

Kingston, N. S. - Christmas Bird Count Report –2010

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 2010, 07:00-17:00, 20:30-21:00. Temperature -5 to 0° C. Wind NW, 5-50 km / h. Snow 15-20 cm deep. Still water mostly frozen, moving water mostly open. A.M overcast with snow flurries; p.m., mainly overcast with light to heavy snow.

Observer effort: 111 observers, 23* in field in 10 parties (daytime), and 88 at 59 feeders. Time and distance: 315.0 hours* at feeding stations, 0.5 hour and 5 km owling; total field party-hours 66.0* (day), and party-km 750.5 (day) (10.0 hr. And 12.6 km on foot, and 56.0 hr. and 737.5 km by car).

Birds observed: Canada Goose 32, American Black Duck 96, Mallard 233, Common Eider 6, White-winged Scoter 2, Red-breasted Merganser 3, Ring-necked Pheasant 23, Common Loon 1, Bald Eagle 10a, Sharp-shinned Hawk 4, Red-tailed Hawk 17, Rough-legged Hawk 2, Herring Gull 108, Great Black-backed Gull 5, Rock Pigeon 266, Mourning Dove 628, **Belted Kingfisher 1** (4th record, E & JD), Downy Woodpecker 66, Hairy Woodpecker 55, Pileated Woodpecker 1, Canada (Grey) Jay 1, Blue Jay 368, American Crow 949, Common Raven 323, Horned Lark 26, Black-capped Chickadee 694, Red-breasted Nuthatch 28, White-breasted Nuthatch 55, Golden-crowned Kinglet 6, American Robin 8, European Starling 1535, Bohemian Waxwing 10, **Yellow-throated Warbler 1** (1st record, photo, AY), American Tree Sparrow 9, Chipping Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 20, White-throated Sparrow 39, sparrow, sp., 8, Dark-eyed (S.-c.) Junco 734, **Lapland Longspur 1** (1st record, DC, KC, JC), Snow Bunting 4, Northern Cardinal **17** (H)*, Common Grackle 4, Brown-headed Cowbird 71, blackbird, sp., 1, Common Redpoll 262, Pine Siskin 32, American Goldfinch 1143, Evening Grosbeak 8, House Sparrow 12.

Total species 48, total individuals 7929.

Observed during **count week** but not on count day: Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Ruffed Grouse, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Purple Sandpiper, Razorbill, **Short-eared Owl** (photo, L. Bouchard), Northern (Y-s.) Flicker, Brown Creeper, Savannah Sparrow.

H = high count; L = low count.

* = record high total for the 43 years of this count.

Observers (field): Brian & Mary Barkman, Ron Blackert, David Colville, Justin Colville, Keegan Colville, Claire Diggins, Ed & Joyce Dodd, Barbara & Patrick Giffin, **Shirley Harris, Sheila L. Hulford**, Brian Jones, Frances Lourie, Jacquie & Jonathan Muers, 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, Roger Short, Richard Stern;

(feeders): Spike Allen, Ron & Sharon Baker, Allison Bell, Gloria Blizzard, Bob & Karen Campbell, Tony Chaulk, John Collins, Cathy Crook, Kenneth & Avis Crowell, Tom & Betty Cushing, Ella & Howard Dalton, John DeCoste, Paul & Valerie Despres, Bea Deveau, Daniel Diggins, David Diggins, Jean Dixon, Joyce Elliott, Shirley Fahie, Nina & Robert Featherstone, Paul & Shilah Gertridge, Lloyd & Mary Lou Graham, **Carol & Leonard Gregory**, Sheila Gubernt, Mark Hamilton, Arlene Healy, Doreen Healy, Lilli Hand, Frank & Thelma Hawkins, Donna & Ron Hill, Patricia House, Marilyn Hudgins, Sibella Hulford, Michael Inkpen, Jack Keddy, **Don & Ruth Kelly**, Cathou Laroque, Andrea Leeson, Dave & Tonya Ludlow, **Patricia MacMillan**, Jason McInnis, Ethel McLane, Greg Miller, Weldon Morash, Ruth Myers, John & Susan Paull, Gerry & Lillian Pellerin, Debbie Proctor-Scoville, Noreen Reagh, Wendy Rodda, Ron Rogerson, Shirley & Kay Sanford, Tony Scoville, Howard Selig, Helen Sharp, Herb & Judy Snell, Carman & Carolyn Townsend, Charles & Doris Tye, Judy & Malcolm Uhlman, Margot Walker, Mary Lou Ward, Audrey Wellwood, Jane White, Beverly & Robert Wolfe, Noel Woolgar, Ann Young. [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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