

# Eugene Christmas Bird Count Compiler Notes

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For the 2016 Christmas Bird Count, participants were greeted with freezing, wet weather, but that didn't prevent most people from spending the day in the field. Despite the weather, good numbers were reported for many species of birds.

On count day, 131 species were reported by the teams and home counters. Ten additional species were seen during Count Week. Some unusual species seen this year included Brant, Harris's Sparrow, MacGillivray's Warbler and Palm Warbler on Count Day, and Sandhill Crane and Western Tanager during Count Week. A Brant (1 bird), seen this year, has only been seen on two previous counts, also with a single bird reported each time. Palm Warbler has only been reported once before and MacGillivray's Warbler and Sandhill Crane have been included on two previous counts.

Record high numbers were reported for six species: Wild Turkey (590), Eurasian Collared-Dove (255), Anna's Hummingbird (283), American White Pelican (65), Peregrine Falcon (9) and White-throated Sparrow (48). Many other species were also high in numbers. Bald Eagles, Red-shouldered Hawks, Cooper's Hawks and other raptors were among the species with high numbers, but oddly, Rough-legged Hawk (1, tied record low) and Red-tailed Hawk (7) were in very low numbers.

In addition to field participants, 111 home counters reported their sightings. These home observers helped contribute to our record number of Anna's Hummingbirds. This is the second year in a row in which we exceeded the record number reported.

It was a good count despite the unpleasant weather. Everyone enjoyed gathering at the end of the day for great chili and sharing of finds. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a good count despite a high count of cold hands and feet.