Thank you for helping with the 48th Rockwood Christmas Bird Count on December 27, 2021. A total of 83 species were located on the day of the count, not a bad total considering the weather which included afternoon fog and light rain. A Great Egret was a first for the count with only a prior count week record in 2011. Other noteworthy species include Yellow-headed Blackbird (last counted in 1996 with 1 count and 1 count week before then), Pileated Woodpecker (counted only on the past 3 counts), Tree Swallow (5 counts), Double-crested Cormorant (7 counts), Merlin (7 counts and 1 count week) and Horned Grebe (7 counts plus 2 count weeks). Additional species with fewer than 15 records—the objective criteria used for the last few years—include Northern Saw-whet Owl (8 counts plus 2 count weeks), Peregrine Falcon (9 counts, 2 count weeks), Lesser Black-backed Gull (12 counts, 1 count week) and Eastern Meadowlark (13 counts and a 2019 count week). Two of the 6 meadowlarks were positively identified as Eastern. A Red-headed Woodpecker was also a good find; the last record was in 1998. Surprising given the weather and general lack of bird activity on the count day were the record counts for Lesser Scaup, White-breasted Nuthatch and Golden-crowned Kinglet. Winter Wren also had the 2nd highest count.

Perhaps because of the weather, several species usually present were missed such as Horned Lark (44 counts), Yellow-rumped Warbler (42 counts), American Coot and Common Grackle (41 counts), Red-shouldered Hawk (37 counts) and Snow Bunting (36 counts). The number of Ruddy Ducks was also much lower than usual. One can only speculate how many species could have been located with more favorable weather conditions.

Special thanks must be extended to Ava Landgraf for helping with the area assignments and other aspects of the count.

The 24th and 25th comprise the middle weekend of the 2022 count period, neither of which are good days for a count. Since many regular counters have obligations for other counts on the first weekend, picking a day for next year’s count will be challenging. I will let everyone know once a date has been selected.

Tom Carpenter, compiler

The following people helped with this year’s count:

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Please let me know if anyone helped and is not on the list or if there are any spelling errors with names.
Results of the 48th Rockwood Christmas bird count held 27 December 2021

Canada Goose 2278
Mute Swan 362
Tundra Swan 296
Swan species 4
Northern Gadwall 709
American Wigeon 2
American Black Duck 125
Mallard 2167
Northern Shoveler 4
Northern Pintail 16
Canvasback 11,806
Redhead 52
Ring-necked Duck 4
Greater Scaup 84
Lesser Scaup 510* (121)
Scaup species 454
Long-tailed Duck 3
Bufflehead 177
Common Goldeneye 790
Hooded Merganser 15
Common Merganser 151
Red-breasted Merganser 268
Ruddy Duck 2 (low)
Duck species 10
**Horned Grebe 4**
**Double-crested Cormorant 1**
Great Blue Heron 37
**Great Egret 1**
Bald Eagle 35
Northern Harrier 5
Sharp-shinned Hawk 3
Cooper’s Hawk 6
Red-tailed Hawk 26
American Kestrel 8
**Merlin 1**
**Peregrine Falcon 2**
*Buteo* species 1
Hawk species 1
*Accipiter* species 1
Wild Turkey 19
Bonaparte’s Gull 579
Ring-billed Gull 819
Herring Gull 306
**Lesser Black-backed Gull 2**
Great Black-backed Gull 23
Gull species 262
Rock Pigeon 188
Mourning Dove 1012
Eastern Screech Owl 9
Great Horned Owl 1
Snowy Owl 2
Short-eared Owl 2
**Northern Saw-whet Owl 1**
Belted Kingfisher 9
**Red-headed Woodpecker 1**
Red-bellied Woodpecker 63
Downy Woodpecker 130
Hairy Woodpecker 16
Northern Flicker 26
**Pileated Woodpecker 2**
American Crow 5
**Tree Swallow 7**
Blue Jay 199
Black-capped Chickadee 183
Tufted Titmouse 69
Red-breasted Nuthatch 7
White-breasted Nuthatch 96* (88)
Brown Creeper 20
Carolina Wren 23
Winter Wren 9
Golden-crowned Kinglet 64* (48)
Eastern Bluebird 33
Hermit Thrush 1
American Robin 185
European Starling 1523
Cedar Waxwing 43
American Tree Sparrow 168
Song Sparrow 69
Swamp Sparrow 4
White-throated Sparrow 120
Dark-eyed Junco 359
Sparrow species 2
Northern Cardinal 192
Red-winged Blackbird 30
**Eastern Meadowlark 2**
**Eastern/Western Meadowlark 4**
**Yellow-headed Blackbird 1**
Brown-headed Cowbird 60
Rusty Blackbird cw
Pine Siskin 1
American Goldfinch 101
House Finch 178
House Sparrow 421
**Passerine** species 14

Total species counted: 83
Total individuals counted: 28,086

Bold type indicates an unusual or noteworthy species or an unusually high number counted

Asterisk designates a record high or low count for the species with the previous record in ()

cw = count week—species was seen in the count circle 3 days before or after the date of the count but was not seen during the day of the count

35 observers in 14 parties plus 2 feeder watchers

471.75 party miles: 48.75 on foot and 423 by car

77.5 party hours: 39 on foot and 38.5 by car

8.25 hours owling and 41 miles