

The 73rd annual Worcester Christmas Bird Count was held this past Saturday (12/16/23). A total of 33 people logged 120 party hours during the day. Here are the totals.

Canada Goose (1360)
Mute Swan (20)
Wood Duck (3)
American Black Duck (62)
Mallard (345)
Northern Pintail (5)
Green-winged Teal (cw)
"Scaup" species (125)
White-winged Scoter (1 - Wachusett Reservoir)
Long-tailed Duck (cw - Wachusett Reservoir)
Bufflehead (23)
Common Goldeneye (142)
Hooded Merganser (209)
Common Merganser (133)
Ruddy Duck (8)
Wild Turkey (26)
Common Loon (19 - NEW HIGH)
Double-crested Cormorant (cw)
Great Blue Heron (7)
Turkey Vulture (1)
Bald Eagle (4)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (1)
Cooper's Hawk (4)
Accipiter Species (1)
Red-shouldered Hawk (2)
Red-tailed Hawk (45)
Wilson's Snipe (1)
Ring-billed Gull (821)
Herring Gull (17)
Iceland Gull (1)
Great Black-backed Gull (29)
Rock Pigeon (164)
Mourning Dove (153)
Eastern Screech-Owl (3)
Great Horned Owl (24 - NEW HIGH)
Barred Owl (4)
Northern Saw-whet Owl (2)
Belted Kingfisher (9)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (44)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (12 - NEW HIGH)
Downy Woodpecker (117)
Hairy Woodpecker (28)
Northern Flicker (9)
Pileated Woodpecker (12)
Merlin (2)
Peregrine Falcon (1)
Blue Jay (252)
American Crow (2480 - over 2000 came into roost near Coes Reservoir)
Fish Crow (4 - 3 were heard with the 2000 Americans that came into roost)
Common Raven (6)

Horned Lark (129 - NEW HIGH)
Black-capped Chickadee (663)
Tufted Titmouse (346)
Red-breasted Nuthatch (6)
White-breasted Nuthatch (262)
Brown Creeper (17)
Carolina Wren (53)
Winter Wren (17 - NEW HIGH)
Golden-crowned Kinglet (104 - NEW HIGH)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (4)
Eastern Bluebird (138)
Hermit Thrush (5)
American Robin (124)
Gray Catbird (1)
Northern Mockingbird (10)
European Starling (810)
Cedar Waxwing (3)
Orange-crowned Warbler (cw - Broad Meadow Brook)
Pine Warbler (1 - the surprise is that this is only the second record for the count, the first being in 2012. A high number was also recorded on the Sturbridge Count.)
American Tree Sparrow (19)
Chipping Sparrow (1)
Field Sparrow (2)
Savannah Sparrow (2)
Fox Sparrow (1)
Song Sparrow (103)
Swamp Sparrow (4)
White-throated Sparrow (50)
White-crowned Sparrow (1)
Dark-eyed Junco (490)
Snow Bunting (12)
Northern Cardinal (115)
Red-winged Blackbird (222 - NEW HIGH)
Eastern Meadowlark (1)
Common Grackle (860 - NEW HIGH. A huge flock through over the Worcester Airport.)
Brown-headed Cowbird (4)
Purple Finch (2)
House Finch (194)
Red Crossbill (16)
Pine Siskin (12)
American Goldfinch (306)
House Sparrow (785)

Total Species: 86

Count Week: 4

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