

SUMMARY OF HIGHEST COUNTS OF INDIVIDUALS  
RECORDED FOR MASSACHUSETTS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1982

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A total of 170 species plus four additional subspecies (Eurasian Green-winged Teal, Ipswich Sparrow, Oregon Junco and Bullock's Oriole) were recorded on the twenty-four counts held within the state. An additional eight species were observed during the count period but went unrecorded on any count. Those species were: Little Gull, Common Murre, Jackdaw and Lark Sparrow all from Nantucket; a Little Blue Heron from Marshfield; an Eastern Phoebe from Springfield; Eastern Bluebird from the Vineyard and a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Central Berkshire. On the 1981 Christmas counts, 177 species plus two additional subspecies were recorded.

National high counts were recorded for the following species: Oldsquaw, 81,525; Common Eider, 33,315; Red-breasted Merganser, 6688; Black-legged Kittiwake, 15,904; Razorbill, 1120; Hairy Woodpecker, 152; Black-capped Chickadee, 2885; and Yellow-breasted Chat, 1. The Oldsquaw count of 81,525 was an all time high count as was the Razorbill count of 1120.

The complete results of all 1982 Christmas counts are published in the July 1983 issue of American Birds. Copies are available for \$9.50 from American Birds, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

The following abbreviations are used: BB - Buzzards Bay; CA - Cape Ann; CC - Cape Cod; Con - Concord; Bos - Greater Boston; Green - Greenfield; Marsh - Marshfield; MV - Martha's Vineyard; MidC - Mid Cape Cod; Nan - Nantucket; N.Bed - New Bedford; N.Berk - Northern Berkshire; New - Newburyport; Nhpt - Northampton; Ply - Plymouth; Q - Quincy; Spring - Springfield; Taun - Taunton; Worc - Worcester.

Red-throated Loon 103 (Nan); Common Loon 453 (MV); Pied-billed Grebe 17 (CC); Horned Grebe 114 (BB); Red-necked Grebe 79 (Ply); Western Grebe 1 (Marsh); Northern Gannet 695 (CC); Great Cormorant 237 (Q); Double-crested Cormorant 11 (MV); American Bittern 1 (Marsh, MV, New, Taun); Great Blue Heron 62 (CC); Black-crowned Night-Heron 3 (CC, MV); Tundra Swan 5 (MV); Mute Swan 181 (MV); Snow Goose 1 (CA, MV, Nan, Worc); Brant 1278 (CC); Canada Goose 4045 (MV); Wood Duck 4 (BB); Green-winged Teal 53 (Nan); "Eurasian Green-winged Teal" 1 (Nan); American Black Duck 2290 (New); Mallard 1241 (Bos); Northern Pintail 47 (MidC); Blue-winged Teal 4 (N.Bed); Northern Shoveler 2 (MV, New); Gadwall 36 (New); Eurasian Wigeon 1 (New); American Wigeon 60 (Marsh, MV); Canvasback 585 (Taun); Redhead 102 (BB); Ring-necked Duck 56 (MidC); Greater Scaup 3064 (Bos); Lesser Scaup 20 (Taun); Common Eider 33,315 (Nan); King Eider 3 (Nan); Harlequin Duck 10 (MV); Oldsquaw 81,525 (Nan); Black Scoter 529 (Nan); Surf

Scoter 117 (BB); White-winged Scoter 3331 (MV); Common Goldeneye 2346 (Nan); Barrow's Goldeneye 7 (Nan); Bufflehead 1740 (BB); Hooded Merganser 163 (BB); Common Merganser 1235 (Ply); Red-breasted Merganser 6688 (Nan); Ruddy Duck 40 (CC); Bald Eagle 7 (5 ad, 2 imm) (Athol); Northern Harrier 54 (Nan); Sharp-shinned Hawk 14 (MV); Cooper's Hawk 1 (six counts); Northern Goshawk 2 (Con, New); Red-shouldered Hawk 1 (Millis); Red-tailed Hawk 59 (Con); Rough-legged Hawk 4 (MV); American Kestrel 18 (Nan); Merlin 4 (CC, Nan); Peregrine Falcon 2 (MV); Ring-necked Pheasant 102 (Bos); Ruffed Grouse 25 (Spring); Wild Turkey 10 (N.Berk); Northern Bobwhite 77 (MV); Virginia Rail 9 (Nan); American Coot 130 (Taun); Black-bellied Plover 16 (Bos); Killdeer 1 (Bos, Q, Spring); Greater Yellowlegs 6 (CC); Ruddy Turnstone 29 (CA); Red Knot 76 (Marsh); Sanderling 128 (Nan); Purple Sandpiper 210 (Bos); Dunlin 582 (CC); Long-billed Dowitcher 1 (MidC); Common Snipe 8 (Taun); American Woodcock 4 (MV); Laughing Gull 2 (Q); Common Black-headed Gull 1 (CA, Q); Bonaparte's Gull 3414 (MV); Ring-billed Gull 901 (Bos); Herring Gull 49,627 (Nan); Iceland Gull 51 (Nan); Lesser Black-backed Gull 3 (Nan); Glaucous Gull 7 (Nan); Great Black-backed Gull 5692 (Nan); Black-legged Kittiwake 15,904 (Nan); Dovekie 65 (CC); Thick-billed Murre 3 (Ply); Razorbill 1210 (CC); Black Guillemot 25 (Nan); Rock Dove 2677 (Bos); Mourning Dove 1835 (New); Common Barn-Owl 2 (MV); Eastern Screech-Owl 30 (Nhpt); Great Horned Owl 20 (Con); Snowy Owl 6 (New); Barred Owl 2 (Con); Long-eared Owl 2 (Bos); Short-eared Owl 3 (Bos, New); Northern Saw-whet Owl 4 (Nan); Belted Kingfisher 18 (CC, MV); Red-headed Woodpecker 4 (MV); Red-bellied Woodpecker 3 (MV); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2 (Nan); Downy Woodpecker 395 (Con); Hairy Woodpecker 52 (Con); Northern Flicker 175 (Nan); Pileated Woodpecker 3 (Green); Say's Phoebe 1 (Con); Horned Lark 406 (Nhpt); Blue Jay 727 (BB); American Crow 2343 (Con); Fish Crow 43 (Con); Black-capped Chickadee 2885 (Con); Tufted Titmouse 554 (Con); Red-breasted Nuthatch 32 (CC); White-breasted Nuthatch 406 (Con); Brown Creeper 59 (Con); Carolina Wren 23 (BB); House Wren 1 (Nhpt); Winter Wren 5 (N.Bed); Marsh Wren 5 (Nan); Golden-crowned Kinglet 110 (Con); Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5 (CC); Hermit Thrush 9 (BB); American Robin 461 (Nan); Gray Catbird 10 (BB); Northern Mockingbird 157 (Con); Brown Thrasher 2 (CC); Water Pipit 3 (Nhpt); Cedar Waxwing 283 (Con); Northern Shrike 3 (Con); European Starling 202,500 (Bos); Orange-crowned Warbler 2 (BB); Yellow-rumped Warbler 5128 (Nan); Pine Warbler 5 (CC); Palm Warbler 5 (Nan); Common Yellowthroat 2 (Nan); Yellow-breasted Chat 1 (BB, Ply); Northern Cardinal 266 (Con); Dickcissel 1 (Marsh); Rufous-sided Towhee 17 (BB); American Tree Sparrow 1471 (Nhpt); Chipping Sparrow 6 (CC); Field Sparrow 79 (BB); Vesper Sparrow 3 (N.Bed); Savannah Sparrow 47 (Nan); "Ipswich Sparrow" 2 (Bos, Marsh, MV, Nan); Henslow's Sparrow 1 (Bos); Sharp-tailed Sparrow 2 (CC, MidC); Seaside Sparrow 2 (New); Fox Sparrow 13 (N.Bed); Song Sparrow 310 (Bos); Swamp Sparrow 40 (Ply); White-throated Sparrow 295 (BB); White-crowned Sparrow 4 (N.Bed); Dark-eyed Junco 1120 (Con); "Oregon Junco" 1 (Con, Q); Lapland Longspur 2 (Bos); Snow

Bunting 129 (Nan); Red-winged Blackbird 122 (Nhpt); Eastern Meadowlark 179 (MV); Rusty Blackbird 3 (Con); Common Grackle 95 (MV); Brown-headed Cowbird 169 (Worc); Northern Oriole 1 (BB, MV, Nhpt, Q); "Bullock's" Oriole 1 (BB); Pine Grosbeak 6 (Central Berkshire); Purple Finch 612 (Con); House Finch 546 (Con); Common Redpoll 4 (Athol); Pine Siskin 5 (New); American Goldfinch 899 (Con); Evening Grosbeak 1739 (Athol); House Sparrow 1714 (Nhpt).



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