

Count Summary Report

Printout Date: 3/25/2025

Count Name: Wheeling	Count Code: WVWH	Count Date: 12/27/2024
Organizations & Sponsors: Oglebay Institute	# of Party Hours: 60.50	Species reported on count date: 64

Compiler(s)

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Start & End Times

Start time	End time
07:45 AM	05:30 PM

Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 26
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 1
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 13
At Feeders	Total Number: 2

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	27.25	22.00	Miles
Car	33.25	283.25	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	7.00		

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Nocturnal Birding	0.00	0.00	
Total Party	60.50	305.25	Miles

Weather

Weather Summary			
Temperature	Minimum: 29.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum: 59.0 Fahrenheit	
Wind Direction	East		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 0.00 Miles/hour	Maximum: 8.00 Miles/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 0.00 Inches	Maximum: 0.00 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	460		1171/117	39	
Gadwall	6		10/102	6	
Mallard	170		810/96	55	
Mallard (Domestic type)	10		10/125	3	
Ring-necked Duck	32	HC,	32/125	9	
Hooded Merganser	24		68/117	22	
Common Merganser	46		66/123	17	
Wild Turkey	7		123/116	25	
Pied-billed Grebe	3		13/106	33	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	6		13/84	43	
Turkey Vulture	38		199/109	26	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		3/93	29	
Cooper's Hawk	3		7/117	41	
Bald Eagle	2		8/119	14	2im
Red-shouldered Hawk	2		3/124	16	
Red-tailed Hawk	15		46/116	58	
Buteo sp.	1		1/125	2	

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Ring-billed Gull	12		450/120	37	
Herring Gull	2		60/74	25	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	223		595/121	51	
Mourning Dove	113		241/104	55	
Belted Kingfisher	6		15/107	54	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	113		135/116	61	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	13		13/125	53	
Downy Woodpecker	41		117/73	63	
Hairy Woodpecker	8		25/123	61	
Northern Flicker	27		48/116	27	
Pileated Woodpecker	15		18/117	57	
American Kestrel	13		14/81	53	
Merlin	2	HC,	2/125	4	
Peregrine Falcon	1		2/120	9	
Eastern Phoebe	1		3/55	8	
Blue Jay	242	HC,	242/125	55	
American Crow	11000		55083/108	59	es
Common Raven	6	HC,	6/125	12	
Carolina Chickadee	229		452/116	55	
chickadee sp.	19		340/73	21	
Tufted Titmouse	186		223/116	63	
White-breasted Nuthatch	101		165/116	63	
Brown Creeper	2		29/78	58	
Winter Wren	4		5/124	9	
Carolina Wren	158		179/116	61	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22		49/105	63	
Eastern Bluebird	137		171/116	55	
Hermit Thrush	7	HC,	7/125	15	
American Robin	1350		2700/120	55	es
Northern Mockingbird	26		28/116	37	
European Starling	6000		100301/95	63	es
Cedar Waxwing	111		150/100	40	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	15		25/107	41	
American Tree Sparrow	10		260/49	46	
Field Sparrow	4		9/117	17	
Fox Sparrow	2		12/73	17	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	166		377/76	39	
White-crowned Sparrow	5		30/104	28	

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White-throated Sparrow	86		144/73	58	
Vesper Sparrow	2	US,	2/125	1	ed eo nc
Song Sparrow	193		238/116	62	
Swamp Sparrow	8		23/107	12	
Eastern Towhee	1		33/118	29	
Northern Cardinal	233		387/117	63	
Red-winged Blackbird	1		359/117	22	
Brown-headed Cowbird	5		33/81	22	
House Finch	153		170/88	48	
Purple Finch	1		10/83	11	
American Goldfinch	42		161/118	59	
House Sparrow	271		670/49	62	
Total Individuals	22214				
Total Species Reported	64				

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

Vesper Sparrow [*Pooecetes gramineus*]

Special Aspects

WVWH count was rescheduled from 12/18/24 to 12/27/24 due to freezing rain on the 18th. The rescheduled count had good weather conditions, and almost all were able to participate on the rescheduled count date.

Waterfowl on the Ohio River was slim, and very few gulls were reported.

The historical WVWH AMCR roost that would fill most every bare tree near the Ohio River in the Martin's Ferry/Bridgeport area has been moving around the last few seasons. As a result, during the last few seasons crow totals were the result of field party reports, or from an estimate of a partial roost. This season however the roost was located a little further south of Bridgeport OH, and a conservative estimate of 11,000 birds was reported. This was a large number of crows, but still far less than some of the estimates from seasons past. From what I have heard, crows have been using this relative area for roosting for over 50 years!

New for the WVWH count and rare for the season on any WV CBC, two VESPs were reported. The birds were reported by an experienced birder with excellent details, a well written NAS RBR was filed (no photos).