

# Count Summary Report

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<b>Count Name:</b> Charleston	<b>Count Code:</b> WVCH	<b>Count Date:</b> 12/17/2022
<b>Organizations &amp; Sponsors:</b> Handlan Chapter, Brooks Bird Club	<b># of Party Hours:</b> 51.50	<b>Species reported on count date:</b> 61

## Compiler(s)

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Doren	Burrell	doren@gmail.com	Yes
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## Start & End Times

Start time	End time
07:30 AM	02:30 PM
03:00 PM	05:45 PM

## Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 29
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 1
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 15
At Feeders	Total Number: 8

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	43.50	34.75	Miles
Car	8.00	140.75	Miles
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle			
Dog Sled			
Golfcart			
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis			
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			

<b>Other Time and Distance</b>
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	Hours	Distance	Units
At Feeders	18.25		
Nocturnal Birding	0.00	0.00	
Total Party	51.50	175.50	Miles

## Weather

Temperature	Minimum: 32.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum: 40.0 Fahrenheit	
Wind Direction	Southwest		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 0.00 Miles/hour	Maximum: 9.00 Miles/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 0.00 Inches	Maximum: 0.00 Inches	
Still Water	Open		
Moving Water	Open		
AM and PM Conditions			
Cloud Cover	AM: Clear	PM: Cloudy	
AM Rain	None		
AM Snow			
PM Rain	None		
PM Snow	None		

## Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Canada Goose	251		1498/103	41	
Wood Duck	3		12/115	23	
Gadwall	40		77/117	26	
Mallard	19		886/90	42	
Green-winged Teal	4		5/81	4	
Canvasback	1		2/95	4	eo
Ring-necked Duck	3		31/122	17	
Hooded Merganser	30		40/114	25	
Common Merganser	5		53/122	8	
Ruddy Duck	2		15/121	14	
Wild Turkey	5		30/107	12	
Pied-billed Grebe	1		25/113	39	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	4		25/89	42	
Black Vulture	58		75/120	16	
Turkey Vulture	163		353/118	25	

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Cooper's Hawk	2		7/112	33	
Bald Eagle	3	HC,	3/123	3	2ad 1qu
Red-shouldered Hawk	11	HC,	12/82	40	
Red-tailed Hawk	9		17/117	40	
American Coot	70		155/114	39	
Killdeer	2		65/95	36	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	221		942/108	42	
Mourning Dove	67		554/83	42	
Great Horned Owl	1		3/81	12	
Barred Owl	1		4/117	23	
Belted Kingfisher	7		18/85	40	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	31		60/109	42	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	7		14/109	38	
Downy Woodpecker	27		128/83	42	
Hairy Woodpecker	10		28/81	41	
Northern Flicker	13		34/106	17	
Pileated Woodpecker	11		33/94	42	
American Kestrel	2		42/83	40	
Merlin	5	HC,	5/123	7	ed
Blue Jay	60		513/82	42	
American Crow	13200		13200/123	42	es
Common Raven	1		2/120	5	
Carolina Chickadee	103		594/82	42	
Tufted Titmouse	115		354/82	42	
White-breasted Nuthatch	43		143/83	42	
Brown Creeper	4		16/82	40	
Winter Wren	5		9/117	11	
Carolina Wren	66		142/121	42	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	7		59/83	42	
Eastern Bluebird	33		140/82	41	
Hermit Thrush	1		7/84	31	
American Robin	120		7775/109	42	
Northern Mockingbird	22		80/83	42	
European Starling	655		2282/85	42	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	39		86/109	18	
Field Sparrow	4		53/87	35	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	46		499/81	31	
White-throated Sparrow	69		564/84	42	
Song Sparrow	75		422/82	42	

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Eastern Towhee	12		120/88	37	
Northern Cardinal	85		566/81	42	
Red-winged Blackbird	45		875/101	27	
Brown-headed Cowbird	30	HC,	30/123	5	
House Finch	90		302/84	42	
American Goldfinch	46		270/84	42	
House Sparrow	8		219/81	42	
Total Individuals	16073				
Total Species Reported	61				

cw = Reported count week  
 US = Flagged as an unusual species  
 HC = Flagged as an unusually high count  
 LC = Flagged as an unusually low count

### Species Requiring Rare Bird Reports to be Submitted to Regional Editor

Species

### Special Aspects

This was our highest year for Merlins. For several years now, these birds have been gathering at dusk at a large cemetery located on a hill above the city. Four birds were sighted there in the afternoon and another bird was seen at a public park about 1 1/2 miles away. Then at dusk, five Merlins were observed at the cemetery. In each instance there were two observers present to verify the sightings.

We also had a high count for Bald Eagles. One was observed in a location where eagles are sometimes seen. A pair was also sighted from a distance by an observer with little familiarity with this species. She reported that she thought they were Turkey Vultures until she noticed a white head on one and, later, a white tail. She was not able to say whether both birds had white heads and tails because of distance, lighting, and their constant motion.