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HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

1947

Huntington, West Virginia (Same area as 1940 and subsequent counts; mixed conifers; river; feeding trap; parks,) December 21, 1947; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; vegetation heavy with frost until 10:00 a.m.; sky heavy overcast, partially cleared at 4:00 p.m.; twenty-seven observers in eight groups. Total hours, 39; total miles, 86 (36 on foot, 50 by automobile). Sharp-shinned hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 1; bobwhite, 12; killdeer, 23; mourning dove, 3; flicker, 28; pileated woodpecker, 2; red-bellied woodpecker, 1; yellow-bellied sapsucker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 9; downy woodpecker, 46; blue jay, 35; crow, 75; chickadee, 218; tufted titmouse, 198; white-breasted nuthatch, 10; brown creeper, 6; winter wren, 2; Carolina wren, 85; mockingbird, 6; robin, 80; hermit thrush, 7; bluebird, 43; golden-crowned kinglet, 4; starling, 89; myrtle warbler, 32; house sparrow, 337; meadowlark, 1; cardinal, 194; purple finch, 4; goldfinch, 85; towhee, 127; junco, 318; tree sparrow, 36; field sparrow, 17; white-throated sparrow, 95; fox sparrow, 1; song sparrow, 115. Total 38 species, 2348 individuals. Other species recorded during period but not listed above: ruffed grouse, 1, Dec. 20; migrant shrike, 2, Dec. 20, (J.S.). Observers: Mrs. W. H. Odell, Mrs. Fred Varney, James Dunkle, Laurence Garges, Larry Garges, N. Bayard Green, Mrs. Walter Kerr, Mrs. J. J. Kail, Mrs. Marcus Crenshaw, Mrs. H. A. Resener, Hugh Lans, Miss Lois Garrett, Mrs. Minnie Halstead, Mrs. June Baker, Miss Racheal Wilson, Mrs. Grady Risen, George H. Gunoe, Mrs. M. E. Beckett, Mrs. Row Wells, Mrs. William Scriver, Mrs. Iva Nowlan, Mrs. Vada McWilliams, Mrs. H. C. Hale, Miss Nell Rose Hale, James Shires, Mrs. Thomas Linten, Ralph M. Edeburn.

Ralph M. Edeburn
Marshall College
Huntington, W. Va.

CLEVELAND, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Cleveland, Ohio (Gordon Park eastward to mouth of Chagrin River along the Lake Erie shore; inland to Shaker Lakes, Gates Mills, North Chagrin reservation, and Willoughby; lake shore 15%, beech-maple climax forest 20%, open fields 30%, town suburbs 15%, thickets 15%, swamps 5%). Dec. 27, 1947; 8:00 a.m. to dusk; overcast in a.m.; clearing with intermittent sunshine in p.m.; wind SW, 20-26 m.p.h.; temp. 25° to 35° F.; 2 inches snow; Lake Erie open but ponds and streams mostly frozen; twenty-nine observers in 9 parties. Total hours, 53 (34 on foot, 19 by car); total miles, 283 (65 on foot, 218 by car). Gannet, 2 (first census record); double-crested cormorant, 5; great blue heron, 1; mallard, 32; black duck, 25; redhead, 80; canvas-back, 1; lesser scaup, 315; American golden-eye, 27; buffle-head, 2; ruddy duck, 10; American merganser, 15; red-breasted merganser, 10; sharp-shinned hawk, 1; Cooper's hawk, 1; red-tailed hawk, 5; red-shouldered hawk, 1; bald eagle, 1; marsh hawk, 2; sparrow hawk, 4; bobwhite, 29 (2 coveys); killdeer, 1 (first census record); Iceland gull, 1 (observed through 20x telescope - first census record); herring gull, 141; ring-billed gull, 1936 (est); Bonaparte gull, 1200 (est); rock dove, 163; mourning dove, 1; barred owl, 1; belted kingfisher, 4; pileated woodpecker, 2; red-bellied woodpecker, 4; yellow-bellied sapsucker, 1 (first census record); hairy woodpecker, 12; downy woodpecker, 42; prairie horned lark, 7; blue jay, 67; crow, 7; black-capped chickadee, 121; tufted titmouse, 18; white-breasted nuthatch, 24; brown creeper, 3; Carolina wren, 1; robin, 30; golden-crowned kinglet, 20; cedar waxwing, 60; starling, 1044; myrtle warbler, 11; English sparrow, 354; rusty black-bird, 2 (first census record); cardinal, 48; redpoll, 108 (one flock of 100); goldfinch, 16; towhee, 5; slate-colored junco, 612; tree sparrow, 570; white-throated sparrow, 1; song sparrow, 25. Total, 58 species; about 7232 individuals. Leta Adams, George Ainsley, Walter Baggaley, Jerry Brody, Vera Carrothers, Edith Dobbins, Mildred Ekberg, James Findley, Bob Foley, R. W. Hill, R. Kula, Luella and Nadine Literaty, Bob Malley, Howard Martin, Mabel Meaker, Norman Negus, Margaret Perner, Bill Quay, F.N. Shankland, Margaret Sherwin, Marion Skaggs, Bob Smith, Ted Stevens, Kurt Student, Faith Swanson, Lida Whittier, A. B. Williams and M. B. Skaggs. (Guests and members, The Kirtland Bird Club.)

Merit B. Skaggs
Cleveland, Ohio

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Blacksburg (Montgomery County) Virginia. (V.P.I. campus and farm, Strouble's Creek to New River, Brush Mountain and Tom's Creek to New River, along New River from mouth of Strouble's Creek to Goodwin's Ferry - same course as last year; woods 45%, farmland 35%; river-bottom 20%.) Dec. 21, 1947; 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; clear (visibility poor - bad ground haze); temp. 20° F. at start, 28° F. at return; wind W, about one mile per hour; ground bare; five observers working in four groups. Total hours, 40.5, on foot (car used by one group in shifting from point to point); total miles, 65 (40 on foot, 25 by car). Mallard, 120; black duck, 76; gadwall, 1; baldpate, 20; greater scaup, 2; American golden-eye, 20; bufflehead, 51; hooded

merganser, 3; turkey vulture, 21, Cooper's hawk, 3; red-tailed hawk, 1; red-shouldered hawk, 4; marsh hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 12; ruffed grouse, 1; bobwhite, 30 (two coveys); coot, 1; killdeer, 8; Wilson's snipe, 10; domestic pigeon (feral), 10; mourning dove, 29; screech owl, 7; belted kingfisher, 4; flicker, 6; pileated woodpecker, 3; red-bellied woodpecker, 4; red-headed woodpecker, 17; phoebe, 3; horned lark, 101; blue jay, 27; crow, 506; chickadee (var.?, both Carolina and black-capped present), 98; tufted titmouse, 57; white-breasted nuthatch, 15; red-breasted nuthatch, 13; brown creeper, 15; winter wren, 19; Carolina wren, 22; mockingbird, 20; robin, 3; hermit thrush, 8; bluebird, 27; golden-crowned kinglet, 64; cedar waxwing, 10; migrant shrike, 1; starling, 1,600 (est.); western palm warbler, 1; English sparrow, 130; meadowlark, 46; cardinal, 118; goldfinch, 61; towhee, 2; slate-colored junco, 340 (est.); tree sparrow, 59; field sparrow, 89; white-crowned sparrow, 56; white-throated sparrow, 16; fox sparrow, 3; swamp sparrow, 2; song sparrow, 116. Total, 63 species; about 4,135 individuals. C. O. Handley, Sr., C. O. Handley, Jr., John Handley, Robert J. Watson, J. W. Murray.

C. O. Handley, Sr.
Charleston, W. Va.

PYMATUNING LAKE, PENNSYLVANIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Linesville (Pymatuning Lake), Pennsylvania (Edges of Wildlife Sanctuary, Conneaut Lake, south to Hartstown; lake shore 15%, swamp forest 30%, open fields 15%, thickets 15%, deciduous woods 20%, town area 5%.) Dec. 20, 1947; 8:20 a.m. to 5:05 p.m.; sunny; temp. 15° to 30° F; wind SE, 10 m.p.h.; ground mostly bare but a little snow in woods; lakes and streams almost completely frozen; two observers together. Total hours, 8 (6 on foot, 2 by car); total miles, 47 (7 on foot, 40 by car). Great blue heron, 1; Canada goose, 500 (est.); mallard, 60; black duck, 50; bald eagle, 1; sparrow hawk, 1; pheasant, 1 (plus several tracks); flicker, 1; pileated woodpecker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 2; downy woodpecker, 5; blue jay, 7; crow, 1; chickadee, 16; white-breasted nuthatch, 2; brown creeper, 1; winter wren, 1; golden-crowned kinglet, 4; starling, 15; English sparrow, 9; cardinal, 8; goldfinch, 3; junco, 40; tree sparrow, 193; song sparrow, 2. Total 25 species, about 926 individuals. (The geese were keeping a small area in the sanctuary from freezing over and were being fed in a nearby cornfield). Marion Skaggs and Merit B. Skaggs.

M. B. Skaggs
Cleveland, Ohio

SUGAR GROVE, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Sugar Grove, Ohio (about 850 acres in the unglaciated Appalachian Plateau; Hocking River and Clear Creek bottoms and adjacent uplands; open bottomlands 42%, mixed upland woodland 19%, hemlock forest 13%, old-field, pine-scrub 7%, mixed scrub 6%, country estate 3% - same locality as last three years.) Dec. 28, 1947; dawn to dusk; partly cloudy to fair; temp. 23° - 31° F.; wind W, 6 - 14 m.p.h.; ground about half bare with snow in shaded places; twenty-six observers in 4 parties, mostly operating separately. Total hours, 104 (on foot); total miles, 109 (on foot). Turkey vulture, 1;

Cooper's hawk, 1; red-tailed hawk, 2; red-shouldered hawk, 1; rough-legged hawk, 1; marsh hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 3; ruffed grouse, 11; bobwhite, 32; ring-necked pheasant, 1; mourning dove, 8; screech owl, 1; barred owl, 2; flicker, 23; pileated woodpecker, 8; red-bellied woodpecker, 35; sapsucker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 16; downy woodpecker, 107; phoebe, 2; horned lark, 5; blue jay, 11; crow, 1; Carolina chickadee, 205; titmouse, 164; white-breasted nuthatch, 48; brown creeper, 48; winter wren, 36; Bewick's wren, 1; Carolina wren, 46; robin, 410; hermit thrush, 57; bluebird, 65; golden-crowned kinglet, 132; ruby-crowned kinglet, 1; starling, 647; myrtle warbler, 1; palm warbler, 1; English sparrow, 438; meadowlark, 80; rusty blackbird, 2; grackle, 30; cowbird, 8; cardinal, 259; purple finch, 12; goldfinch, 113; towhee, 43; junco, 688; tree sparrow, 402; field sparrow, 2; white-throated sparrow, 10; song sparrow, 243. Total, 52 species, 4457 individuals. F. B. Chapman, A. H. Claugus, C. A. Dambach, G. Gilbert, C. R. Goslin, D. M. Harlor, J. C. Harlor, L. E. Hicks, J. H. Jenkins, S. M. Jepsen, W. K. Jones, W. Jones, A. S. Kiefer, D. L. Leedy, R. H. McCormick, J. Olsen, G. Petrides, C. R. Reese, I. B. Rickly; D. M. Smith, E. S. Thomas, W. A. Tucker, C. F. Walker, W. H. Walker, K. Westerskov, R. H. Wilson. (Wheaton Club, members and guests.)

Lawrence E. Hicks
Columbus, Ohio

ASHTABULA, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Ashtabula, Ohio (Lake Erie shore from west of Ashtabula to Conneaut, 14 miles, and most of the lake plain, from shore inland 4 miles). Dec. 23, 1947; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; ground bare and partly frozen but all water unfrozen; overcast but visibility excellent except during the fall of a bit of powder snow from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Water birds concentrated on the shore side of breakwaters by a strong on-shore wind (10 to 30 m.p.h.). Temp. 30°-33° F.; four observers together most of day but working parallel survey lines about 200 yards apart; total miles, 108 (about 46 on foot, 62 by auto). Common loon, 1; horned grebe, 2; whistling swan, 4 (2 juv.); mallard, 4; black duck, 53; gadwall, 1; European widgeon, 1; baldpate, 7; green-winged teal, 2; shoveller, 1; redhead, 16; canvasback, 7; greater scaup duck, 6 (two groups well seen at 100 feet at rest and in flight); lesser (and unidentified) scaup, 52; goldeneye, 79; bufflehead, 1; white-winged scoter, 2; hooded merganser, 1; American merganser, 133; red-breasted merganser, 28; red-tailed hawk, 2; bald eagle, 1; marsh hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 1; ruffed grouse, 3; pheasant, 3; great black-backed gull, 1; herring gull, 465; ring-billed gull, 92; Bonaparte's gull, 356; little gull, 1; barred owl, 1; flicker, 1; pileated woodpecker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 3; downy woodpecker, 6; blue jay, 16; crow, 1 (dead); chickadee, 69; tufted titmouse, 21; white-breasted nuthatch, 12; red-breasted nuthatch, 2; brown creeper, 5; winter wren, 1; robin, 1; golden-crowned kinglet, 5; cedar waxwing, 14; starling, 105; English sparrow, 245; cardinal, 72; goldfinch, 3; towhee, 2; slate colored junco, 73; tree sparrow, 113; song sparrow, 27; snow bunting, 2. Total, 56 species, 2128 individuals. Lawrence E. Hicks, Robert H. Mills, William F. Davis, Ernest Limes.

Lawrence E. Hicks
Columbus, Ohio

MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Morgantown, West Virginia (Edge of town to Cheat Lake, 6 miles away, with skirting of lake shore and side trips into areas adjacent to main highways; territory mingling of open farmlands and deciduous woodlands, about the same territory as worked in previous counts.) Dec. 28, 1947; dawn to almost dusk; fair but cool; ground covered with snow, temperature around 30° to 35° F. throughout the day; lake frozen with exception of small watering hole for ducks; six observers, three groups of 3, 2, 1 working in different areas. Total group hours 12, total mileage 36, (20 by car, 16 on foot) Mallard, 10; black duck, 146; sharp-shinned hawk, 1; red-shouldered hawk, 1; mourning dove, 4; flicker, 5; red-bellied woodpecker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 3; downy woodpecker, 17; blue jay, 5; crow, 19; chickadee, 45; tufted titmouse, 38; white-breasted nuthatch, 7; brown creeper, 1; winter wren, 3; Carolina wren, 20; hermit thrush, 3; bluebird, 8; starling, 247; house sparrow, 268; cardinal, 43; goldfinch, 74; slate-colored junco, 73; tree sparrow, 83; song sparrow, 48. Total 26 species, 1071 individuals. I. B. Boggs, Herman and Lucretia Bowers, Earl and Rhea Smith, Wayne Davis.

I. B. Boggs
Morgantown, W. Va.

MT. LOOKOUT (NICHOLAS CO.), WEST VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Mt. Lookout, West Virginia (same area as in 1941 and later counts; deciduous and hemlock woodland 74%, pine grove 1%, farmland 25%). Dec. 28, 1947; clear most of day; temp. 30° F.; wind S, 7-20 m.p.h.; some snow on ground; two observers, separate in a.m., together in p.m. Total hours, 14; total miles 17 (on foot). Ruffed grouse, 4; pileated woodpecker, 2; red-bellied woodpecker, 3; hairy woodpecker, 3; downy woodpecker, 7; crow, 81; chickadee, 3; tufted titmouse, 38; white-breasted nuthatch, 3; winter wren, 5; Carolina wren, 2; robin, 5; golden-crowned kinglet, 4; house sparrow, 12; cardinal, 1; junco, 175; tree sparrow, 11; song sparrow, 8. Total 18 species; 367 individuals. (Dec. 23: meadowlark, 14; horned lark, 12; Dec. 25: sharp-shinned hawk, 1; Dec. 27: bobwhite, 12. On the 23rd about 100 wild geese flew low over Mt. Lookout and lit on Meadow River. We didn't observe these geese but from reports they must have been Canada geese.) W. C. Legg and Alton McClung.

W. C. Legg
Mt. Lookout, W. Va.

BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Buckeye Lake, Ohio (about the same area as in the past 23 years; deciduous woodlands 60%, open farmland 30%, brushy swamp and cattail marsh 10%). Dec. 21, 1947; 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; partly cloudy; temp. 28° - 38° F.; wind less than 5 m.p.h.; no snow on ground; 85% ice coverage on lake, streams partly ice-covered; fourteen observers in 3 parties. Total miles 203 (88 on foot, 115 by automobile). Common mallard, 1210 plus; black duck, 652 plus; gadwall, 1; baldpate, 2; pintail, 10; green-winged teal, 11;

redhead, 2; lesser scaup, 10; common golden-eye, 11; buffle-head, 3; ruddy duck, 2; hooded merganser, 6; American merganser, 5; sharp-shinned hawk, 1; Cooper's hawk, 4; red-tailed hawk, 8; red-shouldered hawk, 5; rough-legged hawk, 1; marsh hawk, 3; sparrow hawk, 20; bobwhite, 81 (7 coveys); ring-necked pheasant, 8; killdeer, 2; herring gull, 1; mourning dove, 35; barn owl, 1; screech owl, 2; barred owl, 5; belted kingfisher, 1; flicker, 61; pileated woodpecker, 2; red-bellied woodpecker, 38; red-headed woodpecker, 18; hairy woodpecker, 15; downy woodpecker, 100; horned lark, 67 (apparently all prairie horned larks); blue jay, 52; crow, 23; chickadee, 126; tufted titmouse, 126; white-breasted nuthatch, 145; brown creeper, 34; winter wren, 9; Bewick's wren, 1; Carolina wren, 12; prairie marsh wren, 4; robin, 9; hermit thrush, 1; bluebird, 21; golden-crowned kinglet, 7; ruby-crowned kinglet, 3; starling, 847; myrtle warbler, 31; English sparrow, 1684; eastern meadowlark, 32; red-wing, 388; rusty blackbird, 18; bronzed grackle, 8; cowbird, 46; cardinal, 192; purple finch, 12; goldfinch, 43; white-winged crossbill, 2; red-eyed towhee, 5; savannah sparrow, 2; slate-colored junco, 124; tree sparrow, 897; field sparrow, 1; fox sparrow, 1; swamp sparrow, 25 plus; song sparrow, 362. Total, 71 species; 7697 individuals. Arthur Borrer, Donald J. Borrer, Gareth E. Gilbert, Lawrence E. Hicks, Kelton W. Jones, Robert Z. Kavanagh, Arthur S. Kiefer, Frank W. Mead, Robert H. Mills, James Olsen, Carl R. Reese, Irvin B. Rickly, Milton B. Tratuman, Walter Tucker.

Lawrence E. Hicks
Columbus, Ohio

CADIZ, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Cadiz, Ohio; December 21, 1947; total hours 8; nine observers. Sparrow hawk, 4; bobwhite, 1; belted kingfisher, 1; flicker, 1; red-bellied woodpecker, 1; downy woodpecker, 6; horned lark, 11; crow, 8; chickadee, 8; tufted titmouse, 7; white-breasted nuthatch, 11; Carolina wren, 3; starling, 33; English sparrow, 88; cardinal, 6; goldfinch, 9; towhee, 2; slate-colored junco, 20; tree sparrow, 31; song sparrow, 8. Total 21 species, 260 individuals. H. B. McConnell, John G. Worley, John C. Worley, David Worley, Clara C. Worley, Milton M. Ronsheim, Harold Haverfield, Martha M. Haverfield, and Raymond Reed.

H. B. McConnell

Note: The above count marked the 47th consecutive Christmas Bird Count in which Mr. H. B. McConnell has taken part. On the last 37 years he has been accompanied by John G. Worley.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Steubenville, Ohio (area about the same as last two years; Union Cemetary; area north and south of Sunset Boulevard; Wills Creek to Ohio River; golf course; deciduous woodland 48%, creek bottomlands 14%, brushy meadows and pastures 13%, hemlock grove 5%, urban 8%). Dec. 27, 1947; 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; cloudy; temp. 28° F.; wind W, 1 to 5 m.p.h.; six observers, 2 parties part time. Total hours, 13; total miles 20 (on foot). Cooper's hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 1; flicker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 1; downy woodpecker, 17; crow, 1; chickadee, 56; tufted titmouse, 34; white-breasted nuthatch, 3; brown creeper, 1; Carolina wren, 3; robin, 2; golden-crowned kinglet, 1;

ruby-crowned kinglet, 1; starling, 112; myrtle warbler, 1; house sparrow, 93; cardinal, 56; goldfinch, 2; slate-colored junco, 128; tree sparrow, 53; field sparrow, 18; song sparrow, 61. Total 23 species, 648 individuals. Albert Tenney, Lois Lee Tenney, John Halse, Richard Banks, Don Rarey and Clinton S. Banks. (Members the Forest Audubon Club.)

Clinton S. Banks
Steubenville, Ohio

OLDTOWN, MARYLAND
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Oldtown, Maryland (Oldtown, Potomac River and C. and O. Canal; woods 20%, brushland 20%, farmland 50%, swampland 10%.) Dec. 20, 1947; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; weather clear; temp. 22° to 30° F.; one observer. Total hours 7-1/2. Belted kingfisher, 2; pileated woodpecker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 1; downy woodpecker, 22; crow, 27; tufted titmouse, 3; white-breasted nuthatch, 10; winter wren, 3; Carolina wren, 3; mockingbird, 6; bluebird, 5; starling, 24; house sparrow, 124; cardinal, 61; slate-colored junco, 49; tree sparrow, 18; white-throated sparrow, 12; swamp sparrow, 8; song sparrow, 3. Total 19 species, 382 individuals.

Helen B. Miller
Spring Gap, Maryland

OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Wheeling, West Virginia (city proper; Ohio River, Warwood to Wheeling; Oglebay Park; Miller's Hollow; Big Wheeling Creek Valley; open farmland and fields 20%, deciduous woods 25%, mixed conifers 5%, brushy roadsides 20%, along Ohio River 10%, along Big Wheeling Creek 10%, urban 10%.) Dec. 28, 1947; 9:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; overcast with light snow flurries, clearing in late afternoon; temp. 28° to 32° F.; wind N to W, 10 to 15 m.p.h.; ground covered with 3 to 4 inches of snow; water mostly frozen but Ohio River open; ten observers in 4 groups. Total hours, 18-1/2 (15-1/2 on foot, 3 by car); total miles, 50 (21 on foot, 29 by car). Red-tailed hawk, 2; ruffed grouse, 1; mourning dove, 1; screech owl, 1; belted kingfisher, 1; flicker, 3; red-bellied woodpecker, 3; yellow-bellied sapsucker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 2; downy woodpecker, 40; crow 363; chickadee, 137; tufted titmouse, 111; white-breasted nuthatch, 5; brown creeper, 11; winter wren, 5; Carolina wren, 16; mockingbird, 1; bluebird, 2; golden-crowned kinglet, 6; starling, 41; house sparrow, 97; cardinal, 79; goldfinch, 6; slate-colored junco, 100; tree sparrow, 97; field sparrow, 1; white-crowned sparrow, 2; song sparrow, 46. Total 29 species, 1181 individuals. Carolyn Conrad, Charles Conrad, Elizabeth Etz, Helen McElwee, William Wylie, Karl Haller, Earl Vanscoy, Robert McCausland, Mr. & Mrs. George Breiding. (Members of the Brooks Bird Club.)

Charles Conrad
Wheeling, West Virginia

KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Charleston, West Virginia and suburbs (Great Kanawha River Valley and adjacent hills and valleys from Marmet to Institute; Elk River and vicinity from Big Chimney to Charleston; open farmland and grassland 20%, wooded river bottomland 10%, deciduous woodland 65%, pine woodland 5%.) Dec. 28, 1947; 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; slightly cloudy to clear; temp. 32° to 33° F.; wind N, 5m.p.h. to W, 7 m.p.h.; ground bare; water open; twenty-five observers in thirteen parties. Total hours, 76 (72 on foot, 4 by automobile); total miles, 193 (60 on foot, 133 by automobile). Black duck, 1; sharp-shinned hawk, 3; Cooper's hawk, 2; red-tailed hawk, 1; red-shouldered hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 15; ruffed grouse, 3; bobwhite, 23 (3 coveys); killdeer, 2; rock dove, 41; belted kingfisher, 1; flicker, 7; pileated woodpecker, 2; red-headed woodpecker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 8; downy woodpecker, 58; phoebe, 1; horned lark, 16; blue jay, 11; crow, 46; chickadee, 299; tufted titmouse, 172; white-breasted nuthatch, 31; brown creeper, 4; winter wren, 15; Carolina wren, 80; mockingbird, 5; robin, 8; hermit thrush, 27; bluebird, 35; golden-crowned kinglet, 29; ruby-crowned kinglet, 5; American pipit, 3; starling, 398; myrtle warbler, 15; pine warbler, 1; western palm warbler, 2; house sparrow, 279; meadowlark, 8; red-wing, 4; grackle, 1; cardinal, 208; goldfinch, 164; towhee, 178; slate-colored junco, 420; tree sparrow, 145; chipping sparrow, 1; field sparrow, 375; white-crowned sparrow, 1; white-throated sparrow, 569; fox sparrow, 7; swamp sparrow, 3; song sparrow, 317. Total 53 species, 4052 individuals. Other species recorded during period but not listed above: mourning dove, 1, Dec. 20 (W.R.D., C.O.H.Sr.); screech owl, 1, Dec. 24, (E.A.S.); barn owl, 1, Dec. 20, (W.R.D., C.O.H.Sr.); red-bellied woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27, (C.O.H.Jr.); and Cape May warbler, 1, Dec. 23, (A.B.S.). Wayne Bailey, Sybil Ball, Lucy Barber, Sarah Barber, W. R. DeGarmo, Mr. & Mrs. Julian Dusi, Richard England, Mr. and Mrs. John Handlan, C. O. Handley, Sr., C. O. Handley, Jr., John Handley, Mrs. Arthur Hudson, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ketchum, Betty Leftwich, James McCarty, Gladys Murrey, E. A. Seaman, Alston B. Shields, Eleanor Sims, William F. Strunk, Wendell Swank and Mrs. W. W. Trent. (Members of Brooks Bird Club.)

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Youngstown, Ohio (Mill Creek Park; Meander Lake; Milton Lake; Pine Lake; Beaver Lake; vicinity of Youngstown.) Dec. 21, 1947; dawn to dusk; overcast; eight observers in three parties. Great blue heron, 1; Canada goose, 28; mallard, 130; black duck, 1200; baldpate, 1; canvasback, 1; American golden-eye, 2; white-winged scoter, 3; ruddy duck, 2; American merganser, 3; Cooper's hawk, 1; red-tailed hawk, 2; red-shouldered hawk, 2; bald eagle, 1; marsh hawk, 4; duck hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 5; bobwhite, 1; ring-necked pheasant, 2; herring gull, 3; ring-billed gull, 1; Bonaparte's gull, 3; mourning dove, 33; barn owl, 3; great-horned owl, 1; barred owl, 1; short-eared owl, 1; belted kingfisher, 2; flicker, 8; pileated woodpecker, 4; red-bellied woodpecker, 5; hairy woodpecker, 10; downy woodpecker, 47;

northern horned lark, 80; prairie horned lark, 70; blue jay, 62; crow, 692; chickadee, 56; tufted titmouse, 66; white-breasted nuthatch, 64; brown creeper, 8; golden-crowned kinglet, 20; cedar waxwing, 1; starling, 220; myrtle warbler, 1; English sparrow, 520; red-wing, 50; rusty blackbird, 12; grackle 1; cowbird, 8; cardinal, 73; pine siskin, 20; goldfinch, 57; towhee, 16; slate-colored junco, 159; tree sparrow, 316; song sparrow, 16; Lapland longspur, 1; snow bunting, 1. Total 59 species, 4102 individuals. Grant Cook, Vince McLaughlin, Edward Minnich, Jerry Brody, John Burrow, Paul Stewart, Howard Heimerdinger, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ferris.

Howard Heimerdinger
Girard, Ohio

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Lexington, Virginia (Same area as in previous years.) Dec. 22, 1947; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; weather clear; temp. 42° F., wind none; eight observers; total hours 55; total miles 33 (25 on foot, 8 by car). Black duck, 2; mallard, 3; sharp-shinned hawk, 2; sparrow hawk, 4; turkey vulture, 13; black vulture, 5; killdeer, 3; woodcock, 2; Wilson's snipe, 1; rock dove, 39; mourning dove, 24; belted kingfisher, 1; flicker, 17; pileated woodpecker, 5; red-bellied woodpecker, 3; downy woodpecker, 10; horned lark, 57; blue jay, 7; crow, 176; black-capped chickadee, 2; Carolina chickadee, 19; tufted titmouse, 13; white-breasted nuthatch, 5; winter wren, 2; Carolina wren, 8; mockingbird, 17; robin, 1; hermit thrush, 6; bluebird, 39; golden-crowned kinglet, 3; ruby-crowned kinglet, 1; migrant shrike, 2; starling, 282; myrtle warbler, 40; house sparrow, 46; meadowlark, 53; rusty blackbird, 2; cardinal, 52; goldfinch, 28; junco, 102; field sparrow, 10; white-crowned sparrow, 1; white-throated sparrow, 78; song sparrow, 13. Total 44 species, 1199 individuals. Dr. J. J. Murray, J. J. Murray, Jr., Robert P. Carroll, Mrs. J. J. Murray, Lt. W. L. Richards, Alice Carroll, John Chapman and Gordon Echuk.

Dr. J. J. Murray
Lexington, Virginia

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
1947

Bluefield, West Virginia (same area as former years, including portions of Mercer County, West Virginia, and Tazwell County, Virginia; 72% meadow with brushy roadside, 20% lake and marshy creek bottoms, 5% woods, 3% city). Dec. 26, 1947; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; clear; temp. 31° to 42° F.; wind SW, strong; trace of fine snow; lake nearly frozen, creeks open; two observers in one party. Total hours 8-1/2 (3 on foot, 5-1/2 by car); total miles, 30 (3 on foot, 27 by car). Sparrow hawk, 1; blue jay, 2; crow, 1; chickadee, 5; tufted titmouse, 2; white-breasted nuthatch, 2; Carolina wren, 1; mockingbird, 1; hermit thrush, 1; migrant shrike, 1; starling, 155; house sparrow, 112; red-wing, 7 plus; cowbird, 4; cardinal, 5; junco, 6; tree sparrow, 2 plus; field sparrow, 11; song sparrow, 9. Total 19 species; 327 plus individuals. Other species recorded during period but

not listed above: downy woodpecker, 1; Dec. 22; bluebird, 3; Dec. 21; goldfinch, Dec. 21; white-crowned sparrow, Dec. 23. Mrs. Miriam Dickinson, Mary Henry.

Mrs. Miriam Dickinson
Bluefield, West Virginia

LEND A HELPING HAND!

While attending the Wilson Ornithological Club meeting in Columbus, we learned of a most worthwhile project being conducted to help our less fortunate ornithologists in Europe. Mrs. F. N. Hammerstrom, of Pinckney, Michigan, supervises this generous undertaking. Ornithologists in Europe, recommended by foreign members of the A.O.U., write Mrs. Hammerstrom of their needs, and give her pertinent information with regard to sizes for clothing. Some of these letters are almost pitiful, and certainly make us realize how fortunate we are to live in America. Mrs. Hammerstrom files this information, and when some one volunteers to send some clothing, shoes, food, etc., she can supply the sender with the name and address of the family who most needs it.

We of the Brooks Bird Club are very anxious to cooperate with this project and have already shipped boxes to three families. We would like to send more. If you have some warm clothing, field jackets, overshoes, children's clothing, or other articles of apparel which you can spare, you can help us make a worthwhile contribution to this project. If you wish to help - follow these suggestions:

1. Make a list of articles available and give size. (In case of shoes, if size is unknown, draw outline.)
2. Send this information to Mrs. F. N. Hammerstrom, Pinckney, Michigan.
3. Mrs. Hammerstrom will then furnish you with the name and address of the family who most needs what you have to send.
4. When you send a box, write the B.B.C. and tell us, as we want to keep a list of names.

LET'S LEND A HAND!

BROOKS BIRD CLUB NINTH ANNUAL FORAY

The 1948 Foray sponsored by the Brooks Bird Club will be held the week of June 12 - 20 at Camp Thornwood in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Thornwood is located in the heart of the mountains, overlooking the beautiful Greenbrier River, and is relatively close to such ornithologically interesting areas as Gaudineer Knob, Spruce Knob, and historic White Top.

Plan now to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the best in nature study in combination with good fellowship, and the pure enjoyment that only a mountain camp can offer.

Folders containing all the essential information regarding the Foray will be sent to a large mailing list. For additional folders or other information write the Brooks Bird Club, 707 Warwood, Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia.