CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, 1982-3

Saint John, N.B.

Dec. 27; 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Clear; -5° to + 1°C; wind NE to NW 15-40 Km/h;
Ground bare; rivers partly open, lakes frozen. 30 participants (13 in 7 field
parties, 17 at 15 bird feeders). Total party-hours, 36 (21 on foot, 15 by car);
total party-km, 465 (20 on foot, 445 by car).

Common Loon, 1; ~~Great Blue Heron, 2~~; Mallard, 10; Am. Black Duck, 150(low);
Mallard x Black Duck hybrid, 1; Green-winged Teal, 1; Common Goldeneye, 299;
Bufflehead, 52; Common Eider, 2; Common Merganser, 31; Red-breasted Merganser,
25; Northern Goshawk, 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Bald
Eagle, 4 adults; Ruffed Grouse, 4; Purple Sandpiper, 50; Glaucous Gull, 4;
Iceland Gull, 57; Great Black-backed Gull, 172; Herring Gull, 806; Ring-billed
Gull, 5; Rock Dove, 227; Mourning Dove, 10; Northern Flicker, 1; Hairy Wood-
pecker, 8; Downy Woodpecker, 18; Gray Jay, 2; Blue Jay, 65; Common Raven, 11
(low); American Crow, 133; Black-capped Chickadee, 199; Boreal Chickadee, 2;
Brown Creeper, 2; Northern Mockingbird, 2; American Robin, 6; Golden-crowned
Kinglet, 2; Cedar Waxwing, 1 (only our 2nd record); European Starling, 1412;
House Sparrow, 182 (very low); Red-winged Blackbird, 1; Common Grackle, 1;
Brown-headed Cowbird, 10; Northern Cardinal, 1; Evening Grosbeak, 165; Pine
Siskin, 6; American Goldfinch, 38; Dark-eyed Junco, 11 (low); American Tree
Sparrow, 11 (very low); White-throated Sparrow, 1 (low); Song Sparrow, 4.
Total: 4211 birds (low) of 49 species (low). Seen during count period:
Red-tailed Hawk, Brown Thrasher.)

[Species & hybrid underlined are first record on the local count; numbers
underlined are the most yet recorded. However, the results tended to be on
the low side for the most part.]   David Christie, compiler.]

I find ~~that~~ with me living 160 km away from Saint John, that organization of
the count is not as good as when I was working in the city. After the count,
I head home and it is about a couple of weeks before the results are fully
tallied which hampers our press coverage. The newspaper and radio are eager
for the results the morning after. If anyone would like to take over as com-
piler, I would be very willing to assist and advise in any way I can.
                                                        David Christie