



Christmas Bird Count 2020

Wrap Up

**Nancy Howell, CBC Compiler for the
Lakewood Circle**

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM (EST)

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- **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2020 KICKOFF!** - Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM
 - Rah, rah, rah, get psyched for the count, get information on data collecting, and sign up participants. VIDEO <https://fccdl.in/tpR1BEt1kS>
- **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT BIRD ID AND MORE!** - Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM
 - Review some bird ID's that could be confusing ... get information and sign up more participants. VIDEO <https://fccdl.in/xj6Ftf5FgN>
- **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT ACTUAL DATE** - Sunday, December 27, 2020
 - This is the day participants count the birds in the Count Circle, walking routes, driving routes or feeder watching.
- **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2020 WRAP-UP** - Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM
 - Gather around while the checklist is read with the species tallied, tell stories of your count day and share photos. Should be fun. VIDEO



Sunrise in the Rocky River Reservation by Shaun Missig

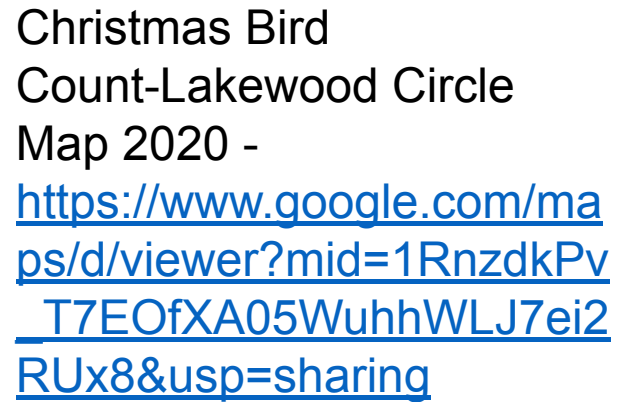


Sunrise at West Park Cemetery by Mary Anne Romito

Lakewood Circle Map



Lakewood Circle with “pinned” areas





Crew at the Zoo for the Christmas Bird Count 2020 by Mary Anne Romito



Birders along Lake Erie for the Christmas Bird Count 2020 by Anna Kozlenko



Christmas Count 2020 group along Big Creek Parkway by Nancy Howell

CBC Areas Covered



- Big Creek Reservation - Memphis Ave. south to Fowles Rd.
- Bradley Woods, parks and golf courses in western portion of Count Circle
- Coe Lake - Berea
- Cleveland Lakefront
- Elmwood and Clague Parks, Lakewood Park Cemetery
- Feederwatchers - 12 feeders
- Former American Greetings property
- Holy Cross Cemetery
- Hopkins Airport and surrounding area

CBC Areas Covered



- Huntington Reservation
- Lake Isaac/Beyer's Pond/Main Street fields/Woodvale Cemetery
- Lake to Lake Trail - Bagley Rd. to Lake Isaac
- Mill Stream Run Reservation - Eastland Rd. to Bagley Rd.
 - Baldwin & Wallace Lakes
- Neighborhoods - 4 neighborhood areas
- Puritas Wetlands
- Renaissance Retirement Community - Olmsted Falls
- Rocky River Reservation - Trails around Rocky River Nature Center
 - Lewis Rd. Riding Ring

CBC Areas Covered



- Big Met/Little Met and Mastick Woods Golf Courses
- Saint Joseph Academy property
- Southwest area of Circle - Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Twp, Berea and into Lorain Co.
- Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Chestnut Grove Cemetery and David Fortier Park
- Valley Parkway - From the mouth of Rocky River south to Bagley Rd.
- Tri-C Western Campus and surrounding parks (Parma/Parma Hts.)
- West Park Cemetery
- Zoo and Brookside Reservation



Eastern Screech Owl in Sycamore tree cavity, Rocky River Reservation by Toby Carlstrom



Great Horned Owl by Marian Kraus



Barred Owl in the Rocky Rver Reservation by Michelle Brosius

CBC - Lakewood Circle History



- WCAS became a Chapter of National Audubon Society in 1975
- 1975 was also the first year that WCAS sponsored the Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count, which was the 76th CBC
- Through 2020 (121st CBC this year) makes 45 years of Christmas Bird Counts for the Lakewood Circle!
- Compilers over the years: ??, Donald Altemus, and Nancy Howell.

Cool CBC-Lakewood Circle Fun Facts!



- The first CBC-Lakewood Circle in 1975 had 35 participants with 90.5 hours in the field
- The lowest number of participants was 18 in 1987 (88th Count)
- The highest number of participants was 98 in 2019 (120th Count) just last year
- The lowest species count was 56 species in 1990 (91st Count)
- The highest species number, so far, was in 2013 with 83 species sighted (the total number of species from 1975 through 1989 is not listed in the historic records for the Lakewood Circle CBC) *

... More Cool Fun Facts



- The coldest temperatures for the CBC-Lakewood Circle was in 1989 when the low was -7° F and the high was 8° F
- The warmest temperatures were in 1984 with a low of 50° F and a high of 63° F and 1996 with the low being 54° F and the high 60° F
- The majority of Christmas Counts were done under cloudy to mostly cloudy skies ... not many sunny or partly sunny days. That's winter in NE Ohio.
- Over the 44 years, 145 species have been tallied in the CBC-Lakewood Circle, will more species be added this year?



Cackling Goose (above) and Canada Goose (below) by Anna Kozlenko



Harlequin Duck among Common Goldeneye by Chris Pierce



Black-headed Gull by Lenore Charnigo



Black Vultures - Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count 2020 by Jassen Tawil



Common Redpoll at Lake Isaac, Big Creek Reservation by Nick Flanik



Field Sparrow at Lake Isaac, Big Creek Reservation by Nick Flanik



Turkey Vulture, Woodvale Cemetery by Nick Flanik



Northern Mockingbird by Anna Kozlenko



Eastern Bluebird in Rocky River Reservation by Michelle Brosius



Cooper's Hawk with prey by Toby Carlstrom

National Audubon Society Resources



- **Audubon Christmas Bird Count** The nation's longest-running community science bird project fuels Audubon's work throughout the year.
<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>

- **WCAS Christmas Bird Count-Lakewood Circle**
Reports Archive
https://www.wcaudubon.org/store/c12/Christmas_Bird_Count_Reports.html



Jim McCarty, Paula Lozano, Anna Kozlenko, Lakewood Park, Lakewood, OH



Canada Geese on the All Purpose Trail Rocky River Reservation by Michelle Brosius



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Some BIG Numbers



Just some idea of big numbers of some species:

Canada Goose - 1566 birds in 2003

Mallard - 3017 birds in 2000

Greater Scaup - 1281 in 1977

Lesser Scaup - 1500 in 1982

Red-breasted Merganser - 22,000 in 1998 & 35,677 in 2009

Bonaparte's Gull - 18,150 in 1979

Ring-billed Gull - 58,899 in 1984

Herring Gull - 8,542 in 1995

American Robin -

Population Trends



Over the 45 years some species are doing well, some species are variable through the years, while others seem to be going, going, gone:

Wood Duck - numbers are up and down. Not normally a species that is here in the winter, so perhaps the weather and open water are playing a factor.

American Black Duck - numbers have tumbled since the late '90's

Northern Bobwhite - last sighted in Circle in 1977

Ring-necked Pheasant - single birds in the late '70's to early '80's

Red-shouldered Hawk - numbers are increasing since the 1970's

Bald Eagle - success story - numbers up and steady for years.

Unusual or Rare Species in the Past



Ross's Goose - 1 bird in 2007

Trumpeter Swan - 2 birds in 2013

Blue-winged Teal - 1 bird in 1996

King Eider - 1 bird in 2017

Northern Bobwhite - a few birds from 1975-1977

Ring-necked Pheasant - Single birds in 1976, '77, '80, '81 and '84

Turkey Vulture - in 2016 and 2018

Purple Sandpiper - single bird in 1978

Wilson's Snipe - 2 sighted in 1975 and 1 in 1976

Unusual or Rare Species in the Past



Sandhill Crane - first sighting of 2 birds in 2014 and 1 bird in 2016

Black-legged Kittiwake - noted 1 bird in 1986

Pomarine Jaeger - 1 bird noted in 2014

Black-headed Gull - 1 bird in 1986

Iceland Gull - single birds in 1995, 2010 and 2013

Thayer's Gull - 2 birds in 2000

Glaucous Gull - 1 bird in both 2000 and 2008

African Collared Dove - 3 birds in 1982

Rufous Hummingbird - 1 at a feeder in 2012

Unusual or Rare Species in the Past



Northern Saw-whet Owl - 1 in a yard in 2016

Short-eared Owl - single birds in 2013 and 2017

Monk Parakeet - 2 birds in 1981

Eastern Phoebe - 1 bird in 2018

Brown Thrasher - single bird in 1980

Swainson's Thrush - sighted in 2002

Varied Thrush - 1 bird in 1988

American Pipit - 2 in 2012

Lapland Longspur - flock of 60 in 2014

Unusual or Rare Species in the Past



Ovenbird - single bird in a yard in 2012

Common Yellowthroat - single bird found in 2016

Pine Warbler - 1 bird sighted in 2019

Eastern Meadowlark - 1 bird located in 1976

Red Crossbill - 3 birds were located in 2012

White-winged Crossbill - 5 birds in 2012