

2008 BURTON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

January 1, 2009

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Pied-billed Grebe	1
Great Blue Heron	3
Canada Goose	1808
Tundra Swan	28
Wood Duck	4
Mallard	297
Northern Pintail	1
Lesser Scaup	3
Bald Eagle	7
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2
Cooper's Hawk	14 hc
Red-shouldered Hawk	40
Red-tailed Hawk	54
Rough-legged Hawk	3
American Kestrel	5
Wild Turkey	8
Ring-billed Gull	12
Herring Gull	3
Rock Pigeon	94
Mourning Dove	221
Great Horned Owl	5
Short-eared Owl	1 us
Belted Kingfisher	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	77 hc
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3 hc
Downy Woodpecker	101
Hairy Woodpecker	33
Northern Flicker	19
Pileated Woodpecker	19 hc
Blue Jay	348 hc
American Crow	341
Black-capped Chickadee	526
Tufted Titmouse	208
Red-breasted Nuthatch	23
White-breasted Nuthatch	147
Brown Creeper	6
Carolina Wren	10
Golden-crowned Kinglet	16
Eastern Bluebird	90
American Robin	244 hc

European Starling	2487
Cedar Waxwing	120
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7
Eastern Towhee	6 hc
American Tree Sparrow	237
Song Sparrow	25
Swamp Sparrow	1
White-throated Sparrow	27 hc
White-crowned Sparrow	8
Dark-eyed Junco	384
Northern Cardinal	351
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Purple Finch	8
House Finch	187
White-winged Crossbill	16 us
Pine Siskin	223 hc
American Goldfinch	217
House Sparrow	428
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	9559
TOTAL SPECIES	58

*hc = **high count** (based on species numbers over a 50 year period 1958-2008).

*us = **unusual**

This year marks the 50th year of Burton Christmas Bird Count started by Bob McCullough in 1958. Here's how some of the birds on this year's list stack up to 50 years of bird records.

- **Wood Duck** – sporadic, not more than 4 individuals ever counted over the time span.
- **Northern Pintail** – sporadic, not more than 2 individuals ever counted over time span.
- **Bald Eagle** – first reported in 1993 and regularly seen thereafter. Not more than 7 individuals ever reported.
- **Cooper's Hawk** – highest count in 50 yrs.
- **Short-eared Owl** – first time reported this year!
- **Red-bellied Woodpecker** – highest number in 50 yrs.
- **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – high count, very sporadic, only reported 6 times in 50 yrs. Generally 5-7 years between sightings.
- **Pileated Woodpecker** – highest number in 50 yrs.
- **Eastern Towhee** – regularly reported from '61-'76, sporadic thereafter. Not reported since '98.
- **White-throated Sparrow** – highest in 50 yrs.
- **White-crowned Sparrow** – not reported since '98.
- **White-winged Crossbill** – highest count. First and only other report was as a “count week” species in '02.
- **Pine Siskin** – highest number in 50 yrs.