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Good Morning All.

As promised, here are the compiled results of the efforts of some very dedicated observers this 2025 Count. Yes, the weather was a challenge but switching to the alternative day would have meant less observers out, hence the decision to forge on during the 20th. There were certainly some changes in numbers observed ( based on the 10 year running average), with Red-breasted nuthatches a clear winner, up by about 150% and Golden - crowned kinglets up by 50% or so. Another bright note were the number of Herring gulls found ( up over 1800 birds over the 10 year average). Less numerous were the doves with Rock pigeon and Mourning doves down substantially. Are populations down? Not likely, so pigeon brain has certainly evolved enough to recognize poor weather and they hunkered down in shelter. That is likely the case with a number of the more common species that seemed to drop off the map on the 20th.

Another bird of note was the Greater white-fronted goose (Anser albifrons) that appeared during count week in the Red Head area. Although the CWS describes this species as having the largest range of all our geese and having between 1-5 million in numbers, its uncommon for our part of the country so we were pleased to have it during Count Week. I`m sure this will be part of the sightings section of the next SJNC meeting. In all, 59 species ( 61 including those in Count Week) and 13,065 birds, all from your efforts. THANK YOU!!!!

Kelly

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Part I - Species	2025 totals	10 Yr Avg (2015-		Difference	
		2024)			
Red-throated Loon	0	2.8	-2.8		
Common Loon	0	5.6	-5.6		
Pied-billed Grebe	1	0.5	0.5		1
Horned Grebe	0	3	-3		
Red-necked Grebe	0	0.5	-0.5		
Great Cormorant	0	1	-1		
Double-crested Cormorant	0	2.3	-2.3		
Great Blue Heron	0	0	0		
Snowy Egret	0	0	0		
Snow Goose	0	0	0		
Canada Goose	1	45.8	-44.8		1
Greater white-fronted goose*	CW	0	1		
Common Shelduck	0	1.5	-1.5		
Wood Duck	0	1.3	-1.3		
Green-winged Teal	13	29.1	-16.1		1
American Black Duck	361	517.9	-156.9		1
Mallard	704	841.7	-137.7		1
Northern Pintail	2	7.7	-5.7		1
Blue-winged Teal	0	0.5	-0.5		
Northern Shoveler	0	0.5	-0.5		
Gadwall	7	7.4	-0.4		1
American Wigeon	0	2.8	-2.8		
Canvasback	0	0	0		
Redhead	0	0	0		
Ring-necked Duck	0	8.4	-8.4		
Tufted Duck	0	0	0		
Greater Scaup	21	138.7	-117.7		1
Lesser Scaup	0	64.4	-64.4		
Common Eider	0	3.9	-3.9		
Harlequin Duck	0	0	0		
Long-tailed Duck	0	1	-1		
Black Scoter	0	2.3	-2.3		
Surf Scoter	0	22.4	-22.4		
White-winged Scoter	0	1.8	-1.8		
Common Goldeneye	158	189.9	-31.9		1
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	6.8	-5.8		1
Barrow's x Common Goldeneye hybrid	0	0	0		
Bufflehead	179	211.2	-32.2		1
Hooded Merganser	1	11.2	-10.2		1
Common Merganser	4	42.8	-38.8		1
Red-breasted Merganser	34	65.6	-31.6		1
Ruddy Duck	0	0	0		
Turkey Vulture	13	13.1	-0.1		1
Bald Eagle	60	39.9	20.1		1
Northern Harrier	0	2	-2		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2.5	-1.5		1
Cooper's Hawk	0	1	-1		
Northern Goshawk	0	0.7	-0.7		

Red-tailed Hawk	1	1.7	-0.7	1
Rough-legged Hawk	0	0	0	
American Kestrel	0	0.5	-0.5	
Merlin	0	1.8	-1.8	
Peregrine Falcon	CW	1.6	-1.6	
Gyr Falcon	0	0	0	
Gray Partridge	0	0	0	
Ring-necked Pheasant	0	0.8	-0.8	
Spruce Grouse	0	0	0	
Ruffed Grouse	7	2.2	4.8	1
Northern Bobwhite	0	0	0	
Virginia Rail	0	0	0	
American Coot	1	1.3	-0.3	1
Killdeer	0	0	0	
Sanderling	0	0	0	
Purple Sandpiper	0	0	0	
Dunlin	0	0	0	
Long-billed Dowitcher	0	0	0	
Common Snipe	0	0.5	-0.5	
Little Gull	0	0	0	
Com Blk-hd Gull	0	0	0	
Black-headed Gull	0	0	0	
Bonaparte's Gull	0	0	0	
Mew Gull	0	0	0	
Ring-billed Gull	69	89.1	-20.1	1
Herring Gull	4409	2537.5	1871.5	1
Iceland Gull	133	166.7	-33.7	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	0	0	
Slaty-backed Gull	0	0	0	
Glaucous Gull	1	3	-2	1
Great Black-backed Gull	18	116	-98	1
Black-legged Kittiwake	0	0	0	
Ivory Gull	0	0	0	
Forster's Tern	0	0	0	
Dovekie	0	0	0	
Common Murre	0	0	0	
Black Guillemot	0	0.5	-0.5	
Rock Pigeon	292	685.1	-393.1	1
White-winged Dove	0	0	0	
Mourning Dove	50	218.8	-168.8	1
Great Horned Owl	0	1	-1	
Snowy Owl	0	0.5	-0.5	
Barred Owl	0	1	-1	
Long-eared Owl	0	0	0	
Short-eared Owl	0	0.5	-0.5	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	0	0	0	
Belted Kingfisher	0	0.7	-0.7	
Red-headed Woodpecker	0	0	2	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	1	0	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	0.5	-0.5	
Downy Woodpecker	20	44	-24	1
Hairy Woodpecker	19	20	-1	1
American Three-toed Woodpecker	0	0	0	

Black-backed Woodpecker	0	0.5	-0.5	
Northern Flicker	0	2	-2	
Pileated Woodpecker	2	3.6	-1.6	1
Horned Lark	0	12.8	-12.8	
Red-eyed Vireo	0	0	0	
Gray Jay	0	3.8	-3.8	
Blue Jay	154	121.7	32.3	1
American Crow	922	1067.3	-145.3	1
Common Raven	119	123.9	-4.9	1
Black-capped Chickadee	767	765.1	1.9	1
Boreal Chickadee	0	1	-1	
Tufted Titmouse	0	0	0	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	351	109.2	241.8	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	12	6.5	5.5	1
Brown Creeper	1	3.7	-2.7	1
House Wren	0	0	0	
Carolina Wren	1	2	-1	1
Winter Wren	0	3	-3	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	53	26.6	26.4	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	1.5	-1.5	
Hermit Thrush	1	2	-1	1
American Robin	2	50.1	-48.1	1
Gray Catbird	0	0	0	
Northern Mockingbird	1	1	0	1
Brown Thrasher	0	1	-1	
American Pipit	0	3	-3	
Bohemian Waxwing	55	34.2	20.8	1
Cedar Waxwing	0	32	-32	
Northern Shrike	0	0.8	-0.8	
European Starling	2160	2285.2	-125.2	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	0	0.5	-0.5	
Nashville Warbler	0	0	0	
Yellow Warbler	0	0	0	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	0	1	-1	
Yellow-throated Warbler	0	0	0	
Pine Warbler	0	2	-2	
Palm Warbler	0	0	0	
Common Yellowthroat	0	0	0	
Black-throated Green Warbler	0	0.7	-0.7	
Yellow-breasted Chat	0	0.5	-0.5	
Ovenbird	0	0	0	
Summer Tanager	0	0	0	
Northern Cardinal	36	49.3	-13.3	1
Dickcissel	0	0	0	
Green-tailed Towhee	0	0	0	
Eastern Towhee	0	0	0	
American Tree Sparrow	1	24.5	-23.5	1
Chipping Sparrow	0	5	-5	
Field Sparrow	0	0	0	
Vesper Sparrow	0	0	0	
Savannah Sparrow	1	1	0	1
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	0	0	0	
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	0	0	0	

Seaside Sparrow	0	0	0	
Fox Sparrow	0	1.2	-1.2	
Song Sparrow	3	12.5	-9.5	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	0	0	0	
Swamp Sparrow	0	1.7	-1.7	
White-throated Sparrow	1	12.3	-11.3	1
White-crowned Sparrow	0	0	0	
Dark-eyed Junco	105	88.8	16.2	1
Lapland Longspur	0	0.7	-0.7	
Snow Bunting	0	2.5	-2.5	
Red-winged Blackbird	0	1	-1	
Eastern Meadowlark	0	0.5	-0.5	
Rusty Blackbird	0	0	0	
Common Grackle	0	1.5	-1.5	
Brown-headed Cowbird	0	0	0	
Bullock's Oriole	0	0	0	
Baltimore Oriole	0	2	-2	
Pine Grosbeak	9	21	-12	1
Purple Finch	10	41.9	-31.9	1
House Finch	0	4	-4	
Red Crossbill	4	11.3	-7.3	1
White-winged Crossbill	0	20.2	-20.2	
Common Redpoll	0	24.4	-24.4	
Hoary Redpoll	0	0	0	
Pine Siskin	3	39.7	-36.7	1
American Goldfinch	198	221.3	-23.3	1
Evening Grosbeak	78	49.8	28.2	1
House Sparrow	0	27.3	-27.3	
Unidentified	0	0	0	
Wild Turkey **	0	1	-1	
Partially identified species	0	0	0	
Mallard x Black Hybrid	0	4.3	-4.3	
Scaup species	1330	87.8	1242.3	
Duck species	23	33.4	-10.4	
Merganser species	0	2.3	-2.3	
Sandpiper species	0	1.5	-1.5	
Loon species	0	0	0	
Cormorant species	1	0	1	1
Hawk species	0	1.5	-1.5	
Falcon species	1	0	1	1
Gull species	73	149.6	-76.6	
Alcid Species	0	0	0	
Woodpecker species	1	0.8	0.3	
Thrush species	0	0	0	
Waxwing species	0	0	0	
Sparrow species	2	5.2	-3.2	
Finch species	0	40.5	-40.5	
Blackbird species	0	1	-1	
Passeriformes	0	1	-1	
	<b>13065</b>			
<b>TOTAL BIRDS</b>	<b>13065</b>			
<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	<b>59</b>			<b>59</b>
<b>Additional Count Week Species</b>	<b>2</b>			