

David Newhouse of Schenectady, chairman of the Council, has asked for donations of \$5 or more from individual members to support this work. Club memberships are also available. It is the purpose of the Council to disband when its work has been completed. This would probably follow final ratification of the revised Constitution by the electorate.

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JANUARY WATERFOWL COUNT, 1966

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The twelfth January Waterfowl Count of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. was conducted from the 15th through the 23rd. The State Conservation Department survey was conducted from the 4th through the 12th. The data from each count are included in the accompanying tables. Our total of 155,999 birds is ten percent below the Conservation Department's total of 170,862. This difference reflects the extremes of weather plus the fact that neither Lake Champlain within Region 7 nor Lake Canandaigua within Region 3 was covered by the Federation this year.

Of special note in 1966 is the high count of Mallards and the low count of Brant. The Double-crested Cormorant in Region 1 is a new species for the list. A full review of the twelve years will be presented in a later report in this journal.

I wish to thank the following Regional leaders for their help in this census:

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NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION DEPT. AERIAL WATERFOWL SURVEY — JANUARY 4-12, 1966

DATE:	Jan.	4, 5	4, 5	4	4	4, 5, 12	12	10	7, 10	7			
Within Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10A	10B	Total	
Geese	200	—	69	—	495	—	—	—	—	120	2139	3023	
Brant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10950	10950	
Mallard	313	107	1359	30	2749	1300	127	255	3	434	5736	12413	
Black	378	351	1781	4	1549	2009	484	746	75	1110	15527	24014	
Pintail	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	
Green-winged Teal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	136	136	
American Widgeon	—	—	5	—	50	—	—	—	—	—	1741	1796	
Redhead	—	20	1270	—	2100	125	—	—	—	—	—	3515	
Canvasback	1076	615	176	—	165	201	350	—	37	2665	4347	9632	
Scaup	927	636	1185	—	788	952	700	3	1	19125	17952	42269	
Goldeneye	8967	711	1137	11	1506	7272	216	2	3	275	8015	28115	
Bufflehead	38	114	158	—	10	—	2	—	15	166	1785	2288	
Oldsquaw	78	261	68	—	20	275	—	—	—	125	640	1467	
Scoter	—	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15980	16015	
Ruddy Duck	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1500	1500	
Merganser	7707	228	615	86	140	732	118	14	87	80	3352	13159	
Coot	—	—	85	—	75	—	6	—	—	—	400	566	
Total	19684	3078	7908	131	9647	12866	2003	1020	221	24100	90204	170862	

FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS WATERFOWL CENSUS — JANUARY 15-23, 1966

Regions:	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	Total
Common Loon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	111	111
Red-throated Loon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Horned Grebe	—	—	39	1	80	—	—	—	285	405
Pied-billed Grebe	2	—	3	1	—	—	—	4	6	16
Double-crested Cormorant	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Mute Swan	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	55	519	580
Canada Goose	10	—	29	43	4	7	—	126	1668	1887
Brant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3314	3314
Snow Goose	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	8	10
Mallard	1438	34	1705	342	661	38	75	383	7422	12098
Black Duck	1590	16	980	113	419	363	718	751	21426	26376
Mallard x Black	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Gadwall	1	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	213	225
Pintail	38	—	1	—	4	—	1	—	97	141
Green-winged Teal	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	110	114
European Widgeon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
American Widgeon	32	—	2	—	1	—	—	62	2027	2124
Shoveler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	94
Wood Duck	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	17	24
Redhead	66	13	2165	130	161	5	—	—	98	2638
Ring-necked Duck	—	—	6	—	2	—	2	120	155	285
Canvasback	2937	5	728	75	53	12	1	—	4222	8033
Scaup	1218	829	1520	10	3759	3205	—	9	48791	59341
Goldeneye	3625	3374	430	44	1613	987	—	18	2661	12752
Bufflehead	60	85	56	—	170	19	—	6	1505	1901
Oldsquaw	1489	240	—	—	323	—	—	—	1199	3251
Common Eider	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
King Eider	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
White-winged Scoter	316	26	—	—	6	—	—	—	4757	5105
Surf Scoter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	132
Common Scoter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	351	351
Ruddy Duck	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	209	209
Hooded Merganser	2	1	4	—	3	5	—	25	240	280
Common Merganser	6924	187	24	54	2608	574	—	34	297	10702
Red-breasted Merganser	25	91	11	—	48	—	—	—	1574	1749
Coot	—	—	35	1	2	—	—	80	329	447
Unidentified	877	72	74	1	—	200	—	32	32	1288
Total	20653	4975	7826	816	9924	5415	798	1710	103882	155999