

2020 Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Summary – Oakland Audubon Society

Oakland Audubon Society (OAS) participated in the 121st Christmas Bird Count on December 19, 2020. With the pandemic going on, it was remarkable that 52 field surveyors and 2 feeder watchers participated. Despite the cold, cloudy day and light precipitation, it was a reasonably successful endeavor.

The group logged 605 miles of driving and over 39 miles were traveled on foot. Scott Jennex, OAS compiler, reported a total of 64 species for the count circle. Numbers were slightly below average, but considering the cold weather and only partially open water, it was a good result. The list of species seen and numbers recorded for each is provided below, *cw* denotes a 'count week species.'

Notable species included Iceland Gull (seen for the first time on our count), Merlin, Northern Shrike, Winter Wren, and Carolina Wren. A fine collection of Red-headed Woodpeckers was also observed.

Canada Goose (1,059)	Hairy Woodpecker (27)
Mute Swan (62)	Northern Flicker (yellow-shafted) (5)
Swan sp (4)	Pileated Woodpecker (7)
American Black Duck (2)	American Kestrel (2)
Mallard (732)	Merlin (1)
Redhead (3)	Northern Shrike (1)
Ring-necked Duck (82)	Blue Jay (378)
Bufflehead (21)	American Crow (649)
Common Goldeneye (41)	Horned Lark (12)
Hooded Merganser (20)	Black-capped Chickadee (620)
Red-breasted Merganser (2)	Tufted Titmouse (205)
Wild Turkey (43)	Red-breasted Nuthatch (19)
Great Blue Heron (3)	White-breasted Nuthatch (204)
Turkey Vulture (3)	Brown Creeper (7)
Cooper's Hawk (11)	Winter Wren (1)
Bald Eagle (8)	Carolina Wren (1)
Red-shouldered Hawk (2)	Eastern Bluebird (139)
Red-tailed Hawk (60)	American Robin (804)
Rough-legged Hawk (<i>cw</i>)	European Starling (3,173)
Sandhill Crane (42)	Cedar Waxwing (208)
Ring-billed Gull (2,673)	American Tree Sparrow (175)
Herring Gull (264)	Dark-eyed Junco (334)
Iceland Gull (1)	Song Sparrow (17)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (1)	Swamp Sparrow (2)
Great Black-backed Gull (15)	Northern Cardinal (253)
Gull sp (235)	Common Grackle (1)
Rock Pigeon (feral) (262)	Blackbird sp (7)
Mourning Dove (563)	Brown-headed Cowbird (1)
Eastern Screech-owl (11)	House Finch (233)
Great Horned Owl (2)	Common Redpoll (130)
Owl sp (1)	Pine Siskin (13)
Belted Kingfisher (5)	American Goldfinch (309)
Red-headed Woodpecker (9)	House Sparrow (556)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (111)	Sparrow sp (4)
Downy Woodpecker (103)	

Totals = 64 species, 14,954 individuals

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Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis* (Brian Beauchene)



Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis* (Manny Salas)



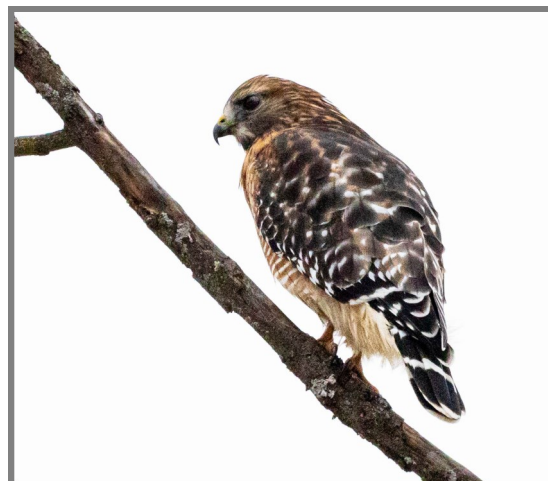
Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus* (Brian Beauchene)



Iceland Gull, *Larus glaucooides* (Jeff Stacey)



Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*
(Robert Bochenek)



Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus*
(Robert Bochenek)

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Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus* & suitable habitat at CBC area #4 (Robert Bochenek)



Pileated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus pileatus*
(Brian Beauchene)



Sandhill Crane, *Antigone canadensis* (Kayla Niner)

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**** Intrepid Birders at the 121st CBC ****



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