

Albuquerque Christmas Bird Count Summary, 2019 (CBC #120)

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2019

Number of species: 115, plus two count week

Number of individuals: 34,184

Number of participants: 67 (64 in field, 3 at feeders)

Start time: 6:00 a.m. End time: 5:30 p.m.

Total party hours: 149.58 Total party miles: 451.69

By car: 41.9 By car: 342.9

On foot: 103.18 On foot: 101.29

By canoe: 4.5 By canoe: 7.5

Feeder hours: 12

Owling hours: 0

Commentary: Many thanks to all the participants this year, especially to those who volunteered to lead sections of the count. This was all possible because of your efforts.

Two new species for the count were found: Surf Scoter and Black-throated Gray Warbler (both reported in the area before the count). These bring the cumulative count species list to 208 since 1961.

The total number of species seen (115) was about average for the 20 years, but well above the 58-year average of 92.7. Our all-time high was 124 in 2018. An additional two species were found during count week (three days before and three days after count day). Two new species for the count were found: Surf Scoter and Black-throated Gray Warbler (both reported in the area before the count). These bring the cumulative count species list to 208 since 1961. Other unusual species found were: Greater Scaup (3rd year), Neotropic Cormorant (3rd year), California Gull (4th year),

and American Dipper (4th year). Record high counts were set or tied for: Herring Gull, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Cactus Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Red-winged Blackbird, and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Species that were not seen on the count this year but have been seen in 75% or more of prior years: Ring-necked Pheasant. Number of participants and total party hours were above average.

SPECIES	TOTAL	NOTES
Snow Goose	2	
Cackling Goose	232	
Canada Goose	4386	
Canada/Cackling Goose	91	

SPECIES	TOTAL	NOTES
Wood Duck	531	
Gadwall	75	
American Wigeon	708	
Mallard	1614	
Mallard (Mexican intergrade)	2	
Mallard (Mexican)	2	
Northern Shoveler	85	
Northern Pintail	1	
Green-winged Teal	54	
Canvasback	15	
Redhead	1	
Ring-necked Duck	111	
<i>Greater Scaup</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3rd year on count; new high count</i>
Lesser Scaup	21	
<i>Surf Scoter</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>new count species</i>
Bufflehead	2	
Common Goldeneye	3	
Hooded Merganser	12	
Common Merganser	27	
Ruddy Duck	4	
Duck species	190	
Scaled Quail	12	
Gambel's Quail	12	
Pied-billed Grebe	12	
<i>Neotropic Cormorant</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3rd year on count; new high count</i>
Great Blue Heron	26	
Green Heron	1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4	
Northern Harrier	5	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10	
Cooper's Hawk	30	
Bald Eagle	3	
Red-tailed Hawk	26	
Buteo species	1	
Virginia Rail	4	
American Coot	158	
Sandhill Crane	1437	

SPECIES	TOTAL	NOTES
Killdeer	2	
Wilson's Snipe	3	
Ring-billed Gull	280	
<i>California Gull</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4th year on count or in count week</i>
<i>Herring Gull</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>ties previous high count</i>
Rock Pigeon	3398	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	203	
White-winged Dove	429	
Mourning Dove	325	
Greater Roadrunner	19	
Western Screech-Owl	2	
Great Horned Owl	3	
Burrowing Owl	1	
Belted Kingfisher	10	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	
Red-naped Sapsucker	3	
<i>Ladder-backed Woodpecker</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>new high count</i>
Downy Woodpecker	22	
Hairy Woodpecker	2	
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	1	
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	101	
American Kestrel	16	
Merlin	2	
Prairie Falcon	1	
Falcon species	1	
Black Phoebe	18	
Say's Phoebe	52	
Loggerhead Shrike	3	
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	31	
American Crow	1796	
Chihuahuan Raven	1	
Common Raven	33	
Raven species	7	
Horned Lark	83	
Black-capped Chickadee	35	
Mountain Chickadee	3	
Black-capped/Mountain Chickadee	1	

SPECIES	TOTAL	NOTES
Juniper Titmouse	5	
Bushtit	244	
White-breasted Nuthatch	79	
Brown Creeper	4	
Rock Wren	14	
Canyon Wren	6	
Marsh Wren	11	
Bewick's Wren	26	
<i>Cactus Wren</i>	4	<i>ties previous high count</i>
<i>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</i>	5	<i>new high count</i>
<i>American Dipper</i>	1	<i>4th year on count</i>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	62	
Eastern Bluebird	67	
Western Bluebird	124	
Mountain Bluebird	54	
Bluebird species	2	
Townsend's Solitaire	2	
Hermit Thrush	6	
American Robin	243	
Curve-billed Thrasher	19	
Crissal Thrasher	5	
Sage Thrasher	5	
European Starling	1621	
American Pipit	5	
Cedar Waxwing	17	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	73	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	110	
<i>Black-throated Gray Warbler</i>	1	<i>new count species</i>
Black-throated Sparrow	4	
Dark-eyed Junco	437	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	4	
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	258	
Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	112	
Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	8	
White-crowned Sparrow	444	
White-throated Sparrow	cw	count week

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Sagebrush Sparrow	33	
Savannah Sparrow	15	
Song Sparrow	124	
Lincoln's Sparrow	cw	count week
Canyon Towhee	19	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	6	
Spotted Towhee	81	
<i>Red-winged Blackbird</i>	<i>11047</i>	<i>new high count</i>
Western Meadowlark	4	
Meadowlark species	1	
<i>Yellow-headed Blackbird</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>new high count</i>
Brewer's Blackbird	153	
Great-tailed Grackle	76	
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	
Blackbird species	46	
House Finch	987	
Pine Siskin	76	
Lesser Goldfinch	233	
American Goldfinch	68	
House Sparrow	274	

cw = seen during count week (3 days before and 3 days after), but not during count day

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