

A SUMMARY OF THE 57TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN NEW YORK STATE

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This paper summarizes the Christmas Bird Counts in New York State conducted from December 24, 1956 to January 2, 1957 (see 1957, Audubon Field Notes 11 (2): 88-99). The 55th and 56th Count was summarized in this magazine (6 (1): 13-15 and 6 (2): 46-48) and future summaries will be provided yearly. In the species tabulations two numbers are given: first, the number of counts on which it was reported; second, the total number of birds seen.

Long Island — Temperature on the 8 counts varied from 25° to 46°F. 134 individuals cooperated, varying from one to 55 observers per count group. 522.5 hours were spent in the field, 386 afoot, 131.5 in cars and 5 by boat. 1629 miles were travelled; 439 afoot, 1169 by car and 21 in boats. Total species: 156; total birds 195,891.

Common Loon 7, 103; Red-throated Loon 8, 67; Red-necked Grebe 2, 2; Horned Grebe 7, 1042; Pied-billed Grebe 7, 112; Gannet 6, 272; European Cormorant 4, 39; **Double-crested Cormorant** 1, 1 (Brooklyn); Great Blue Heron 8, 149; **American Egret** 1, 2 (Brooklyn); Black-crowned Night Heron 5, 150; Yellow-crowned Night Heron 1, 1 (S. Nassau Co.); American Bittern 5, 7; Mute Swan 6, 272; Canada Goose 7, 157; Brant 2, 13195; **Snow Goose** 1, 2 (Montauk); Mallard 8, 1817; Black Duck 7, 12087; Gadwall 3, 20; European Widgeon 2, 2; American Widgeon, 5, 2783; Pintail 6, 445; Green-winged Teal 6, 101; Shoveller 4, 62; **Wood Duck** 1, 2 (Smithtown); Redhead 5, 106; Ring-necked Duck 5, 182; Canvasback 4, 1502; Greater Scaup Duck 8, 14542; Lesser Scaup Duck, 5, 316; American Goldeneye 8, 1275; Bufflehead 8, 250; Old-squaw 7, 755; **Harlequin Duck** 1, 5 (Montauk); Common Eider 2, 2; **King Eider** 1, 1 (Brooklyn); White-winged Scoter 8, 4153; Surf Scoter 6, 816; American Scoter 7, 249; Ruddy Duck 5, 249; Hooded Merganser 6, 107; American Merganser 3, 91; Red-breasted Merganser 8, 844; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, 2; Red-tailed Hawk 2, 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 3, 4; **Broad-winged Hawk** 1, 1; Rough-legged Hawk 3, 3; Bald Eagle 1, 1; Marsh Hawk 6, 31; Sparrow Hawk 7, 64; Ruffed Grouse 1, 1; Bob-white 3, 53; Ring-necked Pheasant 6, 74; Clapper Rail 6, 12; **Virginia Rail** 1, 1 (Cen. Suffolk Co.); Florida Gallinule 1, 1; American Coot 7, 856; Killdeer 4, 77; Black-bellied Plover 5, 13; **Ruddy Turnstone** 1, 9 (Montauk); Woodcock 1, 1; Wilson's Snipe 5, 20; **Red Knot** 2, 19 (Brooklyn and Quoque to Watermill); Purple Sandpiper 4, 135; Red-backed Sandpiper 4, 505; Western Sandpiper 1, 1 (N. Nassau Co.); Sanderling 6, 486; **Iceland Gull** 1, 2; Great Black-backed Gull 8, 2192; Herring Gull 8, 31632; Ring-billed Gull 8, 1726; Black-headed Gull 1, 1 (Brooklyn); Laughing Gull 4, 86; Bonaparte's Gull 5, 1320; Black-legged Kittiwake 3, 1653.

Mourning Dove 6, 247; Barn Owl 4, 5; Screech Owl 7, 14; Horned Owl 2, 2; Snowy Owl 1, 2; Long-eared Owl 3, 5; Short-eared Owl 1, 16; Belted Kingfisher 6, 28; Yellow-shafted Flicker 8, 100; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2, 2; Hairly Woodpecker 6, 23; Downy Woodpecker 7, 170; **Western Kingbird** 2, 3 (Brooklyn, Montauk); Eastern Phoebe 1, 1; Horned Lark 7, 763; Blue Jay 7, 771; **American Magpie** 2, 2 (Cen. Suffolk Co.); American Crow 8, 1868; Fish Crow 3, 24; Black-capped Chickadee 8, 464; White-breasted Nuthatch 5, 88; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2, 4; Brown Creeper 5, 18; Winter Wren 7, 18; Carolina Wren 6, 29; Long-billed Marsh Wren 3, 8; Short-billed Marsh Wren 1, 1 (Cen. Suffolk Co.); Mockingbird 2, 2; Catbird 5, 19; Brown Thrasher 1, 2; American Robin 8, 110; Hermit Thrush 4, 6; Eastern Bluebird 3, 14; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4, 55; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5, 10; American Pipit 2, 5; Cedar Waxwing 3, 19; Gray Shrike 2, 8; Loggerhead Shrike 4, 4; Common Starling 8, 46929; **Orange-crowned Warbler** 1, 2 (S. Nassau Co.); **Cape May Warbler** 1, 1 (S. Nassau Co.); Myrtle Warbler 8, 2635; Pine Warbler 1, 1; Palm Warbler 3, 4; Common Yellow-throat 2, 2; **Yellow-breasted Chat** 1, 4 (S. Nassau Co.); House Sparrow 8, 8909; Eastern Meadowlark 8, 196; Red-winged

Blackbird 5, 204; **Baltimore Oriole** 1, 1 (Quoque to Watermill); Rusty Blackbird 4, 16; Purple Grackle 3, 8; Brown-headed Cowbird 6, 1860; Western Tanager 1, 2 (S. Nassau Co.); Cardinal 4, 59; Purple Finch 4, 25; House Finch 1, 76; Pine Siskin 2, 7; American Goldfinch 8, 215; Eastern Towhee 4, 50; **Spotted Towhee** 1, 1 (S. Nassau Co.); Ipswich Sparrow 4, 6; Savannah Sparrow 6, 166; Sharp-tailed Sparrow 4, 7; Seaside Sparrow 1, 1; Vesper Sparrow 1, 2; Slate-colored Junco 7, 1774; Tree Sparrow 8, 1420; Chipping Sparrow 1, 2; Field Sparrow 8, 169; White-crowned Sparrow 1, 1; White-throated Sparrow 8, 1718; Fox Sparrow 5, 36; **Lincoln's Sparrow** 1, 1 (Montauk); Swamp Sparrow 7, 50; Song Sparrow 8, 1057; Lapland Longspur 3, 29; Snow Bunting 7, 612. (Also during count period: Golden Plover, Willet, Dowitcher and **Cinnamon Teal**).

Mainland New York — Temperature on the 27 counts varied from -10° to 50°F. 442 individuals cooperated, varying from one to 53 observers per count group. 1192 hours were spent in the field, 625 on foot, 552 in cars and 19 in boats. 5845 miles were travelled: 801 by foot, 4969 by car and 75 in boats. Total species: 148; total birds 332,731.

Common Loon 5, 13; Red-throated Loon 2, 12; Red-necked Grebe 1, 1; Horned Grebe 13, 395; Pied-billed Grebe 13, 45; European Cormorant 1, 21; Double-crested Cormorant 2, 4; Great Blue Heron 6, 62; Black-crowned Night Heron 5, 56; American Bittern 1, 1; Mute Swan 2, 18; Whistling Swan 1, 4; Canada Goose 6, 211; Snow Goose 1, 1; **Blue Goose** 1, 7 (Staten Island); Mallard 15, 1594; Black Duck 21, 5614; Gadwall 3, 13; European Widgeon 1, 1; American Widgeon 2, 94; Pintail 4, 80; Green-winged Teal 3, 54; **Wood Duck** 2, 3 (Syracuse and Bronx-Westchester); Redhead 8, 388; Ring-necked Duck 6, 140; Canvasback 13, 4997; Greater Scaup Duck 14, 29597; Lesser Scaup Duck 5, 62; American Goldeneye 20, 3928; Bufflehead 8, 931; Oldsquaw 6, 1131; **King Eider** 2, 3 (Bronx-Westchester Region, Buffalo); White-winged Scoter 6, 210; Surf Scoter 4, 10; American Scoter 4, 16; Ruddy Duck 7, 684; Hooded Merganser 9, 168; American Merganser 18, 5487; Red-breasted Merganser 7, 1601; Goshawk 1, 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5, 6; Cooper's Hawk 5, 7; Red-tailed Hawk 19, 88; Red-shouldered Hawk 5, 11; Rough-legged Hawk 9, 24; Bald Eagle 1, 3; Marsh Hawk 11, 45; Peregrine Falcon 2, 2; Sparrow Hawk 18, 166; Ruffed Grouse 17, 74; Ring-necked Pheasant 22, 599; Wild Turkey 2, 37; Clapper Rail 2, 2; Virginia Rail 1, 2; American Coot 8, 410; Killdeer 6, 90; Woodcock 1, 1; Wilson's Snipe 2, 22; **Greater Yellowlegs** 1, 1 (Bronx-Westchester); Purple Sandpiper 2, 164; Sanderling 1, 119; Glaucous Gull 4, 8; Iceland Gull 6, 17; Great Black-backed Gull 12, 1842; Herring Gull 22, 69843; Ring-billed Gull 15, 4820; **Black-headed Gull** 2, 3 (Manhattan, Staten Island); Laughing Gull 4, 266; Bonaparte's Gull 6, 6150; **Black-legged Kittiwake** 1, 3 (Bronx-Westchester); Mourning Dove 14, 425; Barn Owl 2, 4; Screech Owl 7, 37; Horned Owl 13, 37; Snowy Owl 1, 1; Barred Owl 3, 4; Long-eared Owl 3, 7; Short-eared Owl 3, 17; Saw-whet Owl 3, 3; Belted Kingfisher 16, 55; Yellow-shafted Flicker 14, 65; Pileated Woodpecker 14, 20; Red-headed Woodpecker 3, 4; Hairy Woodpecker 28, 241; Downy Woodpecker 28, 668; **Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker** 4, 8 (Buffalo, Rochester (5), Schenectady, Syracuse); **American Three-toed Woodpecker** 1, 1 (Rochester); **Crested Flycatcher** 1, 1 (Staten Island); Eastern Phoebe 1, 1; Horned Lark 10, 308; Tree Swallow 2, 3; Blue Jay 27, 2234; American Crow 27, 8864; Fish Crow 2, 39; Black-capped Chickadee 27, 3017; Tufted Titmouse 7, 161; White-breasted Nuthatch 26, 443; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3, 3; Brown Creeper 17, 130; **House Wren** 1, 1 (Bronx-Westchester); Winter Wren 7, 19; Carolina Wren 5, 13; Long-billed Marsh Wren 1, 1; Mockingbird 1, 1 (Rockland Co.); Catbird 5, 15; Brown Thrasher 1, 1; American Robin 17, 158; Hermit Thrush 2, 2; Eastern Bluebird 7, 66; Golden-crowned Kinglet 19, 214; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 11, 24; American Pipit 1, 2; Cedar Waxwing 14, 399; Gray Shrike 12, 35; Loggerhead Shrike 2, 2; Common Starling 28, 142, 364; Orange-crowned Warbler 1, 1 (Staten Island); Myrtle Warbler 9, 200; Palm Warbler 1, 1; Common Yellowthroat 1, 1; Yellow-breasted Chat 1, 1; House Sparrow 28, 12227; Eastern Meadowlark 10, 239; Red-winged Blackbird 10, 493; Rusty Blackbird 4, 32; Purple Grackle 9, 75; Brown-headed Cowbird 11, 632; Cardinal 22, 509; Evening Grosbeak 3, 3; Purple Finch 4, 29; House Finch 1, 101; Common Redpoll 1, 50; Pine Siskin 3,

27; American Goldfinch 20, 932; White-winged Crossbill 1, 1; Eastern Towhee 5, 50; Savannah Sparrow 3, 81; Vesper Sparrow 2, 4; Slate-colored Junco 22, 4143; Tree Sparrow 26, 6922; Field Sparrow 6, 192; White-crowned Sparrow 3, 8; White-throated Sparrow 12, 1186; Fox Sparrow 4, 41; Swamp Sparrow 11, 64; Song Sparrow 21, 1080; Lapland Longspur 1, 2; Snow Bunting 7, 225. (Also during Count period: Brown-capped Chickadee, Florida Gallinule, Baltimore Oriole, **Kentucky Warbler** (Kingston-Mohonk Lake-Ashokan Reservoir.)

Totals for entire state: 176 species; 521,344 individuals. The Rockland Audubon Society's Christmas Count which is compiled by Mr. Robert F. Deed is included. This count is not reported to Audubon Field Notes, but was conducted under their rules. Any other such counts which may be conducted under those rules will be gladly accepted for future summaries.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING

Schenectady, May 25, 1957

President Albert W. Fudge called the tenth annual meeting to order, 26 delegates representing 16 clubs present.

Mr. Fudge announced the appointment of Mrs. Dayton Stoner as vice-president until Dec. 31, 1957, to fill the unexpired term of Robert Arbib. A motion commending Mr. Arbib for his work for the Federation was unanimously approved.

The Allen Devoe Bird Club of Chatam was presented for membership in the Federation and was accepted.

Financial

The treasurer's report was given for 1956 by Allan S. Klonick:

Cash on hand (January 1, 1956)	-----\$ 756.92
Receipts	-----1,058.25
Expenditures	-----\$1,104.96

Cash on hand (January 1, 1957)	-----\$ 706.21
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In addition the permanent fund contained \$756.88. The auditing committee approved this report.

The budget was announced and approved. It called for: president, \$25.00; vice-president, \$10.00; corr. sec., \$40.00; record. sec., \$40.00; treas., \$80.00; conservation comm., \$80.00; membership comm., \$10.00; publications and research comm., \$930.00 (*Kingbird*, \$800.00; bibliography, \$35.00; state book, \$75.00; waterfowl census, \$10.00; publications and research, \$10.00); postage, \$75.00; misc., \$10.00. Total \$1300.00

Committees

Winston Brockner reported for the conservation committee. The council recorded opposition to two amendments which would affect the forest preserve (the so-called detached parcel and highway realignment bills) because they might establish a dangerous precedent. The committee would work actively in support of the model hawk and owl law during 1957. The council recorded a vote of commendation for the work of Federation member H. Everest Clements in support of the hawk and owl legislation na-