

La Crosse 2006 Christmas Bird Count - A Summary

Saturday, December 16, 2006

Pre-dawn until Dusk and Beyond

There were 55 species (5,596 total birds) found on the count day this year. Unusual species included the first ever Peregrine Falcon, a Northern Harrier and a Yellow-rumped Warbler. The unusual pattern of American Robin numbers that began around 1991 continues with 314 found this year. Odd numbered years have had few if any Robins while over 100 and sometimes three times that amount have been seen in the even numbered years.

Message from Rick Kinzie:

Highlites of the 2006 Lax CBC: The Lax CBC was held on saturday Dec 16th. There were 21 field observers with 1 feeder report and 55 species tallied. The weather for the cbc followed the pattern of the last few years. Early cold weather had frozen up much of the Mississippi and it's tributaries and what snow had fallen earlier in the fall had melted. Almost all backwater areas were still frozen over and this was reflected in the low total numbers of waterfowl. We still managed 2 Great Blue Herons in spite of the ice. Nine different Raptor species were seen along with 3 Owl species and 2 N. Shrikes. There were still good numbers of Robins around, especially in the Catholic Cemetary and 11 E. Bluebirds were reported. With all the open ground conditions on count day the numbers reported might be down slightly from average. If there was an award given for effort, that award would go to Matt Paulson for the 2006 count. Matt left Whitewater friday night after work, drove back to LaCrosse, arriving somewhere around 1am, and spent the rest of the early hours owling around his count area. At daybreak Matt and his father, Lance, covered their area and then made it up to the Potluck hosted by Mike Furr, where he appeared to be bright, awake, and lucid. Nice effort Matt!

I would like to take this time to announce that I would like to step down as compiler for the Lax CBC. The constraints brought on by our business have eaten up most of my free time in Dec and I have not done as thorough a job as needs to be done and I would like to apologize for the lateness getting the results out. This count needs someone from the Lax area as compiler who can spend a little more time working with local newspapers and possibly TV to promote and recruit more participants. You could become famous! I will work with whoever decides to volunteer going over maps/routes and reporting procedures. If you have some free time please think seriously of volunteering!

Here is a complete list of birds found.

Be sure to join us for next year's count.

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CANADA GOOSE	6
TUNDRA SWAN	2
WOOD DUCK	0
GADWALL	0
AMERICAN WIGEON	0
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	2
MALLARD	128
NORTHERN PINTAIL	0
CANVASBACK	1
REDHEAD	2
RING-NECKED DUCK	0
LESSER SCAUP	1
BUFFLEHEAD	0
COMMON GOLDENEYE	6
COMMON MERGANSER	0
RING-NECKED PHEASANT	1
RUFFED GROUSE	0
WILD TURKEY	71
GREAT BLUE HERON	2
BALD EAGLE	221
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	1
COOPER'S HAWK	4
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	0
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	1
RED-TAILED HAWK	52
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	1
AMERICAN KESTREL	15
AMERICAN COOT	0
KILLDEER	0
COMMON SNIPE	0
RING-BILLED GULL	180
HERRING GULL	42
ROCK PIGEON	791

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	2
DOWNY WOODPECKER	43
HAIRY WOODPECKER	110
NORTHERN FLICKER	26
PILEATED WOODPECKER	0
NORTHERN SHRIKE	12
BLUE JAY	2
AMERICAN CROW	132
HORNED LARK	387
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	0
TUFTED TITMOUSE	403
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	22
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	6
BROWN CREEPER	124
WINTER WREN	6
GOLDEN-CR. KINGLET	0
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	4
HERMIT THRUSH	11
AMERICAN ROBIN	0
EUROPEAN STARLING	314
CEDAR WAXWING	313
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	81
SONG SPARROW	124
WHITE-THR. SPARROW	0
DARK-EYED JUNCO	0
NORTHERN CARDINAL	271
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	112
MEADOWLARK (SP.)	568
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	0
COMMON GRACKLE	0
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	0
PINE GROSBEAK	0
PURPLE FINCH	0

MOURNING DOVE	138
EASTERN SCREECH OWL	1
GREAT HORNED OWL	2
BARRED OWL	8
BELTED KINGFISHER	3
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	2
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	43
DOWNY WOODPECKER	110

SHADING AND WHITE SEPARATES FAMILIES

HOUSE FINCH	31
RED CROSSBILL	85
COMMON REDPOLL	0
PINE SISKIN	0
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	0
HOUSE SPARROW	257
	465
Yellow Rumped Warbler	
Peregrine Falcon	1
Northern Harrier	1
	1
NUMBER OF SP. SEEN:	
TOTAL BIRDS SEEN:	55
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