

CRESTON'S CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT for 2018

2018 marks the 21st consecutive year that the Creston Valley Field Naturalist's Ass'n. has sponsored the Christmas Bird Count. During this time our Fielder and Feeder groups have been eager, hard-working and fun people who have insisted on going the "extra mile" whatever the weather or however hard the birds are to find. It is the dedication of our wonderful participants, many of you joining up year after year, that has made this Valley's important count always a great success. This Dec 27th was calm, mild, and with little snow, both in the valley and on the mountain slopes. The species that usually gather in large flocks were in much smaller groups, impacting our overall numbers. This year realized the 7th largest count of individuals in these 21 years (a very respectable number). Our species count, however, was very good indeed and included three not seen in the former years; they were Western Bluebirds, White-winged Crossbills and American Coot. All of you who included the birds as part of your Christmas lives and helped make this count possible are so much appreciated! We hope to see you at the Bird Festival in May, and of course again when Dec 27th rolls around!

Safe and happy trails to all till then, Sharon Laughlin & Pat Huet (Compilers)

SPECIES	TOTAL
Canada Goose	1717
Trumpeter Swan	50
Gadwall	87
American Widgeon	12
Mallard	129
Bufflehead	62
Common Goldeneye	80
Hooded Merganser	39
Common Merganser	29
Ring-necked Pheasant	12
Ruffed Grouse	5
Wild Turkey	200
Great Blue Heron	1
Northern Harrier	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper's Hawk	3
Bald Eagle	23
Red-tailed Hawk	23
Rough-legged Hawk	10
American Coot	cw
Rock Pigeon	166
Eurasian Collared-Dove	269
Mourning Dove	7
Great Horned Owl	14
Northern Pygmy Owl	2
Belted Kingfisher	5
Downy Woodpecker	23

Hairy Woodpecker	7
Amer. Three-toed Woodpecker	2
Northern Flicker	184
Piliated Woodpecker	16
American Kestrel	1
Merlin	3
Northern Shrike	2
Steller's Jay	5
Blue Jay	35
Black-billed Magpie	50
Clark's Nutcracker	cw
American Crow	229
Common Raven	169
Black-capped Chickadee	595
Mountain Chickadee	1
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	25
Red-breasted Nuthatch	77
Brown Creeper	2
Pacific Wren	10
Marsh Wren	1
American Dipper	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22
Western Bluebird	4
Townsend's Solitaire	7
American Robin	214
Varied Thrush	1
European Starling	758
Bohemian Waxwing	183
Cedar Waxwing	134
Snow Bunting	cw
American Tree Sparrow	2
Dark-eyed Junco (general)	242
Dark-eyed Junco (slate)	151
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	346
White-crowned Sparrow	2
Song Sparrow	88
Spotted Towhee	1
Redwing Blackbird	150
Pine Grosbeak	3
House Finch	218
Purple Finch	7
Red Crossbill	15
White-winged Crossbill	12
Common Redpoll	32
Pine Siskin	711
American Goldfinch	337
Evening Grosbeak	1

House Sparrow	67
TOTAL Numbers	8096
*cw=count week	3
Grand TOTAL	8099
SPECIES TOTAL	73