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CBC 2020 - A GREAT YEAR!

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When I first wrote the Christmas Bird Count 2020 article for the Western Cuyahoga Audubon newsletter back in November titled "*Christmas Bird Count 2020: It's Going to be a Good Year*", I never dreamed that the Count would be one of the best EVER ... so it was a GREAT year.

What makes a Christmas Bird Count great?

The weather? Sunday, December 27, the day of the Count, had just the right amount of snow. The day was mostly sunny and temperatures were in the mid 30's to lower 40's which made walking sometimes a little "too warm" with all of the layers of clothing.

The birds? The 2020 Count tallied a record number **89 species on Count Day** and **5 species on Count Week**. Not all routes get rare or unusual species, but ALL species and the number of each species are important whether it was one or six Black-capped Chickadees. Yes, rare and unusual species are special and the 2020 Count had these species: ***Cackling Goose, Harlequin Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Ring-necked Pheasant, Black-headed Gull*** (first EVER for the Lakewood Circle CBC), ***Black Vulture*** (first EVER for the Lakewood Circle CBC), ***Common Redpoll*** and ***Pine Siskin*** (two species of irruptive, northern finches), and ***Eastern Meadowlark***.

The people? Yes, our participants ARE the most important part of the Christmas Bird Count. Whether as part of a walking or driving route, or as a feeder watcher, your skills and effort were appreciated. The 2020 Count had **86 participants** logging in 45 minutes of "owling time", feeder watchers and walking the neighborhood logged in nearly 26 hours, while walking routes tallied 74.5 hours with 73.25 miles walked. Driving routes tallied 19.25 hours and 140.25 miles. I am always amazed at the dedication of every participant. Thank you. Mark your calendars for the Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count 2021 which will be held on Sunday, December 26, 2021.

The list of species and number of each species is below. Count Week species are noted by the cw in the

tally column. The list of participants follows the bird list.

Species	Tally
Cackling Goose	2
Canada Goose	1069
Tundra Swan	49
Wood Duck	2
American Black Duck	3
Mallard	380
Northern Pintail	cw
Canvasback	cw
Redhead	1
Ring-necked Duck	5
Lesser Scaup	42
Harlequin Duck	1

Surf Scoter	31
White-winged Scoter	6
Black Scoter	25
Long-tailed Duck	1
Bufflehead	36
Common Goldeneye	1159
Hooded Merganser	30
Common Merganser	7
Red-breasted Merganser	2929
Ruddy Duck	5
Wild Turkey	3

Ring-necked Pheasant	1
Pied-billed Grebe	1
Horned Grebe	30
Rock Pigeon	144
Mourning Dove	192
American Coot	1
Bonaparte's Gull	7488
Black-headed Gull	1
Ring-billed Gull	1288 5
Herring Gull	723
Lesser Black-backed Gull	cw
Great Black Backed Gull	10
Common Loon	7
Double-crested Cormorant	24
Great Blue Heron	3
Black Vulture	2
Turkey Vulture	27
Northern Harrier	cw
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper's Hawk	14
Bald Eagle	10
Red-shouldered Hawk	6
Red-tailed Hawk	36
Rough-legged Hawk	2
Eastern Screech Owl	1

Great Horned Owl	1
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Barred Owl	5
Belted Kingfisher	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	116
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3
Downy Woodpecker	133
Hairy Woodpecker	24
Northern Flicker	13
Pileated Woodpecker	9
American Kestrel	6
Merlin	2
Peregrine Falcon	3
Blue Jay	471
American Crow	43
Horned Lark	3
Black-capped Chickadee	156
Tufted Titmouse	109
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7
White-breasted Nuthatch	114
Brown Creeper	3
Carolina Wren	38
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2
Eastern Bluebird	12

American Robin	413
Northern Mockingbird	5
European Starling	720
Cedar Waxwing	1
House Sparrow	930
House Finch	188
Purple Finch	cw
Common Redpoll	16
Pine Siskin	16
American Goldfinch	299
Lapland Longspur	5
Field Sparrow	1
American Tree Sparrow	40
Dark-eyed Junco	285
White-throated Sparrow	54

Song Sparrow	30
Swamp Sparrow	7
Red-winged Blackbird	6
Eastern Meadowlark	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Northern Cardinal	161

Last, but not least, are our wonderful participants:

Claudia Anders, Alison Ball, Ken and Lois Ballas, Buster Banish and the Bird Nerds (Angela, Alicia and

Kimberly), Cindy Banjoff, Kathleen Bradley, Nancy Brewer, Michelle Brosius, Erik Bruder, Bob Budzilek, Marti Burrows, Diane Busch, Barbara Buser, Craig Caldwell, Toby Carlstrom, Lee and Sue Cavano, Lenore Charnigo, Tim Colborn, Frank Comodeca, Bill Deininger, Gloria Ferris, Maria and Charles Finchum, Nick Flanik, Kendralin Freeman, Dave Grasskemper, Ann Heidenreich, John and Mary Ann Henderson, Tom and Marie Herr, Heather Hodges, Nancy Howell, Debra Jesionowski, Anna Julnes, Rich and Karen Kassouf, Jessica Kowalski, Marian and Jeff Kraus, Joann Kubicki, Duane Kurapka, Jim and Maureen Lindway, Fred Losi, Paula Lozano, Michelle Manzo, Jim McCarty, Liz McQuaid, Shaun Missig, Diane Moravek, Robin Murray, Drina Nemes, Penny O'Connor, Bill Ohlsen, Rayka Petkova, Chris Pierce, Al Rand, Michelle Rodio, Mary Anne and Tom Romito, Karen and Craig Sabo-Herwick, Mike Seliga, Kathy Shank, Allen Skierski, Ryan Smylie, Kent Starrett, Sally and Paul Svoboda, Dakota Swisher, Laura and Jassen Tawil, Sierra Taylor, Joel Throckmorton, Kathleen Uhler, Nancy Valente, Dolores Watson, Dan Wilson, and Mark and Sheri Wincek.

GOOD BIRDING IN THE NEW YEAR