

## Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count, 2011

The 2011 Ottawa-Gatineau CBC was held on 18 December. The weather was mostly clear; the temperature ranging from about -16 to -5 C. There were 108 observers in the field and 17 feeder watchers. A total of 77 species were found, including nine record highs and two tied record highs. Despite being one of the top five counts of all time, more was expected given the mild conditions that preceded the count. No new species were found; Vesper Sparrow, which would have been new, was present the day before. It was the second record for Eastern Bluebird and the third record for Cackling Goose. A bountiful food crop contributed to the record high count for American Robins. The number of Common Mergansers was just short of a record. Six species of owl were found. The total number of birds seen was 32,035. American Crow made up over one-quarter of the total birds seen. This year we could not locate the crow roost; however, the count total of 8,769 is not far off the traditional roost estimate of 10,000.

	Hull	Aylmer	Gatineau	Britannia	Ottawa	Gloucester	Total
Cackling Goose / Bernache de Hutchins	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Canada Goose / Bernache du Canada	179	538	138	817	706	483	[2,361]
American Black Duck/ Canard noir	33	23	21	18	56	41	192
Mallard / Canard colvert	308	150	50	546	1,200	429	[2,383]
American Black Duck x Mallard/ Canard noir x colvert	(1)	0	0	(11)	(19)	0	(31)
Green-winged Teal / Sarcelle d'hiver	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Greater Scaup / Fuligule milouinan	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
Lesser Scaup / Petit fuligule	0	3	0	9	7	2	[18]
Surf Scoter / Macreuse à front blanc	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Long-tailed Duck / Harelde kakawi	0	1	1	4	0	0	[5]
Bufflehead / Petit garrot	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Common Goldeneye / Garrot à œil d'or	90	101	5	117	302	161	[585]
Barrow's Goldeneye / Garrot d'Islande	0	0	0	1	2	2	[4]
Hooded Merganser / Harle couronné	0	0	0	1	0	4	5
Common Merganser / Grand Harle	10	28	1	23	84	16	[152]
Red-breasted Merganser / Harle huppé	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Ruffed Grouse /	3	3	4	0	0	2	12

Gélinotte huppée							
Wild Turkey / Dindon sauvage	0	6	14	0	16	101	137
Common Loon / Plongeon huard	0	5	0	3	0	2	[7]
Red-necked Grebe / Grèbe joubris	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Great Blue Heron / Grand héron	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Bald Eagle / Pygargue a tête blanche	2	0	0	0	1	1	[3]
Sharp-shinned Hawk / Épervier brun	0	1	3	0	1	1	6
Cooper's Hawk / Épervier de Cooper	1	2	1	1	2	6	13
Red-tailed Hawk / Buse à queue rousse	3	1	2	1	2	7	16
Rough-legged Hawk / Buse pattue	0	0	4	0	0	1	5
American Kestrel / Crécerelle d'Amérique	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Merlin / Faucon émerillon	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Peregrine Falcon / Faucon pèlerin	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
American Coot / Foulque d'Amérique	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ring-billed Gull / Goéland à bec cerclé	18	9	26	55	30	64	[187]
Herring Gull / Goéland argenté	23	83	0	24	116	35	[257]
Iceland Gull / Goéland arctique	0	2	0	1	1	0	4
Glaucous Gull / Goéland bourgmestre	0	1	0	2	3	2	8
Great Black-backed Gull / Goéland marin	4	17	0	46	157	10	[224]
Rock Pigeon / Pigeon biset	253	160	375	325	958	403	2,474
Mourning Dove / Tourterelle triste	16	75	73	12	26	18	220
Eastern Screech Owl / Petit Duc maculé	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Great Horned Owl / Grand-duc d'Amérique	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Snowy Owl / Harfang des neiges	0	1	0	1	0	0	[1]
Barred Owl / Chouette rayée	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Short-eared Owl / Hibou des marais	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl / Petite nyctale	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Downy Woodpecker /	15	13	27	9	25	31	120

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Hairy Woodpecker / Pic chevelu	13	21	22	16	24	38	134
Northern Flicker / Pic flamboyant	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Pileated Woodpecker / Grand pic	4	7	2	1	2	11	27
Northern Shrike / Pie-grièche grise	4	0	7	0	1	3	15
Blue Jay / Geai bleu	31	56	90	8	45	46	276
American Crow / Corneille d'Amérique	393	318	779	659	3,274	3,346	8,769
Common Raven / Grand corbeau	14	15	12	20	4	11	76
Black-capped Chickadee / Mésange à tête noire	366	569	446	290	705	699	3,075
Red-breasted Nuthatch / Sittelle à poitrine rousse	6	2	13	3	4	4	32
White-breasted Nuthatch / Sittelle à poitrine blanche	32	45	38	32	62	93	302
Brown Creeper / Grimpereau brun	3	2	2	6	4	6	23
Carolina Wren / Troglodyte de Caroline	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet / Roitelet à couronne dorée	0	1	2	2	4	0	9
Eastern Bluebird / Merlebleu de l'est	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
American Robin / Merle d'Amérique	41	41	57	128	54	120	441
European Starling / Étourneau sansonnet	362	802	1,387	319	1,298	1,641	5,809
Bohemian Waxwing / Jaseur boréal	0	7	1	0	0	0	8
Cedar Waxwing / Jaseur d'Amérique	139	0	1	0	20	28	188
American Tree Sparrow / Bruant hudsonien	8	13	16	2	2	10	51
Chipping Sparrow / Bruant familier	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Song Sparrow / Bruant chanteur	0	0	4	1	0	2	7
White-throated Sparrow / Bruant à gorge blanche	5	2	0	4	0	8	19
Dark-eyed Junco / Junco ardoisé	64	119	68	40	70	130	491
Snow Bunting / Plectrophane des neiges	0	0	0	0	30	35	65
Northern Cardinal / Cardinal rouge	38	80	28	88	65	92	391
Red-winged Blackbird / Carouge à épauettes	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Purple Finch / Roselin pourpré	0	4	0	0	0	0	4

House Finch / Roselin familier	102	20	93	102	262	134	713
White-winged Crossbill / Bec-croisé bifascié	8	0	0	0	13	2	23
Common Redpoll / Sizerin flammé	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Pine Siskin / Tarin des pins	0	0	5	0	0	1	6
American Goldfinch / Chardonneret jaune	92	215	201	136	172	200	1,016
Evening Grosbeak / Gros-bec errant	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
House Sparrow / Moineau domestique	133	16	46	96	204	92	587
Individuals / Individus	2,822	3,589	4,073	3,993	10,036	8,582	[32,035]
Species / Espèces	40	46	43	50	45	54	77
<b>Field Observers / Observateurs</b>	18	17	13	20	23	17	108
<b>Feeder Watchers / Observateurs aux mangeoires</b>	2	1	1	6	1	6	17

Count period: Northern Pintail / Canard pilet, Double-crested Cormorant / Cormoran à aigrettes, **Vesper Sparrow / Bruant vespéral**

[ ] total adjusted to account for overlap

( ) = additional subspecies, race or variant; or a bird not identified to the species level or a hybrid that does not add to the total species count, etc.

**Red** = first record if species is highlighted; otherwise a record high

**Blue** = second record

**Green** = third record

**Light blue** = ties record high