

Count Summary Report

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Count Name: Morgantown	Count Code: WVMO	Count Date: 12/17/2016
Organizations & Sponsors: Mountaineer Chapter of National Audubon, Avian Conservation Center of the Appalachia	# of Party Hours: 33.00	Species reported on count date: 91

Compiler(s)

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Start & End Times

Start time	End time
12:00 AM	05:30 PM

Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 23
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 4
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 8
At Feeders	Total Number: 5

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	19.00	21.00	Miles
Car	11.00	150.00	Miles
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle	3.00	8.00	Miles
Dog Sled			
Golfcart			
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis			
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			

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Other Time and Distance			
	Hours	Distance	Units
At Feeders	7.00		
Nocturnal Birding	7.00	0.00	
Total Party	33.00	179.00	Miles

Weather

Weather			
Temperature	Minimum: 27.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum: 63.0 Fahrenheit	
Wind Direction	South		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 0.00 Miles/hour	Maximum: 13.00 Miles/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 0.00 Inches	Maximum: 0.50 Inches	
Still Water	Open		
Moving Water	Open		
AM and PM Conditions			
Cloud Cover	AM: Cloudy	PM: Cloudy	
AM Rain	Light		
AM Snow	None		
PM Rain	None		
PM Snow	None		

Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Cackling Goose	1		1/117	3	
Canada Goose	1005	HC,	1005/117	30	
Mute Swan	2		3/111	4	
Tundra Swan	11		53/116	10	
Wood Duck	cw		9/113	14	
Gadwall	cw		14/114	8	
American Wigeon	3		3/117	7	
American Black Duck	22		105/89	28	
Mallard	355		714/104	32	
Northern Shoveler	1		1/117	3	
Northern Pintail	cw		5/116	7	
Green-winged Teal	3		3/117	1	
Canvasback	7	HC,	7/117	12	
Redhead	8		8/117	8	

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Ring-necked Duck	7		52/112	14	
Greater Scaup	cw		1/114	3	
Lesser Scaup	3		6/114	10	
Long-tailed Duck	cw		0/117	4	
Bufflehead	63		102/115	27	
Common Goldeneye	1		34/86	22	
Hooded Merganser	95		113/111	30	
Common Merganser	5		17/111	8	
Red-breasted Merganser	3		6/106	7	
Ruddy Duck	41		201/109	17	
Ruffed Grouse	cw		3/96	16	
Wild Turkey	111		111/117	28	
Common Loon	cw		4/98	17	
Pied-billed Grebe	32		45/113	27	
Horned Grebe	2		15/115	8	
Double-crested Cormorant	1		6/116	11	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	5		20/106	29	
Black Vulture	114		114/117	13	
Turkey Vulture	123		158/116	23	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		4/109	25	
Cooper's Hawk	3		5/113	27	
Bald Eagle	8		9/111	16	
Red-shouldered Hawk	5		8/115	11	
Red-tailed Hawk	19		32/113	32	
American Coot	1		28/111	23	
Killdeer	2		29/112	13	
Common/Spotted Sandpiper	1	US,	1/117	1	
Greater Yellowlegs	1	US,	1/117	1	
Ring-billed Gull	11		64/101	22	
Herring Gull	cw		0/117	3	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	195		621/88	32	
Mourning Dove	70		277/113	32	
Eastern Screech-Owl	1		22/115	20	
Great Horned Owl	1		4/94	15	
Barred Owl	2		8/116	11	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1		2/115	3	
Belted Kingfisher	7		26/107	31	

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Red-headed Woodpecker	1		1/117	2	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	14	LC	47/115	32	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		20/111	26	
Downy Woodpecker	30		83/115	32	
Hairy Woodpecker	11		17/114	32	
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	11		35/96	32	
Pileated Woodpecker	21		36/115	32	
American Kestrel	6		13/87	31	
Merlin (Taiga)	2		2/117	1	
Peregrine Falcon	1		1/117	2	
Eastern Phoebe	1		2/100	11	
Blue Jay	59		167/115	32	
American Crow	247		708/115	32	
Common Raven	18		41/114	19	
Horned Lark	7		16/111	3	
Carolina Chickadee	134		172/115	29	
Black-capped Chickadee	13		70/88	31	
chickadee sp.	10		126/87	29	
Tufted Titmouse	115		176/115	32	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3		4/115	15	
White-breasted Nuthatch	30	LC	98/115	32	
Brown Creeper	1		11/93	29	
Winter Wren	1		2/116	6	
Carolina Wren	83		87/115	32	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	LC	52/99	27	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		3/96	7	
Eastern Bluebird	79	HC,	79/117	32	
American Robin	35		395/116	30	
Gray Catbird	1		1/117	4	
Northern Mockingbird	22		38/115	32	
European Starling	817		5783/111	32	
Cedar Waxwing	54		311/110	25	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	1		59/114	30	
American Tree Sparrow	25		25/117	23	
Chipping Sparrow	1		1/117	4	
Field Sparrow	4		41/107	26	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	110		417/86	32	
White-crowned Sparrow	4		31/115	9	

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White-throated Sparrow	25		145/115	32	
Song Sparrow	112		159/115	32	
Swamp Sparrow	2		9/93	10	
Eastern Towhee	1		9/115	19	
Northern Cardinal	160		269/89	32	
Eastern Meadowlark	1		3/86	2	
Common Grackle	5		5/117	7	
Brown-headed Cowbird	cw		40/104	12	
House Finch	26		401/88	32	
Purple Finch	1		7/90	13	
American Goldfinch	24		106/115	32	
House Sparrow	128		315/112	32	
Total Individuals	4815				
Total Species Reported	91				

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

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Species

Common/Spotted Sandpiper [*Actitis hypoleucos/macularius*]

Greater Yellowlegs [*Tringa melanoleuca*]

Special Aspects

Count Day started with icy road conditions and about half the participants cancelled. We still had the highest species count on record. Another highlight of our WVMO count week was a "fall out" of waterfowl on the first day of count week, Wednesday, December 14, on Cheat Lake. Terry Bronson, an avid area birder reported, "it turned out to be a record WV day for me."

Terry reported the day's count on eBird and on WV_Bird listserv by saying, "Most of the totals below are rough estimates. The huge rafts of distant ducks, with almost all the females looking the same, made it very difficult to count and to assign to species. I did my best."

The grand totals include 50 geese, 12 swans, 12,034 ducks, 1 loon, 26 grebes, 1 eagle, 10 coots, and 286 gulls. According to eBird, these include a new state record for Northern Shovelers and a tie with the previous state record for Redheads."