

# Eugene Christmas Bird Count Tally

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Good weather and a large number of observers in the field—and those doing home counts—resulted in a very good Christmas Bird Count for Eugene in 2012. The result was that a large number of species (136, plus 4 count week species) were seen. Of these species, 48 were recorded in unusually high numbers, and an additional 18 species were reported in record high numbers. The contribution of many home counters helped boost the number of some species, such as Anna’s Hummingbirds.

16	Record High	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Snow Goose .....	32 .....	9 .....	1985 .....	5/18 yrs
	Cackling Goose.....	47,805 .....	33,934 .....	2007 .....	18,510/12 yrs
	Red-necked Grebe.....	1 .....	.....	.....	first Eugene record
	Bald Eagle.....	90 .....	33 .....	2011 .....	13/37 yrs
	Anna’s Hummingbird.....	191 .....	167 .....	2011 .....	30/40 yrs
	Black Phoebe.....	25 .....	22 .....	2011 .....	6/12 yrs
	Horned Lark .....	200 .....	118 .....	1949 .....	42/15 yrs
	Black-capped Chickadee .....	1,171 .....	1,164 .....	2009 .....	516/68 yrs
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee .....	320 .....	187 .....	2002 .....	71/67 yrs
	Bushtit.....	1,376 .....	13,42 .....	2011 .....	311/67 yrs
	Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	276 .....	173 .....	2009 .....	50/65 yrs
	Orange-crowned Warbler.....	15 .....	9 .....	2011 .....	3/37 yrs
	Townsend’s Warbler .....	238 .....	151 .....	2009 .....	39/57 yrs
	Hermit Warbler .....	2 .....	1 .....	'91, '94.....	1/3 yrs
	White-throated Sparrow .....	43 .....	40 .....	2008 .....	10/47 yrs
	Lesser Goldfinch .....	170 .....	150 .....	1969 .....	39/56 yrs
2	Tied with previous record highs	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Ross’s Goose.....	1 .....	11 .....	'05, '06	
	Black-throated Gray Warbler.....	1 .....	1 .....	'72, '81	
18	Unusually low numbers	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Cinnamon Teal.....	1 .....	.....	.....	5/11 yrs
	Canvasback .....	4 .....	.....	.....	28/52 yrs
	Lesser Scaup.....	57 .....	.....	.....	46/64 yrs
	Common Merganser .....	59 .....	.....	.....	183/49 yrs
	Ring-necked Pheasant.....	16 .....	.....	.....	48/69 yrs
	Killdeer .....	499 .....	.....	.....	1,243/69 yrs
	Least Sandpiper.....	22 .....	.....	.....	100/39 yrs
	Mew Gull .....	15 .....	.....	.....	97/37 yrs
	Ring-billed Gull.....	489 .....	.....	.....	1,099/64 yrs
	California Gull .....	12 .....	.....	.....	152/59 yrs
	Herring Gull.....	7 .....	.....	.....	25/47 yrs
	European Starling .....	5,799 .....	.....	.....	11,198/53 yrs
	American Pipit.....	5 .....	.....	.....	137/29 yrs
	Cedar waxwing .....	45 .....	.....	.....	118/64 yrs
	Savannah Sparrow .....	16 .....	.....	.....	47/63 yrs

	Unusually low numbers	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Red-winged Blackbird .....	1,350 .....			3,201/68 yrs
	Brewer's Blackbird .....	742 .....			2,201/69 yrs
	Brown-headed Cowbird.....	5 .....			43/ 47 yrs
4	Count week species	this year	previous high	year	average/years seen
	Black-bellied Plover .....				15/26 yrs
	Northern Shrike.....				4/47 yrs
	Nashville Warbler.....				1/3 yrs
	Chipping Sparrow .....				1/12 yrs

## 2012 Eugene Christmas Bird Count

*December 30, 2012*

H = unusually high, RH = record high, TRH = ties record high, L = unusually low, CW = count week  
 136 species on count day; 4 species in count week; 95,518 individuals

	16	Greater White-fronted Goose
RH	32	Snow Goose
TRH	1	Ross's Goose
RH	47,805	Cackling Goose
	7,688	Canada Goose
	446	Tundra Swan
H	127	Wood Duck
	153	Gadwall
H	4	Eurasian Wigeon
	451	American Wigeon
	1,649	Mallard
L	1	Cinnamon Teal
	206	Northern Shoveler
	2,200	Northern Pintail
	1,113	Green-winged Teal
L	5	Canvasback
	4	Redhead
H	195	Ring-necked Duck
L	57	Lesser Scaup
H	137	Bufflehead
H	50	Hooded Merganser
L	59	Common Merganser
H	173	Ruddy Duck
H	151	California Quail
L	16	Ring-necked Pheasant
H	152	Wild Turkey
H	80	Pied-billed Grebe
	1	Horned Grebe
RH	1	Red-necked Grebe (first Eugene CBC record)
	36	Western Grebe
	301	Double-crested Cormorant
	109	Great Blue Heron
H	59	Great Egret
	1	Green Heron
H	37	Turkey Vulture
	2	Osprey

	13	White-tailed Kite
RH	90	Bald Eagle
H	75	Northern Harrier
	12	Sharp-shinned Hawk
	13	Cooper's Hawk
H	31	Red-shouldered Hawk
H	132	Red-tailed Hawk
	2	Rough-legged Hawk
	100	American Kestrel
H	11	Merlin
H	4	Peregrine Falcon
	2	Virginia Rail
H	380	American Coot
CW		Black-bellied Plover
L	499	Killdeer
	3	Spotted Sandpiper
	25	Greater Yellowlegs
L	22	Least Sandpiper
	2,797	Dunlin
H	310	Long-billed Dowitcher
	64	Wilson's Snipe
L	15	Mew Gull
L	489	Ring-billed Gull
	7	Western Gull
L	12	California Gull
L	7	Herring Gull
	25	Thayer's Gull
	225	Glaucous-winged Gull
	404	Rock Pigeon
H	93	Eurasian Collared-Dove
H	299	Mourning Dove
	8	Barn Owl
	14	Western Screech-Owl
H	19	Great Horned Owl
	1	Northern Pygmy-Owl
	1	Barred Owl
	1	Long-eared Owl
	1	Short-eared Owl
H	8	Northern Saw-whet Owl
RH	191	Anna's Hummingbird
H	30	Belted Kingfisher
	47	Acorn Woodpecker
H	37	Red-breasted Sapsucker
H	102	Downy Woodpecker
H	18	Hairy Woodpecker
H	518	Northern Flicker
H	11	Pileated Woodpecker
RH	25	Black Phoebe
CW		Northern Shrike
H	11	Hutton's Vireo
	331	Steller's Jay
H	810	Western Scrub-Jay
H	2,715	American Crow
H	125	Common Raven
RH	200	Horned Lark
RH	1,171	Black-capped Chickadee
	2	Mountain Chickadee
RH	320	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
RH	1,376	Bushtit

RH	276	Red-breasted Nuthatch
H	44	White-breasted Nuthatch
H	61	Brown Creeper
	87	Bewick's Wren
	58	Pacific Wren
H	42	Marsh Wren
H	888	Golden-crowned Kinglet
H	570	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
H	18	Wrentit
	94	Western Bluebird
H	20	Hermit Thrush
	2,890	American Robin
H	409	Varied Thrush
	1	Northern Mockingbird
L	5,799	European Starling
L	5	American Pipit
L	45	Cedar Waxwing
RH	15	Orange-crowned Warbler
CW		Nashville Warbler
H	251	Yellow-rumped Warbler
TRH	1	Black-throated Gray Warbler
RH	238	Townsend's Warbler
RH	2	Hermit Warbler
H	615	Spotted Towhee
L	16	Savannah Sparrow
	247	Fox Sparrow
H	771	Song Sparrow
H	52	Lincoln's Sparrow
H	2	Swamp Sparrow
RH	43	White-throated Sparrow
	1	Harris's Sparrow
H	322	White-crowned Sparrow
	997	Golden-crowned Sparrow
CW		Chipping Sparrow
	3,386	Dark-eyed Junco
	1	Black-headed Grosbeak
L	1,350	Red-winged Blackbird
	121	Western Meadowlark
L	742	Brewer's Blackbird
L	5	Brown-headed Cowbird
	98	Purple Finch
	661	House Finch
H	45	Red Crossbill
H	447	Pine Siskin
RH	170	Lesser Goldfinch
	161	American Goldfinch
	33	Evening Grosbeak
	443	House Sparrow
	7	Western X Glaucous-winged Gull
	448	Unidentified gull species.