

Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count 2020

The 102nd Ottawa-Gatineau CBC was held December 20. Temperatures ranged from -4 to 0 degrees, with persistent snow and then drizzle over much of the count circle.

164 field observers plus 35 feeder watchers found 76 species. Highlights included one each of Field Sparrow, Cackling Goose, Double-crested Cormorant, and Short-eared Owl; a record 4 Red-bellied Woodpeckers; and 10 Hoary Redpolls, including one *hornemanni*. Record highs were also set for Wood Duck (11), Wild Turkey (274), White-breasted Nuthatch (632), Bohemian Waxwing (5,136), and Northern Cardinal (741); and 8 Barred Owl tied a record high.

American Crow was easily the most abundant species with a roost estimated at 20,000. Good numbers were recorded for Common Raven (144), Red-breasted Nuthatch (165), Hermit Thrush (5), Cedar Waxwing (223), and Common Redpoll (1,966). Other winter finches recorded included Evening Grosbeak (106), Pine Grosbeak (115), White-winged Crossbill (40), and Pine Siskin (28).

The Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count is a joint effort of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (OFNC) and the Club des ornithologues de l'Outaouais (COO). My thanks to the participants, the sector leaders, and especially my co-compiler, Daniel Toussaint of the COO.

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Species/ Espèce	Hull	Aylmer	Gatineau	Britannia	Ottawa	Gloucester	Total
Cackling Goose/ Bernache de Hutchins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Canada Goose/ Bernache du Canada	411	151	164	500	448	101	1,624*
Wood Duck/ Canard branchu	2	0	0	0	9	0	11
Mallard/ Canard colvert	113	290	103	697	1,602	317	2,672*
American Black Duck/ Canard noir	13	22	7	28	76	15	151*
[American Black Duck X Mallard/ Canard noir X colvert/]	0	[2]	0	0	[7]	0	[9]
Long-tailed Duck/ Harelde kakawi	0	1	0	1	0	0	1*

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Bufflehead/ Petit Garrot	0	2	0	7	1	0	9*
Common Goldeneye/ Garrot à œil d'or	285	60	7	68	53	180	540*
Barrow's Goldeneye/ Garrot d'Islande	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hooded Merganser/ Harle couronné	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
Common Merganser/ Grand Harle	4	6	1	35	16	13	60*
Red-breasted Merganser/ Harle huppé	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>[Ring-necked Pheasant/ Faisan de Colchide]</i>	0	0	<i>[2]</i>	0	0	0	<i>[2]</i>
Ruffed Grouse/ Gélinotte huppée	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Wild Turkey/ Dindon sauvage	50	38	68	1	27	90	274
Rock Pigeon/ Pigeon biset	9	65	329	223	599	475	1,700
Mourning Dove/ Tourterelle triste	7	41	38	6	43	12	147
Ring-billed Gull/ Goéland à bec cerclé	0	0	3	1	12	2	18
Herring Gull/ Goéland argenté	42	26	0	10	33	18	124*
Iceland Gull/ Goéland arctique	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

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Glaucous Gull/ Goéland bourgmestre	1	2	0	2	0	0	4*
Great Black-backed Gull/ Goéland marin	42	1	0	12	22	10	65*
Double-crested Cormorant/ Cormoran à aigrettes	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Great Blue Heron/ Grand Héron	1	0	0	2	0	0	2*
Northern Harrier/ Busard des marais	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk/ Épervier brun	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Cooper's Hawk/ Épervier de Cooper	0	0	1	2	7	0	8*
Bald Eagle/ Pygargue à tête blanche	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Red-tailed Hawk/ Buse à queue rousse	1	1	1	1	1	2	7
Rough-legged Hawk/ Buse pattue	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Eastern Screech Owl/ Petit-duc maculé	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
Great Horned Owl/ Grand-duc d'Amérique	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Snowy Owl/ Harfang des neiges	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Barred Owl/ Chouette rayée	1	2	1	3	1	0	8

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Short-eared Owl/ Hibou des marais	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Martin-pêcheur d'Amérique/ Belted Kingfisher	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker/ Pic à ventre roux	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
Downy Woodpecker/ Pic mineur	24	38	47	24	72	30	235
Hairy Woodpecker/ Pic chevelu	23	30	36	19	53	26	187
Pileated Woodpecker/ Grand Pic	16	13	17	7	13	8	74
Northern Flicker/ Pic flamboyant	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Merlin/ Faucon émerillon	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Peregrine Falcon/ Faucon pèlerin	2	0	0	1	0	0	2*
Northern Shrike/ Pie-grièche boréale	1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Blue Jay/ Geai bleu	48	44	61	10	61	28	252
American Crow/ Corneille d'Amérique	133	280	345	630	14,368	10,000	20,000*
Common Raven/ Grand Corbeau	26	26	63	10	27	12	144*
Black-capped Chickadee/ Mésange à tête noire	599	576	541	292	801	430	3,239

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Golden-crowned Kinglet/ Roitelet à couronne dorée	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Red-breasted Nuthatch/ Sittelle à poitrine rousse	35	13	55	14	26	22	165
White-breasted Nuthatch/ Sittelle à poitrine blanche	90	96	109	73	173	91	632
Brown Creeper/ Grimpereau brun	9	0	2	5	9	5	30
Carolina Wren/ Troglodyte de Caroline	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
European Starling/ Étourneau sansonnet	399	236	474	316	977	608	3,010
Hermit Thrush/ Grive solitaire	1	0	1	1	2	0	5
American Robin/ Merle d'Amérique	10	22	33	244	85	132	526
Bohemian Waxwing/ Jaseur boréal	512	601	233	1,635	2,518	249	5,148*
Cedar Waxwing/ Jaseur d'Amérique	5	2	0	114	90	0	211
House Sparrow/ Moineau domestique	127	26	190	46	404	185	978
Evening Grosbeak/ Gros-bec errant	0	12	0	0	64	30	106
Pine Grosbeak/ Durbec des sapins	2	30	31	23	23	6	115
House Finch/ Roselin familier	37	46	62	70	129	25	369

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Common Redpoll/ Sizerin flammé	25	696	156	8	873	207	1,965
Hoary Redpoll/ Sizerin blanchâtre	0	3	1	0	4	2	10
White-winged Crossbill/ Bec-croisé bifascié	8	2	26	0	4	0	40
Pine Siskin/ Tarin des pins	0	0	28	0	0	0	28
American Goldfinch/ Chardonneret jaune	87	165	208	50	266	184	960
Snow Bunting/ Plectrophane des neiges	2	27	0	0	2	1	32
Field Sparrow/ Bruant des champs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
American Tree Sparrow/ Bruant hudsonien	10	5	13	0	24	31	83
Dark-eyed Junco/ Junco ardoisé	69	76	83	50	85	22	385
White-throated Sparrow/ Bruant à gorge blanche	2	5	3	2	1	3	16
Song Sparrow/ Bruant chanteur	0	1	2	1	0	5	9
Swamp Sparrow/ Bruant des marais	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Red-winged Blackbird/ Carouge à épaulettes	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Common Grackle/ Quiscale bronzé	0	0	2	0	0	0	2

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Northern Cardinal/ Cardinal rouge	150	138	126	92	149	86	741
Individuals/ Individus	3,438	3,921	3,677	5,346	24,280	13,678	47,191*
Species/ Espèces	46	44	43	48	55	51	76
Field observers/ Observateurs	28	26	27	18	41	25	164*
Parties	13	12	15	11	29	13	93
Feeder watchers/ Observateurs aux mangeoires	4	1	12	11	5	2	35

*Adjusted for overlap

[#] not included in the total species count

Italics indicates a species considered not to be wild (i.e., escaped or released)

Red indicates a record high

Orange indicates ties a record high