

Lycoming Audubon's 2010-11 Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for Northern Lycoming County

Temperatures were above freezing, with a westerly wind and no snow cover. Rose Valley Lake was about 95% ice-covered. Participants counted a total of 52 species and 3,337 individual birds during this 4th Northern Lycoming CBC. Four species new to the count this year were: Northern Saw-whet Owl, Field Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, and Common Grackle. The lack of snow cover made it hard to find field birds such as Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs, although we did find 59 Horned Larks. As usual, we saw Common Ravens and a few Harriers and Rough-legged Hawks. A number of count records were tied or set this year, and those species are in bold font below.

The Lycoming Audubon Society thanks all who participated and also thanks the Rose Valley Mill Creek Watershed Association for sponsoring this CBC.

For more information on any species, [use this Cornell Lab of Ornithology link.](#)

Species	2010-11 Number of Birds	2009-10 Number of Birds	Record and Year
Mallard	2	9	9 in 2009
Ruffed Grouse	3	CW	2 in 2007
Wild Turkey	69	76	199 in 2007
Bald Eagle	CW	1	2 in 2008
Northern Harrier	3	0	11 in 2008
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	0	2 in 2008
Cooper's Hawk	1	0	3 in 2008
Red-tailed Hawk	26	20	20 in 2009
Rough-legged Hawk	4	9	9 in 2009
American Kestrel	2	2	4 in 2008
Rock Pigeon	162	88	191 in 2007
Mourning Dove	393	79	117 in 2008
Eastern Screech Owl	3	0	6 in 2007
Great Horned Owl	1	2	6 in 2007
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	0	New Species
Belted Kingfisher	4	CW	CW in 2009
Red-bellied Woodpecker	7	6	6 in 2009
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	CW	0	3 in 2008
Downy Woodpecker	22	18	27 in 2007
Hairy Woodpecker	7	1	6 in 2009
Northern Flicker	1	1	1 in 2009
Pileated Woodpecker	4	1	4 in 2007
Blue Jay	103	97	173 in 2008
American Crow	411	911	911 in 2009
Common Raven	28	89	89 in 2009

Horned Lark	59	154	154 in 2009
Black-capped Chickadee	256	298	298 in 2009
Tufted Titmouse	64	91	91 in 2009
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	1	1 in 2009
White-breasted Nuthatch	46	44	47 in 2007
Brown Creeper	5	4	4 in 2009
Carolina Wren	6	2	4 in 2008
Golden-crowned Kinglet	8	3	11 in '07 & '08
Eastern Bluebird	29	15	64 in 2008
American Robin	8	2	28 in 2008
Northern Mockingbird	7	2	6 in 2007
European Starling	599	263	973 in 2007
Cedar Waxwing	92	7	201 in 2008
American Tree Sparrow	125	90	147 in 2007
Field Sparrow	1	0	New Species
Song Sparrow	20	7	7 in 2009
Swamp Sparrow	3	0	New Species
White-throated Sparrow	5	11	11 in 2009
Dark-eyed Junco	319	557	557 in 2009
Northern Cardinal	47	48	51 in 2007
Common Grackle	3	0	New Species
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	0	16 in 2007
Purple Finch	9	54	54 in 2009
House Finch	151	32	89 in 2008
Pine Siskin	21	1	183 in 2008
American Goldfinch	114	131	243 in 2008
House Sparrow	78	16	125 in 2008

CW= not observed during the CBC, but observed within 3 days of the CBC date.