Every year the Oakland Audubon Society (OAS) Christmas Bird Count is different and the 2022 edition fit that pattern perfectly. The weather was much better than the previous year, but the overall species count remained the same at 67.**

The 64 participants had to work a little harder than normal to find some usually common species. Gulls were a challenge this year after having two great counts for gulls in a row, but Eastern Bluebirds were found in great numbers. Only two irregular birds were found on the count – a Gray Catbird in section 5 and a Northern Saw-whet Owl in section 8. Unfortunately, no photos were obtained of either species.

After a two year hiatus, the OAS tally was held at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston.



Photo Credit: Meredith Meyer

Canada Goose Mute Swan Trumpeter Swan Wood Duck American Black Duck Mallard Redhead **Ring-necked Duck** Lesser Scaup Bufflehead **Common Goldeneye** Hooded Merganser **Common Merganser Red-breasted Merganser** Wild Turkey **Great Blue Heron Turkey Vulture** Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Accipiter sp. **Bald Eagle Red-shouldered Hawk** Red-tailed Hawk

American Coot Sandhill Crane **Ring-billed Gull** Herring Gull gull sp. Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) Mourning Dove Eastern Screech-Owl Great Horned Owl Barred Owl Northern Saw-whet Owl **Belted Kingfisher** Red-bellied Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker **Pileated Woodpecker** American Kestrel Northern Shrike Blue Jay American Crow Black-capped Chickadee Tufted Titmouse

Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch **Brown Creeper** Winter Wren Carolina Wren Eastern Bluebird Hermit Thrush American Robin Gray Catbird **European Starling** Cedar Waxwing American Tree Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) White-throated Sparrow Song Sparrow Swamp Sparrow Northern Cardinal **Common Grackle** House Finch **Purple Finch** American Goldfinch **House Sparrow**

** Original results compiled by Scott Jennex provided below.

Count Name:	Pontiac	Count Code:	MIPO	Count Date:	12/17/2022
# of Party Hours:	109.52	Species reported on count date:	67		
Organizations & Sponsors:	Oakland Audubon, Oakland County Parks & Recreation				

Weather

Temperature	Minimum: 25.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum:	31.0 Fahrenheit	
Wind Direction	South			
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 5.00 Miles/hour	Maximum:	18.00 Miles/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 0.00 Inches	Maximum:	0.00 Inches	
Still Water	Partly Frozen			
Moving Water	Open			
	AM and PM Condi	tions		
Cloud Cover	AM: Cloudy	PM:	Cloudy	
AM Rain	None			
AM Snow	None			
PM Rain	None			
PM Snow	Light			

Start & End Times

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

<u>Effort</u>

Observers				
In Field	Total Number:	54		
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight):	10		
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight):	14		
At Feeders	Total Number:	7		

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)				
Ву	Hours	Distance	Units	
Foot	30.25	36.27	Miles	
Car	79.27	598.25	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	13.50		
Nocturnal Birding	8.25	26.43	Miles
Total Party	109.52	634.52	Miles

<u>Checklist</u>

Species	Number	Number/Party Hrs.	Flags	Editorial Codes
Canada Goose	1,118	10.2082		
Mute Swan	99	0.9039		
Trumpeter Swan	15	0.1370	HC,	
Wood Duck	1	0.0091		
American Black Duck	7	0.0639		
Mallard	719	6.5650		
Redhead	7	0.0639		
Ring-necked Duck	270	2.4653	HC,	
Lesser Scaup	17	0.1552		
Bufflehead	166	1.5157		
Common Goldeneye	68	0.6209		
Hooded Merganser	52	0.4748		
Common Merganser	23	0.2100		
Red-breasted Merganser	2	0.0183		
Wild Turkey	232	2.1183	HC,	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	4	0.0365		
Turkey Vulture	9	0.0822		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	0.0183		

Cooper's Hawk	12	0.1096		
Accipiter sp.	2	0.0183		
Bald Eagle	9	0.0822	HC,	
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	0.0091		
Red-tailed Hawk	43	0.3926		
American Coot	4	0.0365		
Sandhill Crane	88	0.8035		
Ring-billed Gull	486	4.4375		
Herring Gull	1	0.0091		
gull sp.	6	0.0548		
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	353	3.2232		
Mourning Dove	297	2.7118		
Eastern Screech-Owl	13	0.1187		
Great Horned Owl	5	0.0457		
Barred Owl	1	0.0091		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	0.0091	US,	ebird
Belted Kingfisher	5	0.0457		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	62	0.5661		
Downy Woodpecker	96	0.8766		
Hairy Woodpecker	20	0.1826		
Pileated Woodpecker	10	0.0913		
American Kestrel	3	0.0274		
Northern Shrike	2	0.0183		
Blue Jay	139	1.2692		
American Crow	623	5.6885		
Black-capped Chickadee	372	3.3966		
Tufted Titmouse	157	1.4335		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	17	0.1552		
White-breasted Nuthatch	124	1.1322		
Brown Creeper	4	0.0365		
Winter Wren	1	0.0091		
Carolina Wren	2	0.0183		
Eastern Bluebird	141	1.2874		
Hermit Thrush	2	0.0183		
American Robin	140	1.2783		
Gray Catbird	1	0.0091	US,	ed,eo,ebird
European Starling	2,615	23.8769		
Cedar Waxwing	5	0.0457	LC	

Count Summary Report

Total Species Reported	67		
Total Individuals	10267		
House Sparrow	446	4.0723	
American Goldfinch	132	1.2053	
Purple Finch	2	0.0183	
House Finch	144	1.3148	
Common Grackle	1	0.0091	
Northern Cardinal	216	1.9722	
Swamp Sparrow	2	0.0183	
Song Sparrow	11	0.1004	
White-throated Sparrow	4	0.0365	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	473	4.3188	
American Tree Sparrow	162	1.4792	

cw = Reported count week

US = Flagged as an unusual species

HC = Flagged as an unusually high count

LC = Flagged as an unusually low count

Species Requiring Rare Bird Reports to be Submitted to Regional Editor

Species

Northern Saw-whet Owl [Aegolius acadicus]

Gray Catbird [Dumetella carolinensis]

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