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Count Name:	Pendleton County	Count Code:	WVPC	Count Date:	12/20/2022
Organizations &		# of Party Hours:	64.25	Species reported on	71
Sponsors:				count date:	

# Compiler(s)

First Name	Last Name	Email	Is Primary Compiler
Frederick	Atwood	fredatwood@yahoo.com	Yes

## **Start & End Times**

Start time	End time
06:45 AM	05:15 PM

### **Effort**

<b>Observers</b>						
In Field	Total Number:	14				
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight):	1				
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight):	11				
At Feeders	Total Number:	6				

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)						
Ву	Hours	Distance	Units			
Foot	31.50	23.00	Miles			
Car	32.75	287.75	Miles			
Air						
All-Terrain Vehicle						
Bicycle						
Dog Sled						
Golfcart						
Horseback						
Motorized Boat						
Non-Motorized Boat						
Skis/Xc-Skis						
Snowmachine						
Snowshoe						
Wheelchair						

Other Time and Distance					
	Hours	Distance	Units		
At Feeders	7.25				

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Nocturnal Birding	0.50	0.00	
Total Party	64.25	310.75	Miles

## <u>Weather</u>

Temperature	Minimum:	16.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum:	41.0 Fahrenheit
Wind Direction	Variable			
Wind Velocity	Minimum:	0.00 Miles/hour	Maximum:	6.00 Miles/hour
Snow Depth	Minimum:	0.00 Inches	Maximum:	1.00 Inches
Still Water	Partly Frozen			
Moving Water	Open			
		AM and PM Conditions		
Cloud Cover	AM:	Partly Cloudy	PM:	Partly Cloudy
AM Rain	None			
AM Snow	None			
PM Rain	None			
PM Snow	None			

### **Checklist**

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Canada Goose	203		517/117	27	
Wood Duck	1		2/91	5	eo
Gadwall	3	HC,	3/123	2	eo
American Black Duck	8		80/115	19	
Mallard	37		268/115	28	
Northern Shoveler	4	US,	4/123	1	eo ph nc
Northern Pintail	1		1/123	3	
Green-winged Teal	3		12/118	5	
Redhead	1		2/110	3	
Ring-necked Duck	4		7/122	5	
Bufflehead	cw		4/116	10	
Hooded Merganser	44	HC,	44/123	12	
Common Merganser	66		67/122	11	
Ruffed Grouse	2		10/83	34	ed eo
Wild Turkey	46		59/96	29	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	6		13/89	36	
Black Vulture	83		159/120	29	

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Turkey Vulture	67		171/117	19	
Golden Eagle	4		6/113	32	2ad 2im ph
Bald Eagle	33		42/120	23	17ad 16im
Red-shouldered Hawk	4		10/121	13	
Red-tailed Hawk	27		40/86	43	
eagle sp.	1		1/123	5	
Wilson's Snipe	9	HC,	9/123	6	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	127		287/87	39	
Mourning Dove	223		457/121	44	
Eastern Screech-Owl	8		10/120	31	
Barred Owl	1		2/118	10	
Belted Kingfisher	10		14/115	44	
Red-headed Woodpecker	21		23/100	26	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	96	HC,	96/123	44	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	13		37/122	35	
Downy Woodpecker	63		97/122	45	
Hairy Woodpecker	25		30/122	44	
Northern Flicker (Yellow- shafted)	14		45/122	39	
Pileated Woodpecker	33		58/122	45	
American Kestrel	13		24/121	44	
Eastern Phoebe	5		10/122	32	
Blue Jay	527	HC,	527/123	45	
American Crow	401		1718/95	45	
Common Raven	56		72/122	42	
Horned Lark	50		493/91	10	
Black-capped Chickadee	184		220/122	45	
Tufted Titmouse	247		272/117	45	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	46		72/121	22	
White-breasted Nuthatch	157		173/122	45	
Brown Creeper	7		12/122	37	
Winter Wren	10		23/122	13	
Carolina Wren	74		134/122	43	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	38		95/113	39	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5		6/120	19	
Eastern Bluebird	165		174/122	40	
Hermit Thrush	6		33/122	17	
American Robin	8		200/112	33	
Northern Mockingbird	24		40/122	45	
European Starling	1250		3350/118	45	es

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American Tree Sparrow	4		60/96	18	
Field Sparrow	18		76/113	35	
Fox Sparrow	1		70/121	18	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate- colored)	723		4050/121	45	
White-crowned Sparrow	6		42/91	33	
White-throated Sparrow	299		547/121	39	
Savannah Sparrow	1		1/123	6	eo
Song Sparrow	185		227/121	44	
Swamp Sparrow	1		4/120	14	
Eastern Towhee	11	HC,	11/123	16	
Northern Cardinal	175		278/121	45	
House Finch	31		611/95	38	
Purple Finch	7		100/83	31	
Red Crossbill	1		1/123	3	eo ho iv
American Goldfinch	157		298/118	43	
Evening Grosbeak	1		325/84	21	eo
House Sparrow	61		352/80	45	
Total Individuals	6246				
Total Species Reported	71				

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**

Northern Shoveler [Anas clypeata]

#### **Special Aspects**

GOEA (4) adult 2 - subadult 2. BAEA (33) adult 17 - subadult 16. Eagle sp. (1)

Numbers of most species were average or below average this year. Birds that spend a lot of time in cedar patches were either absent or in lower numbers since the cedar berries were practically non-existent: waxwings, yellow-rumped warblers, fox sparrows, robins, hermit thrushes. etc. There was a good variety of waterfowl this year and all the lakes were open, allowing us to find shovelers (new to the count), gadwalls (first count-day occurrence), and pintail, green-winged teal, and redhead, all which have only rarely been seen on this count. We also had new high counts of hooded mergansers, red-bellied woodpeckers, blue jays, and towhees. Ice from a recent ice storm still coated the highest elevations, making them shimmer in the beautiful sunlight. It was a very beautiful sunny day starting out in the teens and rising to low 40s, a real joy to be outside experiencing it. Nocturnal birding was less than a half hour this year. We welcomed back Dan Walker who did this count in his youth when his aunt Carolyn Ruddle organized it. And we also welcomed 6 other new participants. One very skilled participant, who normally spends a full day thoroughly covering his sector alone, could not participate this year because he was ill; but two people who finished their sector early, were able to divide up his sector and spend a couple hours in the afternoon covering all of the roads in that sector. This may be one reason for the below average numbers of some species since the best birding typically happens in the morning when this sector was not being birded.