

Kingston, N. S. - Christmas Bird Count Report –2009

Kingston, N. S., 44°59'N, 64°57'W (all points within a 24-km diameter, centre intersection of Bridge and Main Streets in Kingston, as described in 1969, to include Margaretsville, Dempsey Corners, Aylesford, Nicholsville, South Tremont, Nictaux Falls, and Middleton;).

Conditions: – 28 December 2009, 06:00 – 17:30. Temperature -2 to +6° C. Wind S, 10-18 km / h. Snow 0-8 cm deep. Still water mostly frozen, moving water mostly open. A.M cloudy; p.m., mainly sunny.

Observer effort: 111 observers, 22* in field in 9 parties (daytime), and 89 at 56 feeders. Time and distance: 313.5 hours* at feeding stations, 0.75 hour and 2 km owling; total field party-hours 65.5* (day), and party-km 780.5* (day) (25.0 hr.* and 30 km on foot, and 40.5 hr. and 750.5 km* by car).

Birds observed: Canada Goose 1, American Black Duck **188* (H)**, Mallard 235, Common Eider 13, Surf Scoter 7, White-winged Scoter 3, Black Scoter 1, Long-tailed Duck **100* (H)**, Red-breasted Merganser 11, Ring-necked Pheasant 35, Ruffed Grouse 3, Common Loon 2, Red-necked Grebe 3, **Northern Gannet 1* (1st record, SH)**, Bald Eagle **12*** (9a, 3i), Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 16, Rough-legged Hawk 2, **Merlin 1*** (9th record, PH), Purple Sandpiper 25, Herring Gull 310, **Iceland Gull 1*** (2nd record, E & RSt, SH), Great Black-backed Gull 12, **Black-legged Kittiwake 10*** (4th record, RSt), *Uria sp. (murre) 3** (4th record, RSt), Rock Pigeon 247, Mourning Dove 673, Great Horned Owl 1, Downy Woodpecker 74, Hairy Woodpecker 50, Northern (Y-s.) Flicker 4, Pileated Woodpecker 4, **Canada (Grey) Jay 1** (10th record, J & KK), Blue Jay 411, American Crow 1440, Common Raven 256, Black-capped Chickadee 888, Red-breasted Nuthatch 43, White-breasted Nuthatch 61, Brown Creeper 8, Golden-crowned Kinglet 11, American Robin 4, European Starling 3183, American Tree Sparrow 8, Chipping Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 15, White-throated Sparrow 8, Dark-eyed (S.-c.) Junco 94, Northern Cardinal 8, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Common Grackle 2, Brown-headed Cowbird 92, **Baltimore Oriole 1** (6th record, CC, MI), Pine Grosbeak 5, **Red Crossbill 2** (10th record, BC, CR, & CH), Pine Siskin **1 (L)**, American Goldfinch 832, Evening Grosbeak 6, House Sparrow 19.

Total species 59, total individuals 9451.

Observed during **count week** but not on count day: Peregrine Falcon (MI), Barred Owl (MU), Northern Shrike (MH), Purple Finch (DCu).

H = high count; L = low count.

* = record high total for the 42 years of this count.

Observers (field): Brian Barkman, Bill Caudle, David Colville, Keegan Colville, John DeCoste, Claire Diggins, Ed & Joyce Dodd, Barbara & Patrick Giffin, **Shirley Harris**, Chris Hiltz, **Sheila L. Hulford**, Gary Myers, **Wayne Neily (compiler – 562 Messenger Rd., Tremont, R. R. # 6, Kingston, N. S. B0P 1R0 Neilyornis@hotmail.com)**, Daniel Penner, Twila Robar-DeCoste, Ian Roseby, Christine Ross, Roger Short, Elizabeth & Richard Stern;

(feeders): Ron & Sharon Baker, Debbie Baldwin, Gloria Blizzard, Bob & Karen Campbell, Tony Chaulk, John Collins, Cathy Crook, Kenneth Crowell, David & Edna Curry, Ella & Howard Dalton, Paul & Valerie Despres, Bea Deveau, Daniel Diggins, David Diggins, Jean Dixon, Joyce Elliott, Shirley Fahie, Harry Folks, Paul Gertridge, **Carol & Leonard Gregory**, Mark Hamilton, Lilli Hand, Frank & Thelma Hawkins, Donna & Ron Hill, Patricia House, Marilyn Hudgins, Sheila R. Hulford, Sibella Hulford, Michael Inkpen, Jack & Karen Keddy, Don Kelly, Cathou Laroque, Andrea Leeson, Mark MacFadyen, Flora MacKenzie, Judy MacKenzie, Colleen MacKinnon, Mary MacMillan, **Patricia MacMillan**, Ethel McLane, Sandy Morrison, Jacquie & Jon Muers, Ruth Myers, Marie O'Toole, **Adora Parsons**, Dan Paterson, John & Susan Paull, Gerry & Lillian Pellerin, Mable Robar, Wendy Rodda, Gail & Ron Rogerson, Daphne Roseby, Shirley & Kay Sanford, Howard Selig, Helen Sharp, Millie Skanes, Herb & Judy Snell, Ralph Swinamer, Barb Thompson, Charles & Doris Tye, Judy & Malcolm Uhlman, Christopher Waldner, Jake Waldner, Margaret Waldner, Mel Waldner, Margot Walker, Mary Lou Ward, Audrey Wellwood, Jane White, Beverly & **Robert Wolfe**, Noel Woolgar. [Feeder Observer Co-ordinators bold-faced].

Habitat analysis was given in 1971 as: Acadian Forest 43%, cleared land, orchards, etc., 35%, villages and roads 10%, bogs and sand barrens 5%, salt water 5%, fresh water 2%. It has not been re-analyzed in recent years.

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