

# Summary of Highest Counts of Individuals for Canada

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Canadian counts reported 291 species on the 103rd Christmas Bird Count, nine less than last year. Six species were added to the Canadian CBC list, which now stands at 397, well within striking distance of 400! The new species (bold-faced in the list below) are: Greater Shearwater (Brier Island, NS), Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (Skidegate Inlet, BC), Ruff (Halifax-Dartmouth, NS), Eurasian Collared-Dove (Swift Current and Eastend, SK), Bay-breasted Warbler (Cape Sable Island, NS), and Smith's Longspur (Nanton, AB).

British Columbia led the way as usual with 139 high counts, followed by Ontario with 71 and Nova Scotia with 45. Ladner, BC, had the highest number for a single count with 34, followed by Victoria, BC (22), Halifax-Dartmouth, NS (12), Vancouver, BC (11), and Cape Sable Island, NS (10).

Thirty of the high counts are all-time highs (numbers boldfaced below). Four of these, the 21 Peregrine Falcons at Ladner, BC; the 637 Black Guillemots at Île Saint-Pierre, SPM; the 8 Boreal Owls at Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, AB; and the 149 American Dippers at Lillooet, BC, are all-time North American highs.

Red-throated Loon, 89 (Ladner, BC); Pacific Loon, 580 (NanOOSE Bay, BC); Common Loon, 126 (White Rock, BC); Yellow-billed Loon, 7 (Masset, BC); Pied-billed Grebe, 65 (Victoria, BC); Horned Grebe, 267 (White Rock, BC); Red-necked Grebe, 145 (Grand Manan Island, NB); Eared Grebe, 3 (Merritt, BC); Western Grebe, 2002 (Campbell River, BC); Northern Fulmar, 200 (Brier Island, NS); **Greater Shearwater, 10** (Brier Island, NS); **Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, 1** (Skidegate Inlet, BC); Northern Gannet, 59 (Brier Island, NS); Brandt's Cormorant, 386 (Sunshine Coast, BC); Double-crested Cormorant, 530 (Victoria, BC); Great Cormorant, 184 (Halifax-Dartmouth,

NS); Pelagic Cormorant, 263 (Bamfield, BC); American Bittern, 5 (Ladner, BC); Great Blue Heron, 233 (Ladner, BC); Green Heron, 2 (Chilliwack, BC); Black-crowned Night-Heron, 10 (Toronto, ON); Turkey Vulture, 9 (Yarmouth, NS).

Greater White-fronted Goose, 6 (Sooke, BC); Snow Goose (blue form), 2 (Blenheim, ON); Snow Goose (white form), 8432 (Ladner, BC); Ross's Goose, 1 (Lac La Biche, AB); Canada Goose, **24,293** (Kingston, ON); Canada Goose (small races), 49 (Skidegate Inlet, BC); Brant, **797** (Ladner, BC); Mute Swan, 625 (North Shore, ON); Trumpeter Swan, 1195 (Comox, BC); Tundra Swan, 1500 (North Shore, ON); Wood Duck, **629** (Chilliwack, BC); Gadwall, 607 (Toronto, ON); Eurasian Wigeon, 103 (Ladner, BC); American Wigeon, 39,235 (Ladner, BC); American Black Duck, **13,651** (Halifax-Dartmouth, NS); Mallard, 18,865 (Kingston, ON); Blue-winged Teal, 8 (Pemberton, BC); Cinnamon Teal, 2 (Ladner, BC); Northern Shoveler, 748 (Ladner, BC); Northern Pintail, 25,730 (Ladner, BC); American Green-winged Teal, 4227 (Ladner, BC); Eurasian Green-winged Teal, 6 (St. John's, NF); Canvasback, 476 (North Shore, ON); Redhead, 1257 (Toronto, ON); Ring-necked Duck, 349 (Victoria, BC); Tufted Duck, 10 (St. John's, NF); Greater Scaup, 13,131 (Hamilton, ON); Lesser Scaup, 8270 (Pt. Pelee, ON); King Eider, 3 (Cape St. Mary's, NF); Common Eider, 3248 (Île Saint-Pierre, SPM); Harlequin Duck, 382 (Deep Bay, BC); Surf Scoter, 3955 (Vancouver, BC); White-winged Scoter, 2166 (Comox, BC); Black Scoter, 484 (Parksville-Qualicum Beach, BC); Long-tailed Duck, 17,369 (Hamilton, ON); Bufflehead, 1614 (Victoria, BC); Common Goldeneye, 3573 (Kingston, ON); Barrow's Goldeneye, 1520 (Vancouver, BC); Hooded Merganser, 576 (Victoria, BC); Common Merganser, 2977

(Niagara Falls, ON); Red-breasted Merganser, 583 (Prince Edward Point, ON); Ruddy Duck, 383 (Hamilton, ON).

Bald Eagle, 741 (Harrison River, BC); Northern Harrier, 157 (Ladner, BC); Sharp-shinned Hawk, 19 (St. Thomas, ON); Cooper's Hawk, 37 (Victoria, BC); Northern Goshawk, 5 (Dunrobin-Breckinridge, ON); Red-shouldered Hawk, 4 (St. Thomas, ON); Broad-winged Hawk, **2** (Bedford-Sackville, NS); Red-tailed Hawk, 170 (Fisherville, ON); Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk, 2 (Smithers, BC); Rough-legged Hawk, 29 (Amherst Island, ON); Golden Eagle, 6 (Vaseux Lake, BC); American Kestrel, 50 (St. Catharines, ON); Merlin, 20 (Calgary, AB); Gyrfalcon, 3 (Calgary, AB); Peregrine Falcon, **21** (Ladner, BC); Prairie Falcon, **4** (Medicine Hat, BC); Chukar, 149 (Oliver-Osoyoos, BC); Gray Partridge, 152 (Calgary, AB); Ring-necked Pheasant, 183 (Wolfville, NS); Ruffed Grouse, 53 (Algonquin P.P., ON); Spruce Grouse, 18 (Wabush-Labrador City, NF); Willow Ptarmigan, 67 (Yellowknife, NWT); Rock Ptarmigan, 28 (Churchill, MB); Blue Grouse, 3 (Pender Islands, BC); Sharp-tailed Grouse, 74 (Lyleton, MB); Wild Turkey, 444 (Orillia, ON); California Quail, 2744 (Penticton, BC); Northern Bobwhite, 1 (Gravenhurst-Bracebridge, ON); Virginia Rail, 26 (Nanaimo, BC); Sora, 2 (Nanaimo, BC); American Coot, 1372 (Penticton, BC); Sandhill Crane, 61 (Long Point, ON).

Black-bellied Plover, 1950 (Ladner, BC); Semipalmated Plover, **6** (Deep Bay, BC); Killdeer, 64 (Ladner, BC); Black Oystercatcher, 127 (Skidegate Inlet, BC); Greater Yellowlegs, 54 (Ladner, BC); Lesser Yellowlegs, 1 (Sooke, BC); Willet, 1 (Ladner, BC); Spotted Sandpiper, 3 (Nanaimo, BC); Whimbrel, 1 (Victoria, BC); Marbled Godwit, **1** (Ladner, Skidegate Inlet, Victoria, BC); Ruddy Turnstone, 15 (Cape Sable

Island, *NS*); Black Turnstone, 468 (Broughton Strait, *BC*); Surfbird, **510** (Nanaimo, *BC*); Red Knot, 45 (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Sanderling, 400 (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Semipalmated Sandpiper, **15** (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Western Sandpiper, 30 (Cortes Island, *BC*); Least Sandpiper, 2 (Ladner, *BC*); Masset, *BC*); White-rumped Sandpiper, 4 (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Purple Sandpiper, 103 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Rock Sandpiper, 20 (Sunshine Coast, *BC*); Dunlin, **84,773** (Ladner, *BC*); **Ruff**, **1** (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Long-billed Dowitcher, 112 (Ladner, *BC*); Wilson's Snipe, 66 (Ladner, *BC*); American Woodcock, 3 (Prince Edward Point, *ON*); Red Phalarope, **560** (Sooke, *BC*); Pomarine Jaeger, **1** (Brier Island, *NS*); Parasitic Jaeger, **1** (Louisbourg, *NS*).

Little Gull, 2 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Black-headed Gull, 126 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Bonaparte's Gull, 3192 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Mew Gull, 2521 (Vancouver, *BC*); Ring-billed Gull, 7494 (Toronto, *ON*); California Gull, **1007** (Parksville-Qualicum Beach, *BC*); Herring Gull, 8062 (Wolfville, *NS*); Thayer's Gull, 2012 (Sooke, *BC*); Iceland Gull, 3350 (St. John's, *NF*); Lesser Black-backed Gull, 4 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Western Gull, 25 (Ladner, *BC*); Glaucous-winged Gull, 47,728 (Ladner, *BC*); Glaucous Gull, 381 (St. John's, *NF*); Great Black-backed Gull, 4242 (St. John's, *NF*); Black-legged Kittiwake, 2755 (Grand Manan Island, *NB*); Forster's Tern, **2** (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Dovekie, 2059 (Île Saint-Pierre, *SPM*); Common Murre, 5333 (Sooke, *BC*); Thick-billed Murre, 39 (Cape Race, *NF*); Razorbill, 3851 (Grand Manan Island, *NB*); Black Guillemot, **637** (Île Saint-Pierre, *SPM*); Pigeon Guillemot, 25 (Victoria, *BC*); Marbled Murrelet, 270 (Pender Harbour, *BC*); Ancient Murrelet, 2028 (Pender Harbour, *BC*); Cassin's Auklet, 1 (Rose Spit, *BC*); Rhinoceros Auklet, 34 (Victoria, *BC*); Atlantic Puffin, 100 (Brier Island, *NS*).

Rock Dove, 14168 (Vancouver, *BC*); Band-tailed Pigeon, 34 (Pender Islands,

*BC*); Ringed Turtle-Dove, 1 (Sorel-Tracy, *QC*); **Eurasian Collared-Dove**, **4** (Swift Current, *SK*); Mourning Dove, 2232 (St. Clair N.W.A., *ON*); Barn Owl, 14 (Ladner, *BC*); Western Screech-Owl, 1 (Abbotsford-Mission, Harrison River, Ladner, Oliver-Osoyoos, Sooke, Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Eastern Screech-Owl, 66 (Cambridge, *ON*); Great Horned Owl, 26 (Edmonton, *AB*); Snowy Owl, 13 (Oak Hammock Marsh, *MB*); Northern Hawk Owl, 1 (Mountain Chutes, *ON*); Northern Pygmy-Owl, 6 (Hat Creek, Lake Country, Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Barred Owl, 7 (West Hants, *NS*); Great Gray Owl, 2 (Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, Edmonton, Snake's Head, *AB*, Salmon Arm, *BC*); Long-eared Owl, 23 (Wallaceburg, *ON*); Short-eared Owl, 9 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Boreal Owl, **8** (Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, *AB*); Northern Saw-whet Owl, 21 (Edmonton, *AB*); Anna's Hummingbird, 104 (Victoria, *BC*); Belted Kingfisher, 50 (Nanaimo, *BC*).

Lewis's Woodpecker, 2 (Penticton, *BC*); Red-headed Woodpecker, 3 (West Elgin, *ON*); Red-bellied Woodpecker, 41 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, **2** (Edmonton, *AB*, and Niagara Falls, *ON*); Red-breasted Sapsucker, 11 (Sooke, *BC*); Downy Woodpecker, 338 (Edmonton, *AB*); Hairy Woodpecker, 190 (North Bay, *ON*); Three-toed Woodpecker, 16 (Sheep River, *AB*); Black-backed Woodpecker, 23 (Algonquin P.P., *ON*); Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker, 269 (Victoria, *BC*); Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker, 65 (Niagara Falls, *ON*); Pileated Woodpecker, 42 (North Bay, *ON*); Eastern Phoebe, 3 (St. Clair N.W.A., and St. Thomas, *ON*); Say's Phoebe, 1 (Jemseg, *NB*); Northern Shrike, 21 (Oliver-Osoyoos, *BC*); White-eyed Vireo, **1** (Prince Edward Point, *ON*); Hutton's Vireo, 10 (Vancouver, *BC*); Gray Jay, 159 (Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, *AB*); Steller's Jay, 253 (Nanaimo, *BC*); Blue Jay, 840 (Edmonton, *AB*); Clark's Nutcracker, 113 (Lake Country, *BC*); Black-billed Magpie, 2523 (Edmonton,

*AB*); American Crow, 77,195 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Northwestern Crow, 16,066 (Vancouver, *BC*); Common Raven, **1951** (Yellowknife, *NWT*).

Sky Lark, 73 (Victoria, *BC*); Horned Lark, 1491 (West Elgin, *ON*); Tree Swallow, 6 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Barn Swallow, 1 (Ladner, *BC*); Black-capped Chickadee, 5769 (Edmonton, *AB*); Mountain Chickadee, 254 (Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 1800 (Nanaimo, *BC*); Boreal Chickadee, 219 (Cochrane Wildlife Reserve, *AB*); Tufted Titmouse, 19 (Wallaceburg, *ON*); Bushtit, 948 (Victoria, *BC*); Red-breasted Nuthatch, 584 (Algonquin P.P., *ON*); White-breasted Nuthatch, 419 (Winnipeg, *MB*); Pygmy Nuthatch, 268 (Lake Country, *BC*); Brown Creeper, 119 (Victoria, *BC*); Rock Wren, 2 (Oliver-Osoyoos, Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Canyon Wren, 23 (Vaseux Lake, *BC*); Carolina Wren, 39 (Long Point, *ON*); Bewick's Wren, 119 (Victoria, *BC*); House Wren, 1 (Kingston, *ON*); Winter Wren, 275 (Vancouver, *BC*); Marsh Wren, **124** (Ladner, *BC*); American Dipper, **149** (Lillooet, *BC*); Golden-crowned Kinglet, 1625 (Victoria, *BC*); Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 311 (Vancouver, *BC*).

Eastern Bluebird, 96 (West Elgin, *ON*); Western Bluebird, **97** (Penticton, *BC*); Mountain Bluebird, 1 (Oliver-Osoyoos, *BC*, Yarmouth, *NS*, Saskatoon, *SK*); Townsend's Solitaire, 59 (Hat Creek, *BC*); Swainson's Thrush, **1** (Apple River, *NS*); Hermit Thrush, 11 (Hamilton, *ON*); American Robin, 10,339 (Victoria, *BC*); Varied Thrush, 122 (Victoria, *BC*); Gray Catbird, 1 (Hamilton, Ignace, Kingston, Marathon, St. Catharines, *ON*); Northern Mockingbird, 75 (St. Catharines, *ON*); Brown Thrasher, 1 (Glenboro-Spruce Woods, *MB*, and Blenheim, Kingston, Marathon, Mindemoya, Oshawa, Port Hope-Cobourg, *ON*); European Starling, 20,257 (Toronto, *ON*); Crested Myna, 2 (Vancouver, *BC*); American Pipit, 272 (Victoria, *BC*); Bohemian Waxwing, 7438 (Prince Albert, *SK*); Cedar Waxwing, 734 (Presqu'île P.P., *ON*).

Orange-crowned Warbler, 6 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Nashville Warbler, 1 (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Magnolia Warbler, 1 (White Point, *NS*); Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, 14 (Vancouver, *BC*); Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler, 86 (Port L'Hebert, *NS*); Townsend's Warbler, 2 (Vancouver, *BC*); Pine Warbler, 2 (Bedford-Sackville, *NS*); Palm Warbler, 1 (Louisbourg, *NS*); **Bay-breasted Warbler, 1** (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); MacGillivray's Warbler, **1** (Terrace, *BC*); Common Yellowthroat, 1 (Abbotsford-Mission, *BC*, Blenheim, Hamilton, *ON*, Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Hooded Warbler, **1** (Duncan, *BC*); Yellow-breasted Chat, 5 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*).

Spotted Towhee, 630 (Nanaimo, *BC*); Eastern Towhee, 6 (St. Thomas, *ON*); American Tree Sparrow, 1127 (St. Clair N.W.A., *ON*); Chipping Sparrow, 12 (Kingston, *NS*); Field Sparrow, 10 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Vesper Sparrow, 4 (Margaree, *NS*); Lark Sparrow, **1** (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Savannah Sparrow, 25

(Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Savannah (Ipswich) Sparrow, 2 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, 1 (Cape Sable Island, *NS*); Fox Sparrow, 445 (Ladner, *BC*); Eastern Fox Sparrow, 13 (Ferryland, *NF*); Song Sparrow, 2118 (Ladner, *BC*); Lincoln's Sparrow, 41 (Ladner, *BC*); Swamp Sparrow, 149 (St. Clair N.W.A., *ON*); White-throated Sparrow, 219 (Halifax-Dartmouth, *NS*); Harris's Sparrow, 3 (Eastend, *SK*); White-crowned Sparrow, 339 (Ladner, *BC*); Golden-crowned Sparrow, 620 (Victoria, *BC*); Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco, 2748 (Victoria, *BC*); Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco, 1860 (West Elgin, *ON*); Lapland Longspur, 140 (Swift Current, *SK*); **Smith's Longspur, 2** (Nanton, *AB*); Snow Bunting, 4315 (Oak Hammock, *MB*).

Northern Cardinal, 495 (Hamilton, *ON*); Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 1 (Bradford-West Gwillimbury, *ON*); Dickcissel, 1 (Cape St. Mary's, *NF*, Louisbourg, *NS*); Red-winged Blackbird, 1423 (Ladner, *BC*); Eastern

Meadowlark, 4 (London, *ON*); Western Meadowlark, 15 (White Rock, *BC*); Yellow-headed Blackbird, 1 (Oliver-Osoyoos, *BC*, Delta Marsh, *MB*); Rusty Blackbird, 80 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Brewer's Blackbird, 4237 (Ladner, *BC*); Common Grackle, 93 (Cedar Creek, *ON*); Great-tailed Grackle, **1** (Kelowna, *BC*); Brown-headed Cowbird, 1079 (St. Thomas, *ON*); Baltimore Oriole, 2 (Port L'Hebert, *NS*).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, 20 (Oliver-Osoyoos, *BC*); Pine Grosbeak, 347 (Pinawa-Lac du Bonnet, *MB*); Purple Finch, 959 (Algonquin P.P., *ON*); Cassin's Finch, 54 (Cranbrook, *BC*); House Finch, 2092 (Penticton, *BC*); Red Crossbill, 294 (Lake Country, *BC*); White-winged Crossbill, 2060 (Algonquin P.P., *ON*); Common Redpoll, 502 (Louisbourg, *NS*); Hoary Redpoll, 92 (Fort Simpson, *NT*); Pine Siskin, 3062 (Nanaimo, *BC*); American Goldfinch, 1155 (Wolfville, *NS*); Evening Grosbeak, 646 (Riding Mountain N.P., *MB*); House Sparrow, 9555 (Winnipeg, *MB*).



In the 103rd Christmas Bird Count, a new North American CBC high count record for American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*) was set during the Lillooet, British Columbia, count with 149 individuals observed. Photo/Steve Cannings