

2019 Fermilab-Batavia Christmas Bird Count Results

On December 14, 2019, 108 birders counted every bird they could see and hear within the 15 mile circle during the 44th Fermi-Batavia CBC. The circle's center point is within Fermilab and extends as far west as Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve in Kane County to Lincoln Marsh in Wheaton to the east. Eighty species were observed in the count, below our 10-year average of nearly 84 species. We had high counts of Wild Turkey (19) and Carolina Wren (10), while tying the high count for three species: Pileated Woodpecker (2), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3) and Marsh Wren (1). Thank you to all the area captains and counters in making this year another successful count!

4	Snow Goose	21	Northern Flicker
22	Cackling Goose	2	Pileated Woodpecker
14,496	Canada Goose	6	American Kestrel
1	Trumpeter Swan	1	Merlin
1	Wood Duck	1	Peregrine Falcon
11	American Black Duck	1	Eastern Phoebe
2,302	Mallard	3	Northern Shrike
7	Northern Shoveler	188	Blue Jay
6	Green-winged Teal	127	American Crow
2	Redhead	1	Horned Lark
2	Bufflehead	456	Black-capped Chickadee
199	Common Goldeneye	3	Tufted Titmouse
4	Hooded Merganser	230	White-breasted Nuthatch
124	Common Merganser	24	Brown Creeper
3	Ruddy Duck	11	Winter Wren
19	Wild Turkey	1	Marsh Wren
2	Double-crested Cormorant	10	Carolina Wren
26	Great Blue Heron	9	Golden-crowned Kinglet
14	Bald Eagle	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
2	Northern Harrier	17	Eastern Bluebird
2	Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Hermit Thrush
15	Cooper's Hawk	155	American Robin
95	Red-tailed Hawk	1,887	European Starling
85	Sandhill Crane	474	Cedar Waxwing
1	Wilson's Snipe	1	Lapland Longspur
93	Ring-billed Gull	1	Snow Bunting
27	Herring Gull	7	Yellow-rumped Warbler
292	Rock Pigeon	471	American Tree Sparrow
703	Mourning Dove	13	Fox Sparrow
4	Eastern Screech-owl	1,000	Dark-eyed Junco
13	Great Horned Owl	7	White-crowned Sparrow
2	Barred Owl	53	White-throated Sparrow
1	Long-eared Owl	45	Song Sparrow
1	Short-eared Owl	28	Swamp Sparrow
15	Belted Kingfisher	520	Northern Cardinal
1	Red-headed Woodpecker	4	Red-winged Blackbird
210	Red-bellied Woodpecker	368	House Finch
1	Yellow-bellied Woodpecker	1	Pine Siskin
247	Downy Woodpecker	244	American Goldfinch
68	Hairy Woodpecker	593	House Sparrow