woods (GC fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at feeders at Kortright C. A. *York* on 6th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 7th & 1 there on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON). 1 at Gore Rd., *Peel* on 17th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2011), 1 at Gore Rd & Castlederg, *Peel* on 19th (KXC,PMG), 1 at Heart Lake C.A., *Peel* on 19th (KXC,BNo), 1 at Brookbanks Ravine on 19th (JCa,MCa,TXC), 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 21st (Janice Melendez fide DRBA) & on 26th (MDW,M. Bence, fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 1 at north Oshawa, *Durham* on 19th (OXC fide DRBA) & 1 at Brookbanks Ravine on 19th (JCa,MCa,TXC).

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 9 at TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 1 at LSS on 7th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 11th (NMu,MVL,&). 3 at Deer Glen Terr. Ravine, Aurora, *York* on 18th (RHXC,NH,fide Marianne Yake).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - Singles at Kortright C. A., *York* on 6th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS), Glen Rouge Park on 19th (RLau), Keily Cres., Albion Hills, *Peel* on 24th (GCam) (Brydon 2011), Centreville Creek & Castlederg, *Peel* on 24th (GCam) (Brydon 2011) & at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 26th (JFL) (Brydon 2011).

NORTHERN SHRIKE - 10 reports from different locations 4th to 29th of single birds & 2 at LSS on 30th (NMu,EO'C), west side of Baselands, and on Pen. B.

COMMON RAVEN - 1 at Keele St N of Hwy 9, *York* on 1st (PW) (Brydon 2011). 3 at Conc. 8 & Sideline 28, *Durham*, 3 at Conc 3 @ Pickering/Uxbridge Townline, *Durham* & 2 at Brock Rd & Pickering/Uxbridge Townline, *Durham* on 5th (ETB). 2 (displaying) at Kortright C. A., *York* on 6th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Conc 7 & Claremont C.A., *Durham* on 15th (C. Adey fide DRBA) & 2 at Ozark Park, Oak Ridges, *York* on 16th (Glenn Reed). 1 at Bethesda SR @ St George Lake, *York* on 18th (RHXC,Sharon Bradley), 2 at Maple Grove, W of Parker Ave, Oak Ridges, *York* on 18th (RHXC,BB) (Brydon 2011) & 2 at Healey Rd & Centreville Creek, *Peel* on 24th (GCam) (Brydon 2011). 1 at 6th Line Nassagaweya (Hilton Falls C.A.), *Halton* on 31st (Jennifer Minogue fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Durham RF - Main Tract, *Durham* on 31st (THo fide DRBA).

HORNED LARK - 8 at Bethesda SR 400m E of Warden, *York* on 18th (RHXC,Sharon Bradley,Charles R. Smith,&).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE - 82 at TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS) & 50-60 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 11 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

BROWN CREEPER - 2 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON), 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 16th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 1 at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 18th (AA).

WINTER WREN - 1 at Dee Avenue Parkland on 4th (MK fide ONTBIRDS) & at HP on 11th (SMF). 1 at Dacre Crescent on 17th & 23rd (SMF), 2 at Oak Ridges Trail E of Keele, *York* on 18th (BB,RHXC) (Brydon 2011), 2 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 19th (AA) & 1 at LSS on 29th (SMF).

\* MARSH WREN - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 19th [No doc. seen] (OXC fide DRBA).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 4 at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 7th, 1 on 10th & 2 there on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON). 10 at LSS on 11th (NMu,MVL,&), 2 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 19th (AA) & 4 there on 20th (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - Singles at North Trail/Platform, Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS), Toronto Botanic Gardens, off Lawrence Ave. on 8th (BKa fide JWi) & at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 20th (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 2 at Sideline 34, S of Conc 3, Pickering, *Durham* on 9th (C. Adey fide DRBA), 4 at Boardwalk, TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS) & 1 at Mt Hope Rd & Castlederg Rd, *Peel* on 30th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2011).

HERMIT THRUSH - 1 at garden near Mt. Hope Cemetery on 12th, 14th, 21st & 23rd (JWi,BKa). 2 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 19th (OXC fide DRBA), 2 at Ward's Island, TI on 21st (NMu,MVL) & 1 at Dacre Crescent on 24th (SMF).

\* WOOD THRUSH - 1 was first reported at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 17th at the W edge of woodlot beside the fence (C. Adey fide DRBA). It was found again in the same location and photographed on 19th (AA fide ONTBIRDS) and the photo was posted on OFO website. It remained in the same area until almost the end of the month (m.obs), and was last reported on 29th (RLau), but often was hard to locate, making people wait up to 2.5 hrs to show itself [Documented].



The **Wood Thrush** at Lynde Shores C.A., *Durham*, 20 December 2010. © Dave Milsom.

AMERICAN ROBIN - 10 at Redway Ravine on 1st (ETB), 20 at Scugog Point, Nestleton, *Durham* on 7th (BFA fide DRBA), 10 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 10th & 60 there on 11th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON). 15 at Headdon Gate, Richmond Hill, *York* on 11th (RBHS,WP), 117 at Canadiana Dr & Apricot St, Thornhill, *York* on 19th (TXC,RBHS,WP) & 15 at Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 24th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

\* GRAY CATBIRD - 1 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 20th [No doc. seen] (B. Smith fide DRBA), beside pumphouse in SW corner.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – In total, there were 64 reports, with 30 from *York*, 19 from *Toronto*, 4 from *Peel* and 11 from *Durham* (including a few cases of multiple reports from the same site). However, the numbers do not take account of all CBCs, for some of which the details are still lacking. There were 12 on the Richmond Hill CBC, *York* on 18th (all accounted for in the 30 mentioned above), and 12 on the Kleinburg CBC (*York/Peel*) on 19th, of which the known *York* ones are also included in the 30 above, but unfortunately the complete breakdown of the remainder has not been received. However, the compilers of these two counts provide their numbers promptly, and the Records Committee appreciates their cooperation. The *Durham* numbers include the Oshawa CBC. There were 37 on the Toronto CBC (with 8 from the *York* region part –Sector 30), hence 29 from *Toronto*, but we only have detailed locations for about half of these so far. Results from the Peel-Halton CBC, held on 18th, were not available at time of writing. In *Durham*, the Oshawa CBC, held on 20th, recorded 8 mockingbirds (fide RRP), but surprisingly, the Pickering CBC, held on 2 Jan 2011, did not record any this year except as 'count-week'; this CBC has recorded them on 9 of the last 11 counts (SLaF, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN PIPIT - 2 at LSS on 7th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS), 7 on 11th (NMu,MVL,&), 2 on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS) & 2 again there on 19th (JI,&,TXC).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING - 32 at Beaverton Valley, Sunderland, *Durham* on 1st (RDJ), 8 S of Kettleby, *York* on 5th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 50 at Claremont, *Durham* & 10 at Conc 8 & Lakeridge Rd., *Durham* on 10th (B. Smith fide DRBA). 50 at Uxbridge, *Durham* on 14th (BH fide DRBA), 60 at Sideline 12, N of Hwy 7, Pickering, *Durham* on



15th (C. Adey fide DRBA), 60 at Scugog Point, Nestleton, *Durham* on 15th (BFA fide DRBA) & 1 at Foot of Bexhill Rd., Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 17th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS). 28 at Maple Grove W of Parker Ave, Oak Ridges, *York* on 18th (BB) (Brydon 2011), 15 at Kennedy Rd area, Aurora, *York* on 18th (Theresa MacKenzie,RHXC), 60 at north Bowmanville, *Durham* on 19th (OXC fide DRBA) & 108 (3 flocks) at Kortright C. A., *York* on 19th (KRS,Art Needles,KXC). 40 at Canadiana Dr & Apricot St., Thornhill, *York* on 19th (TXC, RBHS, WP), 5 at S of Finch, E of Don R. on 19th (Declan Troy,&TXC), a flock at the Boardwalk, TI on 20th (island resident fide NMu) & 9 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 24th (GC).

*This number of reports is unprecedented for December. As was noted in Poon (2008), Bohemian Waxwings are being reported more often in the GTA than in the past, and no doubt there is better reporting nowadays, but the increase is still very substantial. As far as is known, most of these birds did not linger at the sites reported, so presumably moved on further south or east. Will there be a big return flight in March (as occurred in 2008)?*

CEDAR WAXWING - 12 at Sideline 22, N of Taunton Rd, Pickering, *Durham* on 7th (C. Adey fide DRBA), 20 at Conc 8 & Lakeridge Rd., *Durham* on 10th (B. Smith fide DRBA) & 12 at Sideline 12, N of Hwy 7, *Durham* on 15th (C. Adey fide DRBA). 120 at Maple & Elmwood Av, Richmond Hill, *York* on 19th (GEL) (Brydon 2011) & 252 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 19th (KRS,Art Needles,WHXC).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 2 at Sioux Lookout Park, Burlington, *Halton* on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Boardwalk, TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS & 1 at Bay D, LSS on 11th (Andrew Don fide OUTON).

\* COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - 1 1W-M at Humber Shores, HBP @ on 19th [Documented] (MKP, Owen Novoselac, TXC) & again there on 23rd (CEE,& fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at RBG property @ Lambs Hollow, *Halton* on 26th [No doc. seen] (HXC fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN TOWHEE - 1 at Hydro Corridor E of Indian Rd., *Peel* on 18th (anon fide SPXC, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW - 16 at LSS on 4th, 137 on 11th, 75 on 18th & 89 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C). 22 at TI on 10th & 21 on 21st (NMu,MVL). 50 at McGillivray N of Rutherford, *York* on 11th (RBHS,WP) & 50+ at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (GCarp,P. Hogenbirk, fide ONTBIRDS).

FOX SPARROW - 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 1st (GDe), 1 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 3rd (JFL) (Brydon 2011) & 1 at 12 Mile Trail, off Burloak Rd, *Halton* from 12th to 19th (anon fide DRD, fide HBGG). 1 at E end Blythe Rd, Mississauga, *Peel* on 18th (anon fide SPXC, fide MHC).

SONG SPARROW - 1 at HBP on 4th (JBMW,DJM) & 4 at HBP [E] on 5th (OFO,DJM, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at LSS on 7th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 11th (NMu,MVL,&) & 8 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C). 1 at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 18th (AA) & 15+ at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (GCarp,P. Hogenbirk, fide ONTBIRDS).

\* LINCOLN'S SPARROW - 1 at Peninsula B, LSS on 7th [No doc. seen] (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11th (Andrew Don fide OUTON). 1 was first reported at College Park, under pines W of the skating rink on 20th [Documented] (MKP fide ONTBIRDS) and was seen again there on many intervening days until the 31st (m.obs) 1 at James Gardens, Lambton Woods on 28th [No doc. seen] (Chris M. Kimber fide ONTBIRDS).

SWAMP SPARROW - 1 at Cloud Gardens on 1st (AA) & on 23rd (RBHS). Singles at Humber R S of Albion Rd on 4th (MK fide ONTBIRDS), LSS on 7th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) & at HP on 17th (SMF). 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 11th (AA) & 9 at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (GCarp,P. Hogenbirk, fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 8 at Redway Ravine on 1st (ETB), 2 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 1st (GDe) & 1 at HP on 1st, 15th, 17th & 30th (SMF). 3 at Cloud Gardens on 1st (AA) & 2 there on 23rd (RBHS). 2 at Canada Life, University Ave. on 2nd, 1 on 14th, 29th & 31st (RBHS). 4 at University & Front St. & 2 at Brookfield Place, Toronto on 3rd (AA). 2 at TI on 10th (NMu,MVL,LS), 2 at on 11th (NMu,MVL,&), 2 at Dacre Crescent on 17th (SMF) & 1 there on 26th (AA). 3 at College Park on 20th, 5 on 21st, 3 on 23rd (RBHS), 3 on 29th (SMF) & 1 there on 31st (m.obs). 5 other reports of single birds from different locations thro' the month.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - 1 AD at McGillivray N of Rutherford, *York* on 11th (RBHS,WP), 1 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 28th (GCP fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 JUV at Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* on 29th (GCarp,P. Hogenbirk, fide ONTBIRDS).

DARK-EYED JUNCO - 1 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 6th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) showed characters of 'Cassiar Junco' - *J. h. cismontanus*. 23 at Algonquin Island, TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

SNOW BUNTING - 18 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (GC fide ONTBIRDS), 150 at Ansnorveldt, *York* on 11th (RJF) (Brydon 2011), 12 at Jeffreys Street, Whitby, *Durham* on 13th (Janice Melendez fide DRBA) & 60 (2 flocks) at Bell School Line & Britannia, *Halton* on 17th (Philip Waggett fide HBGG). 155 at King-Vaughan Line E of Keele, *York* on 18th (BB) (Brydon 2011), 40 at Baker's Wood Pond, *York* on 18th (RHXC,GEL,RTC) & 25 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 25th (GCam) (Brydon 2011).

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 13 at TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 4th (GDe fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 5th (RRP fide DRBA) & 4 there on 19th (AA). 3 at Tip, LSS on 7th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Old Church & Innis Lake Rd., *Peel* on 24th (GCam) (Brydon 2011). 2 M at Dacre Crescent on 24th, 1 M on 26th (SMF) & 4 there on 26th (AA).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - Singles at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 5th (RRP fide DRBA), McGillivray N of Rutherford, *York* on 11th (RBHS,WP), Boston Mills Rd & Bramalea, *Peel* on 19th (KXC,JMclean), & at Ratray Marsh, *Peel* on 18th (anon fide SPXC, fide MHC).

COMMON GRACKLE - 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 1st & 4th (GDe). 1 at Graydon Property, Humber Grove, *Peel* on 19th (KXC,PMG) and 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 19th (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 5 (3 M, 2 F) at Algonquin Island, TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

[COMMON CHAFFINCH] - 1 at Don Valley Brickworks Park on 23rd [Escape] (Michael Hobbs fide OUTON).

PURPLE FINCH - 45 (in small flocks) at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (GC fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 (M & F) at Algonquin Island, TI on 21st (NMu,MVL).

HOUSE FINCH - 60 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 7th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

RED CROSSBILL - 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (GC fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Durham RF - Main Tract, *Durham* on 31st (THo fide DRBA).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 6 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (GC fide ONTBIRDS) & 12 at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 19th (OXC fide DRBA).

COMMON REDPOLL - 1 at Marie Curtis Park on 4th (JBMW,DJM), 14 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS), 12 on 9th (C. Adey fide DRBA) & 7 there on 16th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA). 62 (2 flocks) at LSS on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS), 30 on 27th (Colin Marcano fide OUTON) & 38 there on 30th (NMu,EO'C). 12 at Routley Park, *York* on 18th (RHXC,GEL,RTC), 25 at Waterfront Trail, Squires Beach, *Durham* on 19th (AA) & 80 at Hwy 7a, E of L. Scugog, *Durham* on 23rd (DRuch fide DRBA).

HOARY REDPOLL - 1 at Peninsula B, LSS on 18th (NMu,MVL,LS) & 1 at Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 24th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS).

PINE SISKIN - 12 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 1st (JFL) (Brydon 2011), 30 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 4th (MJCB fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 at HP on 4th (JBMW,DJM). 4 at Holland Landing (Brydon's), *York* on 4th (BB) (Brydon 2011), 6 at LSS on 11th (Andrew Don fide OUTON) & 12 at Palgrave, *Peel* on 30th (GKM) (Brydon 2011).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 42 at LSS on 4th (NMu,MVL,EO'C).

EVENING GROSBEAK – 1 at Duffy's Lane S of Old Church Rd, *Peel* on 19th (anon, fide PMG,KXC).

HOUSE SPARROW - 70 at Viceroy Road (East), *York* on 19th (RBHS,WP,TXC), 125 at TI on 21st (NMu,MVL) & 200 at Glenroy Ave & Grenview Blvd S, Etobicoke on 27th (SCH).

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#### ERRATA:

The following all relate to the Cranberry Marsh Raptor Watch, *Durham*. Unfortunately, some of the raptor watch totals get corrected or revised after initial posting to ONTBIRDS; others occurred due to incorrect dates posted, or our own data entry errors.

#### September 2010 *Toronto Birds* 4(8):135-143, October 2010.

American Kestrel - report of 125 on 9th September should have been 126.  
Bald Eagle - report of 7 on 10th September should have been 9.  
Broad-winged Hawk - report of 1712 on 15th September should have been 1784.

#### October 2010 *Toronto Birds* 4(9):162-176, November 2010.

Turkey Vulture - report of 440 on 1st October should have been 634.  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - report of 170 on 1st October should have been 187.  
American Kestrel - report of 88 on 1st October should have been 107.  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - report of 149 on 2nd October should have been 159.  
Broad-winged Hawk - report of 1 on 9th October should have referred to 10th.  
Turkey Vulture - report of 182 on 9th October should have referred to 10th.  
Bald Eagle - report of 1 on 22nd October should have referred to 21st.  
Merlin - report of 2 on 22nd October should have referred to 21st.

#### November 2010 *Toronto Birds* 4(10):179-188, December 2010.

Turkey Vulture - report of 145 on 1st November should have been 143.  
Bald Eagle - report of 1 on 28th November should have referred to 27th.

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# THE 85<sup>TH</sup> TORONTO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

## SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2009

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The eighty-fifth Toronto Christmas Bird Count was held on Sunday, 20 December 2009. For the second year in a row, a record total of 118 observers participated in this year's count. A total of 87 bird species was found on count day. This compares to an average of 86 species for the previous ten years. The total number of individual birds recorded was 41,284, which represents the thirteenth highest count total all-time, yet remains significantly lower than an average of 52,551 for the previous ten counts. No additional species were found during the Count Week period.

The weather on the count day was favourable to a good count, with excellent visibility at the lakefront, overcast conditions, temperatures ranging from -5°C to 1°C, and light winds of 5-15 km/hour out of the north or northwest with no precipitation.

No new species were added to the all-time checklist of bird species for the Toronto Christmas Bird Count. The highlight of the count was a Thayer's Gull found by Jean Iron on the Portlands South Route 16B. This was the consensus choice for the Toronto Ornithological Club's "Hole Truth" Award for the best bird of the count.

Other unusual species found on the count included 1 Green-winged Teal (Portlands South Route 16B), 3 Ruddy Ducks at Humber Bay Park East (Lower Humber Route 2), 2 Common Loons (Portlands South Route 16B), 1 Red-necked Grebe (Portlands South Route 16B), 3 Double-crested Cormorants (1 on Toronto Islands West Route 14A and 2 on Portlands South Route 16B), 3 Black-crowned Night-Herons (Don River on Central East Route 12), 1 Bald Eagle (Downsview West Route 6A), 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Downtown Route 5A), 1 Northern Flicker (Downtown Route 5A), 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Toronto Islands East Route 14B), 1 Fox Sparrow (High Park Route 1) and 1 Brown-headed Cowbird (Weston North Route 4B).

New high counts were set for the following species (previous record in brackets): Trumpeter Swan 16 (6 in 2007); Cooper's Hawk 25 (21 in 2008); Peregrine Falcon 12 (10 in 2005 and 2006); Rock Pigeon 5579 (4683 in 2008); Red-bellied Woodpecker 4 (3 in 5 other years since 1993); Downy Woodpecker 296 (245 in 2008); Black-capped Chickadee 1407 (1294 in 2001); Red-breasted Nuthatch 83 (70 in 2006); White-breasted Nuthatch 313 (224 in 1999); Winter Wren 29 (21 in 2002); Northern Mockingbird 40 (34 in 2006), Northern Cardinal 562 (517 in 2008); and House Sparrow 3059 (2834 in 2006).

The top ten species counts were: European Starling 7205; Rock Pigeon 5579; Long-tailed Duck 4660; House Sparrow 3059; Canada Goose 2996; Ring-billed Gull 2753; Mallard 2225; Greater Scaup 1668; Black-capped Chickadee 1407; and American Goldfinch 960.

Species missed altogether on count day (among those which were found on 20 of the 85 counts) were: Northern Pintail, Harlequin Duck, Northern Goshawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Ring-necked Pheasant, American Coot, Iceland Gull, Snowy Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle and Evening Grosbeak.

The Toronto Bird Rarities Committee would like to thank all observers who submitted documentation for those species requiring it. All such species were documented for the count. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your efforts in making the count such a success. I would especially like to thank Sarah Box for organizing the route leaders and new volunteers for the count. Many thanks are due again to John and Victoria Carley, who hosted a wonderful round-up celebration party for nearly 50 of our count volunteers. Lastly, thanks to Winnie Poon for re-formatting the count spreadsheet for use in my report in this publication.



# THE 85<sup>TH</sup> TORONTO ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – 20 DECEMBER 2009

PART 1		SECTOR												
SPECIES	Totals	1	2	3	4A	4B	5A	5B	6A	6B	22	30	23	9
Canada Goose	2996	702	479	366	32	233				7	13	162	14	
Mute Swan	129	23	41											
Trumpeter Swan	16*		11											
Tundra Swan	3													
Wood Duck	1	1												
Gadwall	213	11	44											
American Wigeon	36	4	7											
American Black Duck	76	5	9	12	2									
Mallard	2225	129	206	333	151	7			55	54	16	103	21	
Black x Mallard hybrid	7	3	1											
Northern Shoveler	4													
Green-winged Teal	1													
Canvasback	2													
Redhead	833	115	273											
Ring-necked Duck	8													
Greater Scaup	1668		1052											
Lesser Scaup	8		2											
White-winged Scoter	22		3											
Long-tailed Duck	4660	118	414											
Bufflehead	451	9	43											
Common Goldeneye	732	46	35	6										
Hooded Merganser	116	3	36	1										
Common Merganser	386	8	7	9	1	4								
Red-breasted Merganser	430	5	98											
Ruddy Duck	3		3											
Common Loon	2													
Red-necked Grebe	1													
Double-crested Cormorant	3													
Great Blue Heron	14	1	1	1					1			1	1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3													
Bald Eagle	1								1					
Northern Harrier	2													
Sharp-shinned Hawk	13	1	1			3	1						2	
Cooper's Hawk	25*	1	2	1	3		1		1	3		1	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	89	3	2	3	6	5	5		8		4	5	10	5
American Kestrel	21	2		1	1				2	1	2			
Merlin	1			1										
Peregrine Falcon	12*			2	1		6							
Ring-billed Gull	2753	1312	492	84	141	85			6	9	22	1	4	3
Herring Gull	448	153	35	11	5	9			8				2	
Thayer's Gull	1													
Glaucous Gull	4		1											
Great Black-backed Gull	16	3	3											
gull sp.	164						15		50				1	
Rock Pigeon	5579*	189	211	214	366	210	1112		67	2	329	31	138	6
Mourning Dove	396	11	13	23	26	48	8		25	12	8	14	14	2
Eastern Screech-Owl	11	1	1						4					1
Great Horned Owl	3													
Long-eared Owl	1											1		
Short-eared Owl	1													
Belted Kingfisher	9			1						1			1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4*	1		2								1		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1						1							
Downy Woodpecker	296*	37	11	18	10	19	9		7	10	11	4	24	2

\* Record high count.

<b>PART 1- continued</b>		<b>SECTOR</b>												
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>5A</b>	<b>5B</b>	<b>6A</b>	<b>6B</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>
Hairy Woodpecker	123	7		16	2	6	5		3	3	5	2	8	7
Northern Flicker	1						1							
Pileated Woodpecker	7			2						1				
Northern Shrike	3													
Blue Jay	113	4		17	16	11	2		8		6	8	1	
American Crow	165	7	7	23	3	10	13		8	2	5	2	18	10
Black-capped Chickadee	1407*	119	15	45	129	58	35		16	53	40	15	95	18
Red-breasted Nuthatch	83*	6	5	1	6	2	10		2	3	3	5		2
White-breasted Nuthatch	313*	33	9	21	17	17	12		3	7	7	2	14	7
Brown Creeper	36	10		2	2	1				1				
Carolina Wren	5					1				1			1	
Winter Wren	29*	7		2	1								7	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	30	5	5								1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1													
Hermit Thrush	3	1											1	
American Robin	815	39	31	6	43	1	23			56	13	1	28	82
Northern Mockingbird	40*	2	2		1	5	2		3		3	4	1	
European Starling	7205	61	313	93	103	116	158		257	57	92	69	115	38
Cedar Waxwing	97	2					4			21			1	
American Tree Sparrow	173		7	2	1	5			2			6	1	1
Fox Sparrow	1	1												
Song Sparrow	37	5	2	4	2								4	
Swamp Sparrow	8	1	1	1									2	
White-throated Sparrow	35	4		3	5	3	3						2	
Dark-eyed Junco	470	49	32	52	60	49	25		13	19	16	7	12	3
Snow Bunting	15													
Northern Cardinal	562*	24	8	16	71	53	24		19	31	36	17	35	8
Red-winged Blackbird	14	13												
Brown-headed Cowbird	1					1								
Purple Finch	3				2									
House Finch	565	16	1	15	58	185	5		18	2	9	50	34	3
Common Redpoll	2		2											
Pine Siskin	3	1												
American Goldfinch	960	58	12	31	155	40	47		44	14	48	1	80	11
House Sparrow	3059*	139	43	249	284	188	466		170	5	78	309	44	81
# Species (not incl. cw)	87	52	47	39	33	29	25	0	26	25	23	26	33	19
# Count Week species	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Individuals	41284	3511	4032	1690	1706	1375	1993	0	801	375	767	822	737	290
Party hours on foot	187.80	12.75	7.00	7.00	10.00	0.00	9.50		5.00	5.50	6.00	1.00	12.00	7.00
Party hours in car	55.85	0.25	1.00	1.00	1.50	7.00	5.00		2.00	0.50	0.50	6.00	9.00	1.50
Party km on foot	306.00	14.50	10.00	8.00	28.00	0.00	35.00		6.00	9.00	18.00	2.00	12.00	10.00
Party km in car	642.30	4.00	30.00	6.00	50.00	20.00	60.00		36.10	10.00	15.00	67.00	85.00	35.00
# Participants	114.00	12	11	6	5		10		4	7	3	2	5	2
# Feeder watchers	4.00	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
# Parties	45.00	3	1	1	3		5		1	1	2	1	3	1
Hours owling	5.50	0	1.0	0	0		0		1.0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5

\* Record high count.



PART 2	SECTOR													
SPECIES	17A	17B	10A	10B	11A	11B	12	13	14A	14B	16A	16B	15	18
Canada Goose						29	44	399	63	43	163	150	62	35
Mute Swan								12	11	18	12	10	2	
Trumpeter Swan											5			
Tundra Swan												3		
Wood Duck														
Gadwall								11	2	12	40	90	3	
American Wigeon								2		6	8	9		
American Black Duck							1		2	10	15	14	6	
Mallard	8	31	1			11	113	74	76	100	135	390	139	72
Black x Mallard hybrid												2		
Northern Shoveler												4		
Green-winged Teal												1		
Canvasback									2					
Redhead								22	3	258	88	74		
Ring-necked Duck										5		3		
Greater Scaup								12	50	274	119	161		
Lesser Scaup									2		1	1	2	
White-winged Scoter									6	3	7	3		
Long-tailed Duck								887	340	330	1683	750	138	
Bufflehead								46	37	74	85	104	53	
Common Goldeneye								19	45	100	234	232	15	
Hooded Merganser								26	12	1	20	15	2	
Common Merganser								70	92	33	47	103	12	
Red-breasted Merganser								16	97	66	79	48	21	
Ruddy Duck														
Common Loon												2		
Red-necked Grebe												1		
Double-crested Cormorant									1			2		
Great Blue Heron		1								1	2	4		
Black-crowned Night-Heron							3							
Bald Eagle														
Northern Harrier											1	1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1												4
Cooper's Hawk	2	2				1	1					3		2
Red-tailed Hawk	3	2	2			5	11						2	8
American Kestrel						4					2	3	1	2
Merlin														
Peregrine Falcon							2					1		
Ring-billed Gull	18	5				30	18	245	1	20	7	150	76	24
Herring Gull	3	8					11	38	8	6	71	77	1	2
Thayer's Gull												1		
Glaucous Gull											1	2		
Great Black-backed Gull									1		7	2		
gull sp.														98
Rock Pigeon	349	49	30			151	1352	176		1		61	244	291
Mourning Dove	14	15	6		5	13	8				1	1	15	114
Eastern Screech-Owl					2									2
Great Horned Owl											2			1
Long-eared Owl														
Short-eared Owl							1							
Belted Kingfisher	1						2					2		1
Red-bellied Woodpecker														
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker														
Downy Woodpecker	13	7	12		5	5	36	1	2	8	7	5	11	22

\* Record high count.

<b>PART 2 - continued</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>													
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>17A</b>	<b>17B</b>	<b>10A</b>	<b>10B</b>	<b>11A</b>	<b>11B</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14A</b>	<b>14B</b>	<b>16A</b>	<b>16B</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
Hairy Woodpecker	4	3	5		2	6	10			1	4	3	3	18
Northern Flicker														
Pileated Woodpecker			1		1		1							1
Northern Shrike									1		1			1
Blue Jay	6	3	1			1	12			2		1	5	9
American Crow	3	4	5		5	2	12	1		1		4	6	14
Black-capped Chickadee	31	26	53		32	49	155		71	45	35	12	118	142
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	4	1		1	2	7						8	9
White-breasted Nuthatch	8	12	13		2	1	48		4	6		3	37	30
Brown Creeper							2		3	9	1		4	2
Carolina Wren	1								1					
Winter Wren		1					2							9
Golden-crowned Kinglet									2	9			2	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1				
Hermit Thrush									1					
American Robin	41	71	2			52	241			3		1	3	78
Northern Mockingbird	1	2				4	1					4		5
European Starling	110	5	7		50	74	813	4060	6	10		200	57	341
Cedar Waxwing	2				12		52			3				
American Tree Sparrow						2	12		9	20	61	39		5
Fox Sparrow														
Song Sparrow					3				1		5	8	1	2
Swamp Sparrow		2												1
White-throated Sparrow							2		6				2	5
Dark-eyed Junco	13	15	4		1	11	40			7		1	23	18
Snow Bunting		1									14			
Northern Cardinal	38	13	18		3	24	34		10	4		10	10	56
Red-winged Blackbird							1							
Brown-headed Cowbird														
Purple Finch												1		
House Finch	33	26	10			10	55					7		28
Common Redpoll														
Pine Siskin													2	
American Goldfinch	66	34	31			29	118		13	6	3	9	37	73
House Sparrow	61	176	36			62	382	47	2	35		70	35	97
<b># Species (not incl. CW)</b>	25	27	19	0	14	24	35	20	35	37	35	53	36	37
<b># Count Week species</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b># Individuals</b>	835	519	238	0	124	578	3603	6164	983	1531	2966	2858	1158	1628
Party hours on foot	9.30	7.00	4.50		7.00	5.00	21.00	1.50	4.50	6.00	5.50	5.30	11.75	17.70
Party hours in car	3.90	0.50	1.00		1.00	0.50	7.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	1.50	5.30	1.00	2.00
Party km on foot	20.30	5.50	4.50		10.00	6.00	29.00	0.50	8.00	8.00	5.00	21.00	16.50	21.20
Party km in car	42.00	8.00	2.00		8.00	30.00	70.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	32.00	18.00	50.20
# Participants	6	1	3		1	2	9	4	2	2	4	3	5	7
# Feeder watchers	1	0	3		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Parties	4	1	1		1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Hours owling	0	0	0		0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	1.0

\* Record high count.

## List of Sectors and Participants

Revised Sectors 2004; 7.5 mile radius circle, centered on Avenue Road and Roselawn Avenue.

<b>Sector 1</b> (High Park)	<b>Bob Yukich</b> , Patrick Stepien-Scanlan, David Beadle, Steven Favier, Brian Bailey, Mark Field, Brian Wilke, Jim Rising, Steven Price, Bruce Lourie, Steven Rowe.
<b>Sector 2</b> (Lower Humber)	<b>Glenn Coady</b> , Mark Peck, Gerard Binsfeld, Teresa Santos, Jan Doherty, Alison Paul, Audrey Nowicki, John Crawford, Amy Whitear, Joanna Jack, Carl Wegenschimmel.
<b>Sector 3</b> (Upper Humber)	<b>Garth Riley</b> , Nancy McPherson, Peter Aukenthaler, Cal Tanti, Ted Turner, Janice Sellers.
<b>Sector 4A</b> (Weston South)	<b>Hugh Currie</b> , Andrew Don.
<b>Sector 4B</b> (Weston North)	<b>Gene Denzel</b> , Bob Cumming.
<b>Sector 5A</b> (Downtown)	<b>Jess MacKenzie</b> , Ihor Prociuk, Elly Dowson, Zoe Southcott, John McLoughlin, Connie Guberman.
<b>Sector 5B</b> (Central West)	<b>Andy Tanas</b> , Margaret McKone, Paul Kay, Rosanna Rupperton.
<b>Sector 6A</b> (Downsview West)	<b>Dan Bone</b> , Susan Blayney, Michael Bates, David Bone.
<b>Sector 6B</b> (Downsview East)	<b>Bob Carswell</b> , Ed O'Connor, Anne Marie Leger, Celia Harte, Lesley Kinrys, Gilda Swartz, Margaret Kelch.
<b>Sector 22</b> (York University)	<b>Michael Agueci</b> , Frank Pinilla, David Shilman.
<b>Sector 30</b> (Thornhill)	<b>Roy Smith</b> , Winnie Poon.
<b>Sector 23</b> (Willowdale)	<b>Ross Harris</b> , Declan Troy, Jim Fellowes, Dan Kozlovic, Don Burton.
<b>Sector 9</b> (Bayview)	<b>Naish McHugh</b> , Andrew Jano.
<b>Sector 17A</b> (East Don Central)	<b>Margaret Catto</b> , John Catto, Michael Austin, Bob Ross, Neil Macdougall, Neil Meehan, Ron Pittaway.
<b>Sector 17B</b> (East Don North)	<b>Andrew Keaveney</b> .
<b>Sector 10A</b> (Sherwood)	<b>Joan Winearls</b> , Barbara Kalthoff, Bob Falconer, Corinne Falconer, George Fairfield, Jean Fairfield.
<b>Sector 10B</b> (Sunnybrook)	<b>Joan Winearls</b> , Barbara Kalthoff, Bob Falconer, Corinne Falconer.
<b>Sector 11A</b> (Wilket Creek)	<b>Bruce Massey</b> .
<b>Sector 11B</b> (Leaside)	<b>Eleanor Beagan</b> , Marilyn Murphy.
<b>Sector 12</b> (Central East)	<b>Mary Schuster</b> , Howard Shapiro, Don Peuramaki, Kevin Seymour, Greg Stuart, John Nishikawa, Lucy Saruyama, Carol Horner, Barry Coombs.
<b>Sector 13</b> (City Shore)	<b>Ray Geras</b> , Tom Flinn, Rett Tryon, Maya Ricker-Wilson.
<b>Sector 14A</b> (Toronto Islands West)	<b>Gavin Platt</b> , Herb Elliott.
<b>Sector 14B</b> (Toronto Islands East)	<b>Bruce Ferry</b> , Mark Cranford.
<b>Sector 16A</b> (Leslie Spit)	<b>John Carley</b> , Jean Iron, Carl Hills, Ralph Toner.
<b>Sector 16B</b> (Portlands)	<b>Richard Joos</b> , Ian Stanley, Margaret Heslin, Peter Lister.
<b>Sector 15</b> (East Toronto)	<b>Bob Kortright</b> , John Foster, Charlotte Young, Nancy Deadman, Victor Wong.
<b>Sector 18</b> (East Don South)	<b>Karl Konze</b> , Ken McIlwrick, Joan Van Nostrand, Howard Davidson, Jacob Fell, Jim Grass, Petra Grass.

Sector leaders' names are in bold.

Note that the total number of participants does not add horizontally because some people worked in more than one sector.

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# THE 86<sup>TH</sup> TORONTO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

## SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2010

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The eighty-sixth Toronto Christmas Bird Count was held on Sunday, 19 December 2010. A total of 119 observers participated in this year's count. This exceeds the previous record high number of participants of 118 from 2008. A total of 93 bird species was found on count day. This ties the all-time high count of 93 species recorded on the 2005 count and compares to an average of 87 species for the previous ten years. The total number of individual birds recorded was 43,665, which represents the thirteenth highest total all-time, yet remains significantly lower than an average of 51,343 for the previous ten counts. Two additional species (Lincoln's Sparrow and White-crowned Sparrow) were found during the Count Week period.

The weather on the count day was favourable to a good count, with excellent visibility at the lakefront, a mix of both sunny and overcast conditions, temperatures ranging from -5°C to -2°C, and light winds of 10-15 km/hour out of the west or southwest.

The highlight of the count was a pair of Wild Turkeys found on route 14A (Toronto Islands West) by John Nishikawa and Ian Maione. This represents a new species all-time for the Toronto CBC, the 178<sup>th</sup> species found in the 86 counts to date. This was the unanimous choice for the Toronto Ornithological Club's "Hole Truth" Award for the best bird of the count.

Other unusual species found on the count included 3 Common Loons off Ashbridge's Bay, 3 Horned Grebes (off Humber Bay Park East, Sunnyside and Toronto Islands), 9 Ruddy Ducks (7 at Humber Bay Park East and 2 on route 15 [Toronto East]), 1 adult Bald Eagle over Etobicoke's Linear Park, 1 adult Thayer's Gull off Humber Bay Shores, 7 Long-eared Owls (2 at Humber Bay Park East, 1 at South Humber Park, 1 on route 4B [Weston North] and 3 at the Leslie Street Spit), 1 Eastern Bluebird in East York, 2 American Pipits on the Leslie Street Spit, 1 Common Yellowthroat at Humber Bay Shores and an Eastern Towhee just outside High Park.

New high counts were set for the following species (previous record in brackets): Horned Grebe 3 (ties 3 in 1975); Red-breasted Merganser 714 (712 in 2008); Wild Turkey 2 (new to the count); Black-capped Chickadee 1574 (1407 in 2009); Red-breasted Nuthatch 105 (83 in 2009); American Robin 1749 (1467 in 1998); Bohemian Waxwing 45 (1 in 1977, 1985 and 1989); Swamp Sparrow 12 (11 in 1976 and 2003); White-throated Sparrow 79 (53 in 2004) and Northern Cardinal 598 (562 in 2009).

The top ten species counts were: European Starling 7970; Long-tailed Duck 5663; Rock Pigeon 4012; Mallard 3173; Redhead 2748; House Sparrow 2655; Greater Scaup 2363; Canada Goose 1892; American Robin 1749; and Black-capped Chickadee 1574.

Species missed altogether on count day (among those which were found on more than 20 of the 86 counts) were: Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Harlequin Duck, Ring-necked Pheasant, Snowy Owl, Brown Thrasher, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle and Evening Grosbeak.

The Toronto Bird Rarities Committee would like to thank all observers who submitted documentation for those species requiring it. All such species were documented for the count. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your efforts in making the count such a success. I would especially like to thank Sarah Box and John Crawford for organizing the route leaders and new volunteers for the count. Many thanks are due again to Mary Ellen Hebb and Robin Fraser, who hosted a wonderful round-up celebration party for over half of our count volunteers. Lastly, thanks to Winnie Poon for re-formatting the count spreadsheet for use in my report in this publication.

# THE 86<sup>TH</sup> TORONTO ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – 19 DECEMBER 2010

PART 1		SECTOR												
SPECIES	Totals	1	2	3	4A	4B	5A	5B	6A	6B	22	30	23	9
Common Loon	3													
Horned Grebe	3*		1											
Red-necked Grebe	1													
Great Blue Heron	3	1		1										
Black-crowned Night-Heron	8		2											
Canada Goose	1892	206	219	224	11	329					20	1		
Mute Swan	103	20	36											
Trumpeter Swan	5		1											
Wood Duck	3	1												
Gadwall	317	18	28											
American Wigeon	24	2	2											
American Black Duck	133	12	46	17					1	1	1			
Mallard	3173	565	315	472	83	61		4	23	14	15	105	22	6
Black x Mallard hybrid	8	1			1									
Northern Shoveler	12	1	2											
Canvasback	2													
Redhead	2748		337											
Ring-necked Duck	6		1											
Greater Scaup	2363	10	1383											
Lesser Scaup	17		4											
White-winged Scoter	31	1	2											
Long-tailed Duck	5663	394	597							1				
Bufflehead	465	31	41	19										
Common Goldeneye	444	58	42	9	1									
Hooded Merganser	46	10	3											
Common Merganser	233	1	9	9	5									
Red-breasted Merganser	714*	26	190											
Ruddy Duck	9		7											
Bald Eagle	1		1											
Northern Harrier	4		1											
Sharp-shinned Hawk	13			2				1		1	2			
Cooper's Hawk	24		1	1	2	3	1	1	1	3			1	
Northern Goshawk	2									1				
Red-tailed Hawk	84	4	2	3	5	5	7	1	3	5	2	2	11	2
Rough-legged Hawk	2													
American Kestrel	11		1	2					2					
Merlin	3		1									1		
Peregrine Falcon	7			1			4	2						
Wild Turkey	2*													
American Coot	2		1											
Ring-billed Gull	1568	263	958	23	24	5		1	3	2	2		1	
Herring Gull	254	54	76	6	2				4					
Thayer's Gull	1		1											
Iceland Gull	2													
Glaucous Gull	2		1											
Great Black-backed Gull	19	3	2											
gull sp.	7					2		4						
Rock Pigeon	4012	160	174	87	120	150	897	252	101	35	88	85	81	75
Mourning Dove	477	45	36	61	4	24	1	30	17	45	7	2	58	
Eastern Screech-Owl	14		1						6					2
Great Horned Owl	4		1											
Long-eared Owl	7		3			1								
Short-eared Owl	1								1					
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1													
Belted Kingfisher	8		1	1	1									

\* Record high count

<b>PART 1- continued</b>		<b>SECTOR</b>												
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>5A</b>	<b>5B</b>	<b>6A</b>	<b>6B</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>
Belted Kingfisher	8		1	1	1									
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2			1										1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2													1
Downy Woodpecker	291	23	19	17	12	19	17	6	6	23	2	2	15	5
Hairy Woodpecker	123	11	4	10	8	11	4	2	3	2		1	12	6
Northern Flicker	2	1					1							
Pileated Woodpecker	7									1				1
Northern Shrike	4										1			
Blue Jay	150	13	2	14	9	10	1	1		3	8	5	3	8
American Crow	219		55	16	3	7	4	7	2	9	5	5	24	1
Black-capped Chickadee	1574*	122	45	48	58	50	46	22	36	72	58	16	222	64
Red-breasted Nuthatch	105*	9	5	5	1	6	12	1	1	3	2	5	4	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	147	11	15	5	4	6	1	1	2	9		2	23	4
Brown Creeper	11	1		1		1					1			
Winter Wren	18	7		2				1			1		2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	44		2	1	2	1								
Eastern Bluebird	1													
Hermit Thrush	4									1				
American Robin	1749*	44	44	122	41	3	42	5		20	39	117	564	38
Northern Mockingbird	37	1	5		3	1		1	1		1	8		
European Starling	7970	173	123	128	357	95	158	143	196	220	22	226	224	10
American Pipit	2													
Bohemian Waxwing	45*											40	5	
Cedar Waxwing	410		8	24					10	30		60	129	
Common Yellowthroat	1		1											
Eastern Towhee	1	1												
American Tree Sparrow	329	5	4	14	9	3			32	1		16		
Song Sparrow	44	1	12	2	1	1	1						5	
Lincoln's Sparrow	cw						1							
Swamp Sparrow	12*	3		2									6	
White-throated Sparrow	79*	3	1	1		9	3	1		13			6	4
White-crowned Sparrow	cw						1							
Dark-eyed Junco	600	34	21	65	28	41	29	13	43	74	24	9	32	11
Northern Cardinal	598*	15	25	19	35	65	16	14	8	48	29	16	71	27
Red-winged Blackbird	9	7												
Brown-headed Cowbird	2													
Purple Finch	16													
House Finch	393	19	7	37	4	61	21	22	8	49	2	6	5	8
Common Redpoll	129		2			7			35					
Pine Siskin	127	9	40	1	10					6	1		9	
American Goldfinch	786	33	22	54	39	31	29	6	8	49	5	10	166	21
House Sparrow	2655	111	91	97	180	95	416	99	110	14	39	150	120	28
# Species (not incl. cw)	93	47	63	41	30	29	22	25	27	30	25	24	27	22
# Count Week species	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Individuals	43665	2544	5083	1624	1063	1103	1711	641	663	755	377	890	1821	325
Party hours on foot	191.75	14.00	7.50	6.00	9.00	8.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	1.00	8.00	6.50
Party hours in car	55.75	0.25	0.50	1.00	4.00	2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	1.00	0.50	6.00	3.00	4.50
Party km on foot	280.00	16.00	10.00	6.00	18.00	10.00	7.00	16.00	5.00	8.00	11.00	2.00	12.00	15.50
Party km in car	704.00	4.00	12.00	10.00	30.00	12.00	25.00	62.00	58.00	15.00	4.00	69.00	45.00	49.00
# Participants	115.00	7	10	6	5		5	4	4	7	3	2	5	4
# Feeder watchers	4.00	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Parties	43.00	3	1	1	3		2	2	1	1	1	1	3	2
Hours owling	5.85	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5

\* Record high count.



<b>PART 2</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>													
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>17A</b>	<b>17B</b>	<b>10A</b>	<b>10B</b>	<b>11A</b>	<b>11B</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14A</b>	<b>14B</b>	<b>16A</b>	<b>16B</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
Common Loon												3		
Horned Grebe								1			1			
Red-necked Grebe												1		
Great Blue Heron							1							
Black-crowned Night-Heron							6							
Canada Goose						35		140	20	220	11	115	336	5
Mute Swan								20	4	10	4	7	2	
Trumpeter Swan												4		
Wood Duck							2							
Gadwall								21	5	30	52	162	1	
American Wigeon								3		8	5	4		
American Black Duck							2		3	6	20	23	1	
Mallard	8					5	134	48	73	370	168	597	79	6
Black x Mallard hybrid												5	1	
Northern Shoveler												9		
Canvasback											1	1		
Redhead								38	29	588	906	850		
Ring-necked Duck										5				
Greater Scaup								15	109	337	292	210	7	
Lesser Scaup								1	1		3	2	6	
White-winged Scoter								1			20	7		
Long-tailed Duck								854	30	326	1161	510	1790	
Bufflehead								70	39	64	18	60	123	
Common Goldeneye								13	9	168	86	45	13	
Hooded Merganser								11	16			5	1	
Common Merganser								33	43	60	6	56	11	
Red-breasted Merganser							1	77	53	72	90	187	18	
Ruddy Duck													2	
Bald Eagle														
Northern Harrier											3			
Sharp-shinned Hawk					2		1						1	3
Cooper's Hawk				3		1	3					1		2
Northern Goshawk							1							
Red-tailed Hawk	3	1			2	5	5	1				2	4	9
Rough-legged Hawk											2			
American Kestrel						1	2	1			1	1		
Merlin									1					
Peregrine Falcon														
Wild Turkey									2					
American Coot								1						
Ring-billed Gull	3			1		5	7	134	7	5	2	55	55	12
Herring Gull							2	20	13	35	7	12	17	6
Thayer's Gull														
Iceland Gull													2	
Glaucous Gull												1		
Great Black-backed Gull									2	5		7		
gull sp.														1
Rock Pigeon	119	1		29		175	666	293		12		81	243	88
Mourning Dove	23	28		6	6	10	33			10			12	19
Eastern Screech-Owl	1													4
Great Horned Owl											2			1
Long-eared Owl											3			
Short-eared Owl														
Northern Saw-whet Owl											1			
Belted Kingfisher						1	1						2	1

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<b>PART 2 - continued</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>													
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>17A</b>	<b>17B</b>	<b>10A</b>	<b>10B</b>	<b>11A</b>	<b>11B</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14A</b>	<b>14B</b>	<b>16A</b>	<b>16B</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
Red-bellied Woodpecker														
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker														1
Downy Woodpecker	5	2		17	8	7	19		4	8	7	2	21	25
Hairy Woodpecker	2			6	7	4	9				4		13	4
Northern Flicker														
Pileated Woodpecker					1								4	
Northern Shrike							1					2		
Blue Jay	11	11		4	2	11	15			4			3	12
American Crow	14	7		4	6	4	28	4	1			1	3	9
Black-capped Chickadee	95	28		63	59	24	134	3	49	34	26	16	82	102
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	1		10	4	2	15						2	6
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	3		5	3	3	7			8			15	18
Brown Creeper										6		1		
Winter Wren											2			
Golden-crowned Kinglet										28	5		5	
Eastern Bluebird													1	
Hermit Thrush								1		2				
American Robin	97	30		27	120	30	199	2	30	17		2	37	79
Northern Mockingbird		2				5	3	1	1			2		2
European Starling	135	6		42	138	210	825	3990	3	12		279	78	177
American Pipit											2			
Bohemian Waxwing														
Cedar Waxwing				1			77			70	1			
Common Yellowthroat														
Eastern Towhee														
American Tree Sparrow						24	18		12	1	133	44		13
Song Sparrow						2	5				9	1	1	3
Lincoln's Sparrow														
Swamp Sparrow											1			
White-throated Sparrow				5	8	10	2	3	6		1			3
White-crowned Sparrow														
Dark-eyed Junco	10			16	12	25	44	2		1		8	10	48
Northern Cardinal	26	9		30	17	14	27	1		14	5	5	22	40
Red-winged Blackbird										2				
Brown-headed Cowbird	1									1				
Purple Finch					16									
House Finch	34	12		5	6		16			5		1	5	60
Common Redpoll							37		13		35			
Pine Siskin				12			23		15		1			
American Goldfinch	54	13		63	16	8	34	2		12			77	34
House Sparrow	54	60		70	4	50	465	32		200		81	56	33
# Species (not incl. cw)	21	16	0	21	20	26	38	33	29	37	40	43	40	32
# Count Week species	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Individuals	706	214	0	419	437	671	2870	5837	593	2756	3103	3468	3162	829
Party hours on foot	14.75	5.50		5.00	7.00	4.00	12.25	3.00	5.00	7.50	5.00	16.00	6.50	11.25
Party hours in car	4.00	0.00		4.50	0.50	0.50	7.25	3.00	0.25	0.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.50
Party km on foot	13.50	9.00		4.50	12.00	10.00	23.00	5.00	3.50	10.00	5.00	11.00	9.00	28.00
Party km in car	31.00	0.00		4.00	5.00	30.00	42.00	35.00	1.00	0.00	15.00	50.00	18.00	78.00
# Participants	6	3		7		2	6	4	2	3	6	3	5	6
# Feeder watchers	0	0		3		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Parties	3	1		4		1	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Hours owling	0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0

\* Record high count.

## List of Sectors and Participants

Revised Sectors 2004; 7.5 mile radius circle, centered on Avenue Road and Roselawn Avenue.

<b>Sector 1</b> (High Park)	<b>Bob Yukich</b> , Steven Favier, Jerry Demarco, Anne Bell, Brian Wilkie, Brian Bailey, David Farrell.
<b>Sector 2</b> (Lower Humber)	<b>Glenn Coady</b> , Mark Peck, George Peck, Teresa Santos, Jan Doherty, John Crawford, Gerry Binsfield, Ebrahim Patel, Brad Novaselec, Owen Novaselec.
<b>Sector 3</b> (Upper Humber)	<b>Garth Riley</b> , Nancy McPherson, Peter Aukenthaler, Karen Aukenthaler, Enver Domingo, Cal Tanti.
<b>Sector 4A</b> (Weston South)	<b>Hugh Currie</b> , Mark Kubisz, Andreas Jonsson.
<b>Sector 4B</b> (Weston North)	<b>Gene Denzel</b> , Bob Cumming, Mark Kubisz.
<b>Sector 5A</b> (Downtown)	<b>Jess MacKenzie</b> , Eleanor Dowson, Margaret McKone, John McLaughlin, Bob Farmer.
<b>Sector 5B</b> (Central West)	<b>Andy Tanas</b> , Cathy Tanas, Rosanna Ruppert, Connie Cuberman.
<b>Sector 6A</b> (Downsview West)	<b>Dan Bone</b> , Susan Blayney, Brenda Carr, Michael Bates.
<b>Sector 6B</b> (Downsview East)	<b>Don Barnett</b> , Celia Harte, Margaret Kelch, Anne Marie Leger, Leslie Kinrys, Gilda Swartz, Beverley Edwards.
<b>Sector 22</b> (York University)	<b>Chester Gryski</b> , Sandra Eadie, Mike Agueci.
<b>Sector 30</b> (Thornhill)	<b>Roy Smith</b> , Winnie Poon.
<b>Sector 23</b> (Willowdale)	<b>Don Burton</b> , Ross Harris, Declan Troy, Jim Fellowes, Dan Kozlovic.
<b>Sector 9</b> (Bayview)	<b>Margaret Catto</b> , John Catto, Robert Ross, John Lutz.
<b>Sector 17A</b> (East Don Central)	<b>Margaret Catto</b> , Ron Pittaway, Mike Austin, Jim Grass, Petra Grass, Neil Meehan.
<b>Sector 17B</b> (East Don North)	<b>David Purcell</b> , G. Saunders, T. Christensen.
<b>Sector 10A</b> (Sherwood)	<b>Joan Winearls</b> , Barbara Kalthoff, Bob Falconer, Jeremy Hatt, Mark Field. Other observers: George Fairfield, Jean Fairfield, Corinne Falconer.
<b>Sector 10B</b> (Sunnybrook)	<b>Joan Winearls</b> , Barbara Kalthoff, Bob Falconer, Jeremy Hatt, Mark Field.
<b>Sector 11A</b> (Wilket Creek)	<b>Bruce Falls</b> , Bruce Massey.
<b>Sector 11B</b> (Leaside)	<b>Eleanor Beagan</b> , Marilyn Murphy.
<b>Sector 12</b> (Central East)	<b>Kevin Seymour</b> , Don Peuramaki, Howard Shapiro, Greg Stuart, Stephen Campbell, Emile van Nispen.
<b>Sector 13</b> (City Shore)	<b>Tom Flinn</b> , Josh Shook, Brett Tryon, Maya Ricker-Wilson.
<b>Sector 14A</b> (Toronto Islands West)	<b>John Nishikawa</b> , Ian Maione.
<b>Sector 14B</b> (Toronto Islands East)	<b>Bruce Ferry</b> , Mark Cranford, Mick Panesar.
<b>Sector 16A</b> (Leslie Spit)	<b>John Carley</b> , Carl Hills, Jean Iron, Ralph Toninger, Karen McDonald, Victor Wong.
<b>Sector 16B</b> (Portlands)	<b>Richard Joos</b> , Ian Stanley, Margaret Heslin.
<b>Sector 15</b> (East Toronto)	<b>Bob Kortright</b> , John Foster, Rachael Gottesman, Nancy Deadman, Naeem Abdulla.
<b>Sector 18</b> (East Don South)	<b>Karl Konze</b> , Heather Pankhurst, John Van Nostrand, David Agro, Howard Davidson, Jeff Warren.

Sector leaders' names are in bold.

Note that the total number of participants does not add horizontally because some people worked in more than one sector.

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