**69th Peterborough Christmas Bird Count Results**

By Martin Parker, Count Compiler

I wish to extend to you my personal thanks and thanks from the PFN for participating in the 2020 Peterborough Christmas Bird Count.  In spite of the current pandemic there was a new record high number of participants on this year’s count -- 96.  You all have to be commended for following the public health guidelines.  Many of you participated by submitting reports from your feeders and neighbourhood.   Special thanks to Chris Risley for assisting in the compiling of the results.

At the end of the day we collectively recorded a total of 66 species of birds -- just short of the record 67 species which were observed on the 2015 count.  There was a total of 19,735 individuals.  A copy of the total count results is attached for your interest.

New Species -- no were recorded on this year’s count

**New Highs** - 17 species had record high number of individuals.  Details follow:

Hooded Merganser - 19 -- previous high was 15 individuals on the 2015 count

Northern Goshawk - 9 -- previous high was 4 on 1983 count

Iceland Gull - 3 -- previous high was 2 on the 2014 count

Rock Pigeon - 2,072 - previous high was 2,027 on the 2018 count

Mourning Dove - 1,356 - previous high was 1,329 on the 2010 count

Eastern Screech-Owl - 7 - previous high was 2 on the 1970 count (the Stewart Hall/Landfill area accounted for four of the Eastern Screech-Owls

Barred Owl - 5 - previous high was 2 in 2018

Short-eared Owl - 2 - previous high was 1 on two different counts -- third time on count.  Still putting on a display each evening at the eastern end of the airport in early January

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 25 -- previous high was 16 on the 2017 count -- average over the past five years was 10

Pileated Woodpecker - 28 - previous high was 28 on 2017

Blue Jay - 563 - previous high was 469 on the 2010 count

Common Raven - 34 - previous high was 29 on the 2016 count

Black-capped Chickadee - 3,123 - previous high was 2,148 pm the 2018 count

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 74 - previous high was 66 on the 2-18 count

White-breasted Nuthatch - 335 -- previous high has 225 on the 2018 count

Northern Cardinal - 457 - previous high was 173 on the 2018 count -- average over the past five years was 130 Northern Cardinals

Hoary Redpoll - 7 - previous high was 3 on the 2001 count

**Winter Finches**

A total of eight winter finch species were reported -- the two species of crossbills ere not recorded.

**2020 Count Date**

The tentative date for the 2021 count is Sunday, December 19th.   Hopefully we can share our results in person.

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