

Summary of Highest Counts of Individuals for Canada

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Canadian counts reported 293 species on the 104th Christmas Bird Count, two more than last year. One species was added to the Canadian CBC list—a Gray Flycatcher at Fisherville, ON. The national list now stands at 398.

British Columbia led the way as usual, with 139 high counts, followed by Ontario with 82, Nova Scotia with 28, Alberta with 23, and Newfoundland and Labrador with 20. Victoria, BC, had the highest number for a single count, with 33, followed by Ladner, BC (24), and St. John's, NL (11).

Thirty-nine of the high counts are all-time Canadian highs (not counting the new species mentioned above; numbers boldfaced below). Three of these, the 2939 Trumpeter Swans at Comox, BC, the 22 Peregrine Falcons at Ladner, BC, and the 1009 Black Guillemots at Forillon National Park, QC, are all-time North American highs—interestingly, the latter two both break records set only last year. Italics indicate those totals (68 species) that are highs for North America as well as Canada. I have included two high counts—those for Osprey and Barn Swallow—that were flagged with “no details” by regional editors; no other Ospreys were reported, and the next highest total for Barn Swallow were singles at Ladner and Sunshine Coast, BC.

Red-throated Loon, 119 (Pender Islands, BC); Pacific Loon, 470 (Comox, BC); Common Loon, 160 (Comox, BC); *Yellow-billed Loon*, 6 (Hecate Strait, BC); Pied-billed Grebe, 55 (Victoria, BC); Horned Grebe, 211 (White Rock, BC); Red-necked Grebe, 247 (Victoria, BC); Eared Grebe, 14 (Victoria, BC); Western Grebe, 524 (Skidegate Inlet, BC); Clark's Grebe, 2 (Lardeau, BC); Northern Fulmar, 1 (Hecate Strait, Lasqueti I., BC); Short-tailed Shearwater, 5 (Rose Spit, BC); Northern Gannet, 44 (Perce, QC); Brandt's Cormorant, 1287 (Victoria, BC); Double-crested Cormorant, 757 (Victoria,

BC); Great Cormorant, 175 (Brier I., NS); *Pelagic Cormorant*, 417 (Skidegate Inlet, BC); American Bittern, 8 (Ladner, BC); Great Blue Heron, 254 (Ladner, BC); Green Heron, 3 (Squamish, BC); Black-crowned Night-Heron, 10 (Toronto, ON); Turkey Vulture, 13 (Yarmouth, NS; Prince Edward Point, ON).

Greater White-fronted Goose, 5 (Vancouver, BC); Snow Goose, 10,373 (Ladner, BC); Snow Goose (blue form), 9 (Napanee, ON); Canada Goose, 24,046 (Kingston, ON); Canada Goose (small forms), 24 (Port Alberni, BC); Brant (White-bellied), 11 (Halifax-Dartmouth, NS); Brant (Black), 661 (Ladner, BC); Mute Swan, 227 (St. Clair NWA, ON); *Trumpeter Swan*, **2939** (Comox, BC); Tundra Swan, 5430 (St. Clair NWA, ON); Wood Duck, 210 (Chilliwack, BC); Gadwall, 1673 (Blenheim ON); *Eurasian Wigeon*, 101 (Ladner, BC); *American Wigeon*, 47,252 (Ladner, BC); American Black Duck, 3820 (Wolfville, NS); Mallard, 26,528 (St. Clair NWA, ON); Blue-winged Teal, **30** (Fisherville, ON); Cinnamon Teal, 1 (Abbotsford-Mission, BC); Northern Shoveler, 106 (Ladner, BC); Northern Pintail, 43,830 (Ladner, BC); American Green-winged Teal, 12,252 (Ladner, BC); Eurasian Green-winged Teal, 2 (White Rock, BC, St. John's, NL); Canvasback, **19,215** (St. Clair NWA, ON); Redhead, 2561 (St. Clair NWA, ON); Ring-necked Duck, 366 (Victoria, BC); *Tufted Duck*, 7 (St. John's, NL); Greater Scaup, 11,401 (Hamilton, ON); Lesser Scaup, 1758 (Hamilton, ON); King Eider, 2 (Cape Race, NL); Common Eider, 4672 (Halifax-Dartmouth, NS); Harlequin Duck, 426 (Deep Bay, BC); Surf Scoter, 2398 (Comox, BC); White-winged Scoter, 2516 (Comox, BC); Black Scoter, 381 (Comox, BC); Long-tailed Duck, 11,519 (Toronto, ON); Bufflehead, 1456 (Victoria, BC); *Common Goldeneye*, 4829 (Calgary, AB); *Barrow's Goldeneye*, 2375

(Lower Howe Sound, BC); Hooded Merganser, 375 (Victoria, BC); Common Merganser, 1965 (St. Clair NWA, ON); Red-breasted Merganser, 2698 (Pictou Harbour, NS); Ruddy Duck, 391 (Hamilton, ON).

Osprey, 1 (Clarenville, NL); *Bald Eagle*, 2411 (Squamish, BC); Northern Harrier, 148 (Ladner, BC); Sharp-shinned Hawk, 21 (Hamilton, ON); Cooper's Hawk, 38 (Victoria, BC); *Northern Goshawk*, 11 (Horseshoe Canyon, AB); Red-shouldered Hawk, 3 (Long Point, ON, Pt. Pelee, ON); Broad-winged Hawk, 1 (Georgian Bay Is., Hanover-Walkerton, Wye Marsh, ON; Lunenburg, NS); Red-tailed Hawk, 287 (Fisherville, ON); Rough-legged Hawk, 77 (Amherst I., ON); Golden Eagle, 9 (Fort Walsh Cypress Hills, SK); American Kestrel, 59 (Fisherville, ON); *Merlin*, 27 (Calgary, AB); *Gyr Falcon*, 5 (Sault Ste. Marie, ON); *Peregrine Falcon*, **22** (Ladner, BC); Prairie Falcon, **5** (Horseshoe Canyon, AB); Chukar, 41 (Kamloops, BC); *Gray Partridge*, **728** (Regina, SK); Ring-necked Pheasant, 239 (Sackville, NB); *Ruffed Grouse*, 116 (Algonquin P.P., ON); Spruce Grouse, 5 (Hinton, AB); *Willow Ptarmigan*, 159 (Yellowknife, NT); *White-tailed Ptarmigan*, 3 (Haines Junction, YT); Blue Grouse, 2 (Cawston, BC); Sharp-tailed Grouse, 195 (Lyleton, MB); Wild Turkey, 449 (Barrie, ON); California Quail, **3821** (Oliver-Osoyoos, BC); Northern Bobwhite, 6 (Wallaceburg, ON).

Virginia Rail, 33 (Nanaimo, BC); Sora, 1 (Vaseux Lake, BC); American Coot, 2140 (Penticton, BC); Sandhill Crane, **106** (Long Point, ON); *Black-bellied Plover*, **6028** (Ladner, BC); Killdeer, 65 (Ladner, BC); Black Oystercatcher, **234** (Skidegate Inlet, BC); American Avocet, 3 (White Rock, BC); Greater Yellowlegs, 78 (Ladner, BC); Willet, 1 (Ladner, BC); Spotted Sandpiper, 2 (Chilliwack, BC); Whimbrel, 2 (Victoria, BC); Ruddy Turnstone, 4 (Port L'Hebert, NS; Cape

Race, *NL*); *Black Turnstone*, 902 (Skidegate Inlet, *BC*); *Surfbird*, 292 (Lower Howe Sound, *BC*); Red Knot, 3 (Cape Sable I., *NS*); Sanderling, 408 (Masset, *BC*); *Semipalmated Sandpiper*, 9 (Cape Sable I., *NS*); Western Sandpiper, 14 (Duncan, *BC*); Least Sandpiper, 4 (Ladner, *BC*); White-rumped Sandpiper, 2 (Cape Race, *NL*); Purple Sandpiper, 369 (Cape Race, *NL*); Rock Sandpiper, 14 (Skidegate Inlet, *BC*); *Dunlin*, 79,507 (Ladner, *BC*); Long-billed Dowitcher, 95 (Vancouver, *BC*); Wilson's Snipe, 31 (Vancouver, *BC*); American Woodcock, 3 (Prince Edward Point, *ON*); Red Phalarope, 6 (Victoria, *BC*).

Franklin's Gull, 1 (Pt. Pelee, *ON*); *Little Gull*, 4 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); *Black-headed Gull*, 108 (St. John's, *NL*); *Bonaparte's Gull*, 8017 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); *Mew Gull*, 11,125 (Victoria, *BC*); Ring-billed Gull, 8241 (Toronto, *ON*); California Gull, 336 (Vernon, *BC*); Herring Gull, 8025 (St. John's, *NL*); *Thayer's Gull*, 3110 (Victoria, *BC*); *Iceland Gull*, 2497 (St. John's, *NL*); Lesser Black-backed Gull, 10 (St. John's, *NL*); *Slaty-backed Gull*, 1 (Ladner, Nanaimo, *BC*; Glace Bay, *NS*); Western Gull, 52 (Deep Bay, *BC*); *Glaucous-winged Gull*, 10,730 (Chilliwack, *BC*); *Glaucous Gull*, 435 (St. John's, *NL*); Great Black-backed Gull, 5408 (St. John's, *NL*); Black-legged Kittiwake, 302 (Brier I., *NS*); *Dovekie*, 25,007 (Percé, *QC*); Common Murre, 950 (Victoria, *BC*); Thick-billed Murre, 12 (Ferryland, *NL*); Razorbill, 16 (Cape Race, *NL*); *Black Guillemot*, 1009 (Forillon N.P., *QC*); Pigeon Guillemot, 163 (Victoria, *BC*); *Marbled Murrelet*, 263 (Pender Harbour, *BC*); Ancient Murrelet, 303 (Little River-Powell River Ferry, *BC*); Cassin's Auklet, 1 (Masset, Rose Spit, *BC*); Rhinoceros Auklet, 80 (Victoria, *BC*); *Atlantic Puffin*, 2 (Île St. Pierre, *SPM*).

Band-tailed Pigeon, 52 (Vancouver, *BC*); *Rock Pigeon*, 7991 (Vancouver, *BC*); Eurasian Collared-Dove, 23 (Cawston, *BC*); Mourning Dove, 1735 (Wallaceburg, *ON*); Barn Owl, 12 (Abbotsford-Mission, *BC*); Western Screech-Owl, 1 (Nanaimo, Penticton, Vaseux L., Victoria,

BC; Govenlock, *SK*); Eastern Screech-Owl, 90 (Fisherville, *ON*); Great Horned Owl, 36 (Wallaceburg, *ON*); *Snowy Owl*, 9 (Regina, *SK*); Northern Hawk Owl, 1 (St. Paul, *AB*; Carleton Place, Haileybury, *ON*; Québec, *QC*); *Northern Pygmy-Owl*, 17 (Creston, *BC*); Barred Owl, 9 (Algonquin P.P., *ON*); Great Gray Owl, 4 (Athabasca, *AB*); Long-eared Owl, 20 (Amherst I., *ON*); *Short-eared Owl*, 85 (Fisherville, *ON*); *Boreal Owl*, 3 (Edmonton, *AB*); Northern Saw-whet Owl, 14 (Edmonton, *AB*); Anna's Hummingbird, 348 (Victoria, *BC*); Rufous Hummingbird, 1 (Comox, Lower Howe Sound, *BC*; Kingston, *ON*); Belted Kingfisher, 32 (Nanaimo, *BC*).

Lewis's Woodpecker, 4 (Penticton, *BC*); Red-headed Woodpecker, 2 (Woodhouse Twp., *ON*); Red-bellied Woodpecker, 49 (Strathroy, *ON*); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2 (Hamilton, *ON*); Red-breasted Sapsucker, 19 (Duncan, *BC*); Downy Woodpecker, 444 (Edmonton, *AB*); *Hairy Woodpecker*, 224 (North Bay, *ON*); *American Three-toed Woodpecker*, 10 (Sheep River, *AB*); Black-backed Woodpecker, 5 (Edmonton, *AB*; Prince Albert N.P., *SK*); Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker, 73 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker, 406 (Victoria, *BC*); Pileated Woodpecker, 56 (Edmonton, *AB*).

Gray Flycatcher, 1 (Fisherville, *ON*); Eastern Phoebe, 1 (Cedar Creek, Long Point, *ON*); Northern Shrike, 15 (Carden Alvar, Fisherville, *ON*); Hutton's Vireo, 17 (Sunshine Coast, *BC*); Gray Jay, 96 (Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, *AB*); Steller's Jay, 248 (Pitt Meadows, *BC*); Blue Jay, 1078 (Wolfville, *NS*); Western Scrub-Jay, 1 (Ladner, *BC*); *Clark's Nutcracker*, 119 (Banff-Canmore, *AB*); *Black-billed Magpie*, 2592 (Edmonton, *AB*); American Crow, 71,908 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); *Northwestern Crow*, 16,472 (Vancouver, *BC*); Common Raven, 1352 (Yellowknife, *NT*); Sky Lark, 20 (Victoria, *BC*); Horned Lark, 1886 (Pt. Pelee, *ON*); Tree Swallow, 5 (Pt. Pelee, *ON*); Barn Swallow, 5 (Sutton, *ON*); *Black-capped Chickadee*, 6239 (Edmonton, *AB*); Mountain Chickadee, 214 (Banff-

Canmore, *AB*); *Chestnut-backed Chickadee*, 1719 (Victoria, *BC*); *Boreal Chickadee*, 238 (Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, *AB*); Tufted Titmouse, 70 (Wallaceburg, *ON*); Bushtit, 1348 (Victoria, *BC*); *Red-breasted Nuthatch*, 1083 (Edmonton, *AB*); White-breasted Nuthatch, 495 (Winnipeg, *MB*); Pygmy Nuthatch, 425 (Kelowna, *BC*); Brown Creeper, 128 (Victoria, *BC*).

Rock Wren, 2 (Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Canyon Wren, 25 (Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Carolina Wren, 41 (Long Point, *ON*); Bewick's Wren, 213 (Victoria, *BC*); House Wren, 1 (St. John's, *NL*); West Elgin, Woodhouse Twp., *ON*); *Winter Wren*, 319 (Lower Howe Sound, *BC*); Marsh Wren, 136 (Ladner, *BC*); *American Dipper*, 113 (Lillooet, *BC*); *Golden-crowned Kinglet*, 1659 (Victoria, *BC*); Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 288 (Victoria, *BC*); Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 1 (Fisherville, *ON*); Eastern Bluebird, 122 (West Elgin, *ON*); Western Bluebird, 226 (Penticton, *BC*); Mountain Bluebird, 1 (Penticton, *BC*); Townsend's Solitaire, 20 (Cranbrook, *BC*); *Gray-cheeked Thrush*, 1 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Hermit Thrush, 27 (Sooke, *BC*); *Fieldfare*, 1 (Pitt Meadows, *BC*); American Robin, 3716 (Victoria, *BC*); Varied Thrush, 323 (Vancouver, *BC*); Gray Catbird, 2 (Pt. Pelee, *ON*); Northern Mockingbird, 68 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Brown Thrasher, 2 (Blenheim, *ON*); European Starling, 17,179 (Toronto, *ON*); American Pipit, 247 (Pt. Pelee, *ON*); *Bohemian Waxwing*, 16,714 (Calgary, *AB*); Cedar Waxwing, 585 (Guelph, *ON*).

Orange-crowned Warbler, 3 (Victoria, *BC*); Nashville Warbler, 1 (Peel-Halton Co., *ON*); Yellow Warbler, 1 (St. Catharines, *ON*); Magnolia Warbler, 1 (Cape Sable I., *NS*); Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler, 103 (Cape Sable I., *NS*); Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, 16 (Penticton, *BC*); Townsend's Warbler, 2 (Nanaimo, Sooke, *BC*); Yellow-throated Warbler, 1 (Yarmouth, *NS*); Pine Warbler, 6 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Palm Warbler, 1 (Comox, Sooke, *BC*; St.

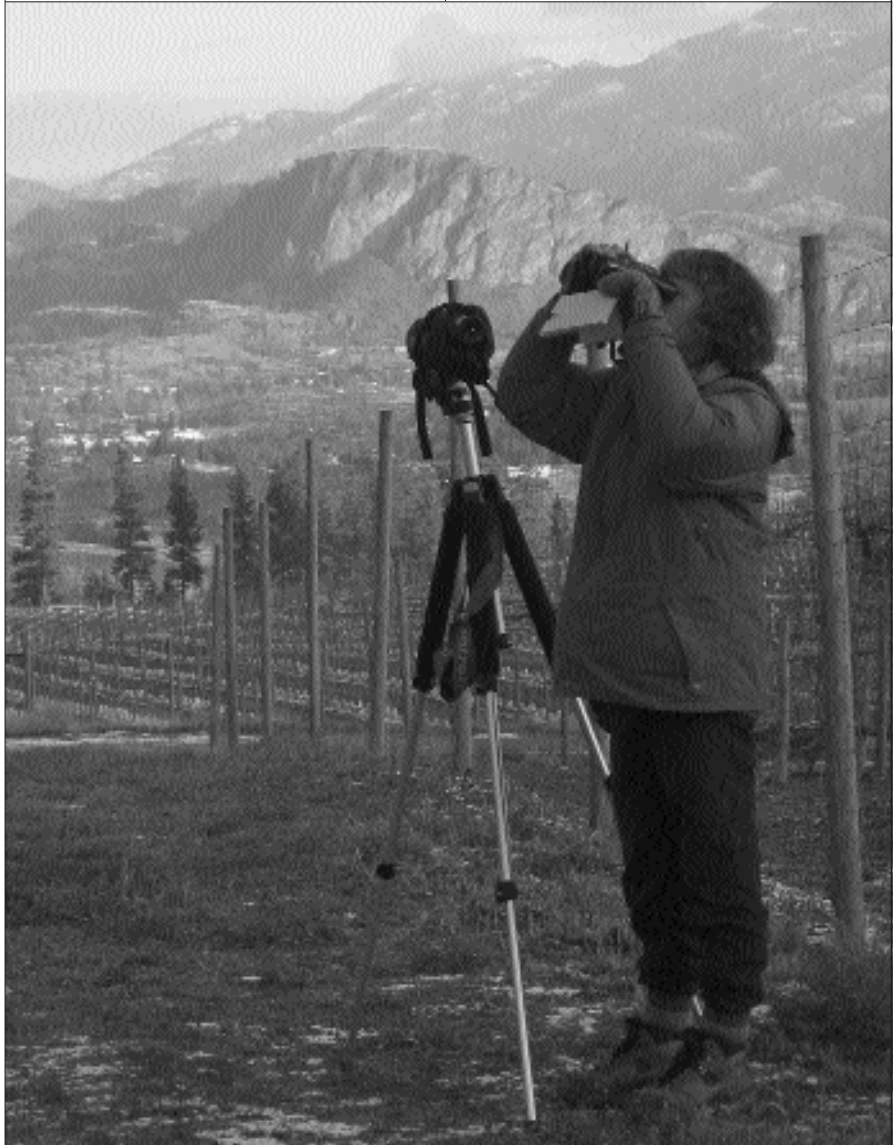
John's, *NL*; Halifax-Dartmouth, Port L'Hebert, *NS*); Black-and-white Warbler, 1 (St. John's, *NL*); Common Yellowthroat, 5 (Long Point, *ON*); Wilson's Warbler, 1 (Chilliwack, Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Yellow-breasted Chat, 7 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*).

Summer Tanager, 1 (Kitchener, *ON*); Spotted Towhee, 774 (Victoria, *BC*); Eastern Towhee, 6 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); American Tree Sparrow, 1967 (Long Point, *ON*); Chipping Sparrow, 12 (Cape Sable I., *NS*); Clay-colored Sparrow, 1 (St. John's, *NL*); Field Sparrow, 9 (Blenheim, *ON*); Vesper Sparrow, 2 (London, *ON*); Lark Sparrow, 1 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Savannah Sparrow, 91 (Ladner, *BC*); Grasshopper Sparrow, 1 (Fisherville, *ON*); Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, 1 (Cape Sable I., *NS*); Fox Sparrow, 521 (Victoria, *BC*); Song Sparrow, 1367 (Ladner, *BC*); Lincoln's Sparrow, 80 (Ladner, *BC*); Swamp Sparrow, 172 (Long Point, *ON*); White-throated Sparrow, 206 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Harris's Sparrow, 3 (Thompson, *MB*); White-crowned Sparrow, 309 (Abbotsford-Mission, *BC*); Golden-crowned Sparrow, 738 (Victoria, *BC*); Lapland Longspur, 20 (Antigonish, *NS*); Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco, 4264 (Victoria, *BC*); Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco, 1776 (Long Point, *ON*); Snow Bunting, 9290 (Pt. Pelee, *ON*).

Northern Cardinal, 625 (London, *ON*); Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 1 (Masset, *BC*); Black-headed Grosbeak, 1 (Pakenham-Arnprior, *ON*); Indigo Bunting, 1 (Ferryland, *NL*); Dickcissel, 1 (Clareville, Ferryland, Gander, *NL*; Antigonish, Louisbourg, Port L'Hebert, Strait of Canso, *NS*); Red-winged Blackbird, 4349 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Eastern Meadowlark, 20 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Western Meadowlark, 66 (Abbotsford-Mission, *BC*); Yellow-headed Blackbird, 1 (Victoria, *BC*); Rusty Blackbird, 64 (Long Point, *ON*); Brewer's Blackbird, 1493 (Ladner, *BC*); Common Grackle, 58 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Brown-headed Cowbird, 7489 (Wallaceburg, *ON*); Baltimore Oriole, 11 (Yarmouth, *NS*).

Brambling, 1 (Tlell, *BC*); Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, 14 (Grande Cache, *AB*); Pine Grosbeak, 887 (Nipigon-Red Rock, *ON*); Purple Finch, 224 (Nanaimo, *BC*); Cassin's Finch, 11 (Penticton, *BC*); House Finch, 1698 (Penticton, *BC*); Red Crossbill, 303 (Vaseux Lake, *BC*); White-winged Crossbill, 679 (Sheep River, *AB*);

Common Redpoll, 5635 (Prince George, *BC*); Hoary Redpoll, 148 (Banff-Canmore, *AB*); Pine Siskin, 10,420 (Parksville-Qualicum Beach, *BC*); American Goldfinch, 1331 (Wolfville, *NS*); Evening Grosbeak, 506 (Mackenzie, *BC*); House Sparrow, 10,189 (Winnipeg, *MB*).



**Michael Force makes an observation on the Vaseux Lake, BC, count.
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