

## Donald MacPhail

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Good Afternoon Christmas Bird Count Participants (past, present and future)

Thank you all for contributing to the 125<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas Bird Counts in this area. That is quite an achievement for any type of monitoring program, especially ones headed by volunteers such as yourselves!

Below is a summary of the counts taken from the field (41 participants) and from feeders (11 participants) on December 28th, 2024 as well as a few species captured in the count period. Weather-wise, the 28th was a partly cloudy day with sunny periods and temperatures rising from -14 degrees C in the morning to -1 degrees in the afternoon. Very little wind throughout the count.

Some comments from some of the participants and past compilers:

"Year of the Jay!" - Yes, in fact this years count was double the average number of blue jays seen in the last 10 year period. Its would seem most of the boom in these corvids was somewhat localized to areas in the north of our count circle around the Nerepis , and western portion of the Kingston Peninsula.

Solid ice on the river systems may have been a factor in the lower number of scaup and other divers found this count . The very low numbers of winter finches and Robins could be tied to the fact that there is a " near absence of wild fruit and no cone crop, no doubt encouraged some birds to go elsewhere."

It seems that our one Wild Turkey found this year may be a first for the Saint John CBC! Given my routine encounters with them in the Upperton and Bloomfield area, I'm not entirely surprised to see them hanging around in the more temperate climate of Saint John during the winter.

The total number of species encountered during this season was higher than the average # of species in the last ten years in our count area ( 76 sp vs 10 year avg 65 sp) and the total number of birds was up as well ( 18050 vs the ten year average of 10876.

A big THANK YOU to the observers doing feeder counts. We seem to getting more people involved in their own backyards and that can only make for better estimates of bird populations and variety.

Kelly





Km on foot	59.79	14	0	4				1.5	0.5	0.75	0.3		0	0.2		2	3.5		1	0.3	0.5	0.5	5	1			6.94	0.5		6			11.3
Km by car	603.5	4	65	3				25.4	15.5	25	36		18	26.8		31	5.5		24	34	63	35	115	29			7.3	31		10			
Km otherwise	0																																
TOTAL KM	663.29	18	65	7				26.8	16	25.75	36.3		18	27		33	9		25	34.3	63.5	35.5	120	30			14.24	31.5		16			11.3

**Weather**  
 Temp - start (or low) -14.0  
 Temp - end (or high) -1.2  
 Sky - clear, overcast, partial partial  
 Wind - high, moderate, low low  
 Wind speed 0  
 Wind direction 0  
 wind - start (or low) 0  
 wind - end (or high) 0  
 precipitation 0  
 Standing Water - open, frozen frozen  
 Flowing Water - open, frozen frozen  
 Snow cover in cm 10

# Count Summary Report

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First Name	Last Name	Email	Is Primary Compiler
Chrissy	Cusack	chrissycusack3@gmail.com	No
Kelly	Honeyman	kellyhoneyman@xplornet.ca	Yes
Don	MacPhail	dm@qcca.ca	No

## Participants(s)

First Name	Last Name
Mike	Bamford
Richard	Blacquiere
Bruce	Boscence
Samantha	Brewster
Paul	Clark
Shari	Coles-Foley
Jennifer	Day-Elgee
Jeanie	Finn-Allen
Kelly	Honeyman
Madeline	Honeyman
Jennifer	Howe
Shawn	Jennings
Frank	Kelly
Ann	MacPhail
Donald	MacPhail
David	Mansz
Paul	Mansz
Don	McAlpine
David	McCormick
Harvey	McLeod
Valine	Mitchell
Ngaire	Nelson
Susan	O'Brien
Joan	Pearce
Ryan	Power
Jan	Riddell
Ray	Riddell
Jim	Russell
Joyclyn	Russell
Joanne	Savage
Carolyn	Scarth

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Hank	Scarth
Lucy	Smith
Wendy	Smith
Ian	Stead
Andrew	Sullivan
Janice	Thomas-Eldridge
Bill	Whalen
Judy	Whalen
Wendy	White
Janet	Whitehead
Jim	Wilson