

2018 Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count

The 100th Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held on Sunday, December 16, 2018. 145 field observers in 73 parties, plus 33 feeder watchers found 75 species and counted 26,056 individual birds. Given the cold conditions for a month prior to the count, it was a surprise to have a species count above the previous ten-year average of 72 species. The 73 parties spent 373 hours in the field covering 435.25 km on foot and 1,278 km by car.

The day itself featured mostly cloudy conditions with no precipitation; temperatures ranged from -8.4 to 1.8 C; winds were generally from the northeast between 1 and 22 km/h; still water was partly frozen and the snow depth was about 5 cm.

Highlights included the second record of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and the fourth record of Rose-breasted Grosbeak, record high counts for White-breasted Nuthatch (561) and Bufflehead (10), and the first time in many years that we have recorded 10 species of finch.

Species	Hull	Aylmer	Gatineau	Britannia	Ottawa	Gloucester	Total
Canada Goose/ Bernache du Canada	1	3	0	0	3	1	8
Wood Duck/ Canard branchu	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
American Wigeon/ Canard d'Amérique	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mallard/ Canard colvert	70	223	6	503	826	113	1,508*
American Black Duck/ Canard noir	6	18	0	16	78	3	105*
Mallard X American Black Duck/ Canard covert X noir	0	1	0	0	6	2	9
Ring-necked Duck/ Fuligule à collier	0	1	0	1	1	0	1*
Long-tailed Duck/ Harelde kakawi	0	1	0	1	0	0	1*
Bufflehead/ Petit Garrot	0	10	0	4	8	0	10*
Common Goldeneye/ Garrot à œil d'or	231	67	4	94	186	111	498*
Barrow's Goldeneye/ Garrot d'Islande	0	2		1	0	2	4*

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Hooded Merganser/ Harle couronné	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Common Merganser/ Grand Harle	2	18	0	22	44	10	56*
Red-breasted Merganser/ Harle huppé	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ruffed Grouse/ Gélinotte huppée	1	1	1	0	3	1	7
Wild Turkey/ Dindon sauvage	15	30	36	2	20	15	118
Rock Pigeon/ Pigeon biset	199	87	288	127	680	489	1,870
Mourning Dove / Tourterelle triste	11	12	37	3	25	16	104
Ring-billed Gull/ Goéland à bec cerclé	0	2	5	0	3	1	11
Herring Gull/ Goéland argenté	7	449	0	287	39	31	377*
Iceland Gull/ Goéland arctique	0	2	0	4	0	0	4*
Glaucous Gull/ Goéland bourgmestre	0	16	0	13	0	0	16*
Great Black-backed Gull / Goéland marin	25	48	0	14	18	6	35*
Great Blue Heron/ Grand Héron	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk/ Épervier brun	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Cooper's Hawk/ Épervier de Cooper	3	0	1	3	3	3	13
Bald Eagle/ Pygargue à tête blanche	0	2	2	1	0	1	4*
Red-tailed Hawk/ Buse à queue rousse	0	0	2	3	5	1	11
Rough-legged Hawk/ Buse pattue	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Eastern Screech Owl/ Petit-duc maculé	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Great Horned Owl/ Grand-duc d'Amérique	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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Snowy Owl/ Harfang des neiges	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
Barred Owl Chouette rayée	0	1	1	1	2	1	6
Belted Kingfisher/ Martin-pêcheur d'Amérique	0	0	0	0	2	0	2*
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker/ Pic maculé	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker/ Pic à ventre roux	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker/ Pic mineur	30	44	35	58	58	39	264
Hairy Woodpecker/ Pic chevelu	32	35	33	28	35	25	188
Pileated Woodpecker/ Grand Pic	13	15	12	4	11	6	61
American Kestrel/ Crécerelle d'Amérique	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Merlin/ Faucon émerillon	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Peregrine Falcon/ Faucon pèlerin	0	0	1	1	3	0	4*
Northern Shrike/ Pie-grièche boréale	0	3	1	2	0	3	9
Blue Jay/ Geai bleu	74	69	44	6	68	63	324
American Crow/ Corneille d'Amérique	325	576	184	11	12,729	7,931	11,185*
Common Raven/ Grand Corbeau	23	42	24	9	13	14	105*
Black-capped Chickadee/ Mésange à tête noire	539	482	363	316	544	398	2,642
Red-breasted Nuthatch/ Sittelle à poitrine rousse	6	9	11	9	14	4	53
White-breasted Nuthatch/ Sittelle à poitrine blanche	112	100	75	67	139	68	561
Brown Creeper/ Grimpereau brun	4	2	6	6	3	0	21
Winter Wren/ Troglodyte des forêts	1	0	0	1	0	0	2

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Golden-crowned Kinglet/ Roitelet à couronne dorée	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Hermit Thrush/ Grive solitaire	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
American Robin/ Merle d'Amérique	12	27	1	15	67	19	141
European Starling/ Étourneau sansonnet	137	204	87	185	639	336	1,588
Bohemian Waxwing/ Jaseur boréal	40	351	76	11	0	101	579
Cedar Waxwing/ Jaseur d'Amérique	40	2	2	0	55	1	100
Evening Grosbeak/ Gros-bec errant	0	16	20	0	1	20	57
Pine Grosbeak/ Durbec des sapins	31	14	19	8	26	8	106
House Finch/ Roselin familial	37	24	14	56	59	43	233
Purple Finch/ Roselin pourpré	0	0	7	1	0	0	8
Common Redpoll/ Sizerin flammé	26	27	42	78	122	83	378
Hoary Redpoll/ Sizerin blanchâtre	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Red Crossbill/ Bec-croisé des sapins	0	5	0	0	0	1	6
White-winged Crossbill/ Bec-croisé bifascié	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Pine Siskin/ Tarin des pins	4	0	2	0	0	2	8
American Goldfinch/ Chardonneret jaune	78	124	128	103	188	156	777
Snow Bunting/ Plectrophane des neiges	0	3	60	2	40	0	105
American Tree Sparrow/ Bruant hudsonien	2	0	2	2	0	27	33
Dark-eyed Junco/ Junco ardoisé	41	48	32	32	42	44	239
White-throated Sparrow/ Bruant à gorge blanche	8	1	2	10	5	3	29

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Song Sparrow/ Bruant chanteur	1	4	0	1	1	2	9
Swamp Sparrow/ Bruant des marais	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern Cardinal/ Cardinal rouge	114	105	77	94	139	107	636
Rose-breasted Grosbeak/ Cardinal à poitrine rose	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
House Sparrow/ Moineau domestique	111	2	28	146	292	302	881
Individuals	2,413	3,330	1,772	2,367	17,266	10,620	26,056*
Species	39	49	41	52	53	51	75
Field observers	27	26	15	20	36	22	145*
Parties	10	12	8	11	23	9	73
Feeder watchers	2	3	9	8	8	3	33
Hours owling		0.5		1	7	2.5	11
Kms owling				1	5	43	49
Hours foot	38.5	34.75	35.75	42	76	37	264
Hours car	20	22.5	18	7.5	21	20	109
Kms foot	52.5	94.25	50.5	68	106	64	435.25
Kms car	93	237.5	216.5	139	238	354	1,278
Hours feeder	2	8	32	25	25	8	100

Legend:

*Total adjusted to eliminate overlap

Second record

Record high count

Ties record high count