

Thank you once again for helping with this year's count.

On January 1st we found 62 species and 7835 individual birds.

Two additional species were also found during the count week.

The 64 total species found in 2024 is the second highest number of species ever found.

The most ever found is 67 species in 2022.

The 7835 total individuals found is the lowest total since 2014.

The ten year average for individuals is 10,634.

The unusually warm weather seemed to impact waterfowl numbers the most.

Canada Goose was reported at 57% of the ten year average (2298/4028).

Mallard was reported at only 36% of the ten year average (251/706).

Only one Common Merganser was reported. The average is 32.

Gadwall was missed this year. It has been found in 27 of 36 years.

Other notable misses were:

- Rough-legged Hawk (26 years)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (22 years)
- White-throated Sparrow (20 years)
- Purple Finch (19 years)

Birds that were found in record high numbers were:

- Hairy Woodpecker 31 (previous high of 27)
- Fox Sparrow 4 (previous high of 3)
- Swamp Sparrow 3 (previous high of 2)

Bufflehead(2) and Eastern Bluebirds(5) tied their record high.

One new species for the Cooksville count was found this year:

- Yellow-rumped Warbler

The number of species found on this count is now up to 108.

Thanks

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