

## Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count 2021

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Ottawa-Gatineau CBC was held December 19, 2021. Temperatures ranged from -11.3 to minus 7.4 degrees Celsius, with some light snow on and off throughout the day.

142 field observers plus 26 feeder watchers found 71 species and 41,842 individual birds (but not all counted individually). Highlights included the third record for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2 Green-winged Teal, a White-winged Scoter, and a Northern Harrier. Record highs were set for Wood Wild Turkey (334), Common Raven (147), and White-throated Sparrow (44). In addition to Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, two other record highs were tied: Winter Wren (2) and Gray Catbird (2).

A Purple Sandpiper was observed the day before the count. This would have been a first record had it been observed on count day; but it still counts as a count week period, which includes three days before and after the count day.

As usual, American Crow was the most abundant species with a roost estimated at 23,000. Thanks to Aaron Hywarren for coordinating the dusk-time roost count.

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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Canada Goose/ Bernache du Canada	0	6	0	186	293	26	511
Wood Duck/ Canard branchu	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Mallard/ Canard colvert	74	338	125	115	647	171	1,470
American Black Duck/ Canard noir	10	17	0	4	42	0	73
American Black Duck X Mallard/ Canard noir X Canard colvert	0	[2]	0	0	[7]	0	[9]

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Green-winged Teal/ Sarcelle d'hiver	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Greater Scaup/ Fuligule milouinan	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lesser Scaup/ Petit Fuligule	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
White-winged Scoter/ Macrese à ailes blanches	0	0	0	1	1	0	1*
Long-tailed Duck/ Harelde kakawi	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bufflehead/ Petit Garrot	0	4	0	2	0	0	4*
Common Goldeneye/ Garrot à œil d'or	230	62	7	51	45	91	407*
Barrow's Goldeneye/ Garrot d'Islande	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Harle couronné/ Hooded Merganser	7	5	0	4	2	3	16*
Common Merganser/ Grand Harle	20	14	0	51	30	17	93*
Red-breasted Merganser/ Harle huppé	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Wild Turkey/ Dindon sauvage	20	18	204	3	56	33	334
Ruffed Grouse/ Gélinotte huppée	6	0	1	0	0	0	7

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Rock Pigeon/ Pigeon biset	386	26	172	300	617	742	2,243
Mourning Dove/ Tourterelle triste	13	36	75	9	39	7	179
Ring-billed Gull/ Goéland à bec cerclé	0	0	1	1	2	5	9
Herring Gull/ Goéland argenté	7	2	6	7	41	14	77
Iceland Gull/ Goéland arctique	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Great Black-backed Gull/ Goéland marin	0	0	0	3	6	0	9
Great Blue Heron/ Grand Héron	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Northern Harrier/ Busard des marais	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk/ Épervier brun	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cooper's Hawk/ Épervier de Cooper	2	0	2	3	5	0	12
Bald Eagle/ Pygargue à tête blanche	0	3	0	5	2	3	9
Red-tailed Hawk/ Buse à queue rousse	0	1	1	2	5	4	13
Rough-legged Hawk/ Buse pattue	0	0	0	0	1	2	3

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Eastern Screech Owl/ Petit-duc maculé	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
Snowy Owl/ Harfang des neiges	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Barred Owl/ Chouette rayée	3	0	0	1	3	0	7
Belted Kingfisher/ Martin-pêcheur	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker/ Pic maculé	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker/ Pic mineur	25	34	43	29	50	28	209
Hairy Woodpecker/ Pic chevelu	15	21	35	7	28	24	130
Pileated Woodpecker/ Grand Pic	16	9	11	4	8	11	59
Northern Flicker/ Pic flamboyant	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Merlin/ Faucon émerillon	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Peregrine Falcon/ Faucon pèlerin	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Northern Shrike/ Pie-grièche boréale	1	1	1	0	2	3	8
Blue Jay/ Geai bleu	74	50	57	41	33	34	289

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American Crow/ Corneille d'Amérique	185	179	223	778	1,112	22,000	23,000*
Common Raven/ Grand Corbeau	30	27	34	19	25	12	147
Black-capped Chickadee/ Mésange à tête noire	513	467	354	415	616	425	2,790
Red-breasted Nuthatch/ Sittelle à poitrine rousse	10	5	15	3	17	5	55
White-breasted Nuthatch/ Sittelle à poitrine blanche	66	51	56	60	64	62	359
Brown Creeper/ Grimpereau brun	3	2	4	1	6	1	17
Winter Wren/ Troglodyte des forêts	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
European Starling/ Étourneau sansonnet	541	439	534	341	1,338	209	3,402
Gray Catbird/ Moqueur chat	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Hermit Thrush/ Grive solitaire	2	0	0	1	1	1	5
American Robin/ Merle d'Amérique	58	1	19	83	108	65	334
Bohemian Waxwing/ Jaseur boréal	0	0	0	2	87	0	89
Jaseur d'Amérique/ Cedar Waxwing	2	16	0	7	10	1	36

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House Sparrow/ Moineau domestique	154	6	88	112	291	290	941
Evening Grosbeak/ Gros-bec errant	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
House Finch/ Roselin familier	78	112	81	102	178	105	656
Purple Finch/ Roselin pourpré	0	1	10	0	0	0	11
Common Redpoll/ Sizerin flammé	6	0	4	2	0	0	12
Red Crossbill/ Bec-croisé des sapins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pine Siskin/ Tarin des pins	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
American Goldfinch/ Chardonneret jaune	257	140	150	133	258	167	1,105
Snow Bunting/ Plectrophane des neiges	1	0	0	1	250	1,025	1,277
American Tree Sparrow/ Bruant hudsonien	5	23	9	2	1	28	68
Dark-eyed Junco/ Junco ardoisé	125	96	122	98	110	63	614
White-throated Sparrow/ Bruant à gorge blanche	14	2	6	10	6	6	44
Song Sparrow/ Bruant chanteur	2	1	0	2	1	1	7

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Yellow-rumped Warbler/ Paruline à croupion jaune	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Northern Cardinal/ Cardinal rouge	153	89	73	119	130	87	651
Individus/ Individuals	3,124	2,319	2,523	3,124	6,581	25,778	41,842*
Espèces/ Species	46	44	32	47	49	43	71
Observateurs/ Field observers	23	28	17	22	35	19	142*
Parties	10	12	13	11	20	10	76
Observateurs aux mangeoires/ Feeder watchers	2	0	9	7	6	2	26

\*Adjusted for overlap

[#] not included in the total species count

Green indicates a third record for the count

Red indicates a record high

Blue indicates ties a record high