

With the lowest effort ever on this count it was gratifying to nevertheless find the highest number of birds and tie for the highest number of species. Though we had very few ducks staying in the area this winter, a couple winter finches that had never appeared on the count before helped up our species total, which would have set a record but for missing some very easily found species, especially House Wren and Rock Pigeon. Also, count week birds that could easily have been found on count day were Palm Warbler, which was found the day before the count and the day after the count at Riversedge Park, Yellow-headed Blackbird, which was found in a cowbird flock 2 days before the count and possibly seen during the count but the observer was not 100% sure, Evening Grosbeaks seen the day before the count, and it is very likely that some Red-winged Blackbirds were with the large blackbird flocks, but no one could get near enough to the large flocks to make a sure ID, and about 150 blackbirds were left identified as nonspecific.

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**Weather:** Sunny, cool, breezy, 29-48F; 0-7 mph winds

**Effort:** 28 party-hours (Average 37; High 52; Low 32), 2 hours owling, 1.5 hours feeder watching

**Total # of birds seen:** 5869 (Avg 2967, High 5869; Low 1683)

**Species:** 72 (Avg 68; High 72; Low 62)

**Count firsts:**

Great Horned Owl- 1 at Mourne Rouge Rd.

Yellow-throated Warbler- 1 at Pores Knob feeders

Purple Finch- 14 at north lake feeders, 4 at Marley Ford

**Count 2nd's:** Brown-headed Cowbird- 25 at Mourne Rouge Rd.

**High Counts**(count, previous high, 8-yr average)

Red-shouldered Hawk (14, 12, 9)

Killdeer (116, 27, 27)

Mourning Dove (218, 160, 95)

Hairy Woodpecker (8, 3, 3)

American Kestrel (7, 7, 3)

Red-breasted Nuthatch (4, 2, 1)

Brown-headed Nuthatch (5, 5, 1)

Brown Creeper (4, 4, 2)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (15, 13, 8)

Eastern Bluebird (80, 78, 55)

American Robin (3103, 990, 735)

Northern Mockingbird (17, 13, 12)

Chipping Sparrow (138, 39, 29)

Dark-eyed Junco (98, 96, 74)

Savannah Sparrow (25, 25, 7)

Northern Cardinal (110, 102, 80)

Rusty blackbird (115, 73, 27)

Brown-headed Cowbird (25, 2, 3)

**Missed** (# years missed out of 8)

Any dabbling duck besides Mallard (1<sup>st</sup> time)

Rock Pigeon(1)

House Sparrow (3)

Wilson's Snipe(4)

Winter Wren (5)

Eastern Meadowlark (5)

Barred Owl (6)

Fish Crow(6)

**Low Counts**(count, previous low, average)

Ring-billed Gull (2, 0, 51)

Turkey Vulture (8, 10, 62)

Cedar Waxwing(3, 4, 30 )

House Finch (2, 1, 14)

**List:**

Canada Goose 90

Mallard 90

Ring-necked Duck 6

Bufflehead 19

Hooded Merganser 19

Red-breasted Merganser 2

Ruddy Duck 1

Wild Turkey 4

Pied-billed Grebe 12

Mourning Dove 218

Killdeer 116

Ring-billed Gull 2

Great Blue Heron 11

Black Vulture 18

Turkey Vulture 8

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1

Cooper's Hawk 1

Bald Eagle 2

Red-shouldered Hawk 14

Red-tailed Hawk 6

Eastern Screech-Owl 1

Great Horned Owl 1

Belted Kingfisher 6

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 8

Red-bellied Woodpecker 16

Downy Woodpecker 16

Hairy Woodpecker 8

Pileated Woodpecker 13

Northern Flicker 9

American Kestrel 7

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|-------------------------|------|--|
| Merlin                  | 1    |  |
| Eastern Phoebe          | 11   |  |
| Blue Jay                | 37   |  |
| American Crow           | 280  |  |
| Common Raven            | 5    |  |
| Carolina Chickadee      | 36   |  |
| Tufted Titmouse         | 34   |  |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet  | 24   |  |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    | 15   |  |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   | 4    |  |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 10   |  |
| Brown-headed Nuthatch   | 5    |  |
| Brown Creeper           | 4    |  |
| House Wren              | 1    |  |
| Carolina Wren           | 30   |  |
| European Starling       | 516  |  |
| Brown Thrasher          | 2    |  |
| Northern Mockingbird    | 17   |  |
| Eastern Bluebird        | 80   |  |
| Hermit Thrush           | 8    |  |
| American Robin          | 3103 |  |
| Cedar Waxwing           | 3    |  |
| House Finch             | 2    |  |
| Purple Finch            | 18   |  |
| House/Purple Finch      | 0    |  |
| Pine Siskin             | 33   |  |
| American Goldfinch      | 31   |  |
| Chipping Sparrow        | 138  |  |
| Field Sparrow           | 20   |  |
| Fox Sparrow             | 1    |  |
| Dark-eyed Junco         | 98   |  |
| White-crowned Sparrow   | 1    |  |
| White-throated Sparrow  | 40   |  |
| Savannah Sparrow        | 25   |  |
| Song Sparrow            | 71   |  |
| Swamp Sparrow           | 2    |  |
| Eastern Towhee          | 8    |  |
| Brown-headed Cowbird    | 25   |  |
| Rusty Blackbird         | 115  |  |
| blackbird sp.           | 150  |  |
| Pine Warbler            | 2    |  |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler   | 27   |  |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1    |  |
| Northern Cardinal       | 110  |  |