

2015 Maryland May Count

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The annual May Count was held on Saturday, 9 May 2015. Results were submitted from 20 of Maryland's 23 counties, one more than submitted results for the 2014 May Count.

Weather statewide on 9 May varied from mostly clear in the far west to mostly cloudy all day at the coast. Heavy clouds with some fog, drizzle, and mist covered most of the state through the morning hours.

Table 1. 2015 Maryland May Count: participating counties, county codes, and compilers.

County	Code	Compiler
Garrett	GA	Nadine Jakubowski
Allegany	AL	J. B. Churchill
Frederick	FR	Michael Welch
Montgomery	MO	Diane Ford
Carroll	CA	Don Jewell
Howard	HO	Kevin Heffernan
Baltimore	BA	Joel Martin
Prince George's	PG	Fred Fallon
Anne Arundel	AA	Dotty Mumford
Charles	CH	George Jett
Calvert	CT	Sherman Suter
St. Mary's	SM	Patty Craig
Harford	HA	Rick Cheicante
Cecil	CE	Richard Donham
Kent	KE	Walter Ellison
Talbot	TA	Les Coble
Dorchester	DO	Harry Armistead
Caroline	CN	Debby Bennett
Wicomico	WI	Ellen Lawler
Worcester	WO	Marcia Balestri

A total of 339 counters in 215 parties reported 240 species and 107,959 individual birds. Among the most unusual sightings reported were (as compared with recent years): 83 Brant (Worcester); 6 White Pelicans (1 in Charles, 5 in Dorchester); 1 Sandhill Crane (Prince George’s); 2 Whimbrels (1 each Dorchester and Worcester); 2 Red Knots (Worcester); 11 Purple Sandpipers (1 in Dorchester, 10 in Worcester); and 3 Dickcissels (Kent).

Table 2. 2015 Maryland May Count: summary.

	GA	AL	FR	MO	CA	HO	BA	PG	AA	CH	CT	SM	HA	CE	KE	TA	DO	CN	WI	WO	Total
Parties	14	7	10	2	9	45	8	14	14	6	7	7	11	5	4	6	8	15	11	12	215
Observers	22	8	18	2	16	60	11	31	19	10	10	13	23	8	7	6	13	22	14	26	339
Start Time	04:30		0400	0530	0530	0435	0700	0530	0600	0430	0418	0300		0430			1200	0430	0545		
Stop Time	23:28		1830	1230	1930	2035	1910	1950	1900	2030	2049	2115		1530			2045	2030	1900		
Driving																					
hours	48	15.75	59.5	1	23.95	27.9	0.3	9	17.5	17.5	5.5	31.75	14.5	8	22.5	5.3	45	25	19.25	20	417
miles	298.2	70	654	13	234	369	5	101	98.3	150	26	437	142	75	167	61	529	300	226.5	136	4092
Walking																					
hours	69.75	21	30.25	7	31.45	201	31.4	60	50	25.5	36	25.5	47	45	12	5	56	52	16.25	19	841
miles	98.9	13.8	20.5	6	29	157	16.5	51	46	14.5	0024	21.5	27.5	18.25	11	2	24	21	14.5	20	637
Owling																					
hours	4	3	2			2	1.8		1.15	0.75	5.25			5		2	10	2		1	40
miles	42.4		2			1			0.5							31	51	15		1	144
Stationary																					
hours	33.5		2.5		4.75	4			5		3.6			1	1			18	22.25	8	95.6
Other								boat	bike					canoe						canoe	
hours	2							4	3					2						2	13
miles	18							3.5	2					3						2	28.5
Total	138	116	125	68	106	136	108	122	118	110	126	139	142	108	116	91	154	139	108	149	240
Species																					
Total	6318	1811	8881	452	5488	13334	2833	3191	4509	4084	4086	7111	6215	2673	6353	1145	12705	7707	3493	5902	107959
Individuals																					

Several duck species usually lingering in small numbers were missed including Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, and Black Scoter. A number of compilers noted the lack of migrants in their respective counties. A tropical storm off the Carolinas kept a steady wind blowing out of the north over much of the southeast, seriously impeding the flow of migrants. Thanks to John McKitterick for this information. When compared with results from the three previous May counts for which data has been compiled (2003, 2013, and 2014), notably low counts were recorded in 2015 for most thrushes and eighteen species of warblers. In contrast, high counts were recorded for early arriving, local breeding warblers, such as Prothonotary, Yellow-throated, and Pine Warblers. The drop in warbler numbers is reflected in the total number of warblers reported on a “per hour of effort” basis for the last four years for which May count data has been compiled. The warblers/hour of effort was 9.9, 6.0, 6.6, and 4.6 for 2003, 2013, 2014, and 2015, respectively.

It is encouraging to see more participation in the May Count, but some counties are still not reporting results and a few large population counties would do much better with more people in the field. On a personal note, my wife and I are moving to Oro Valley, Arizona, so this will be my last state May Count report.

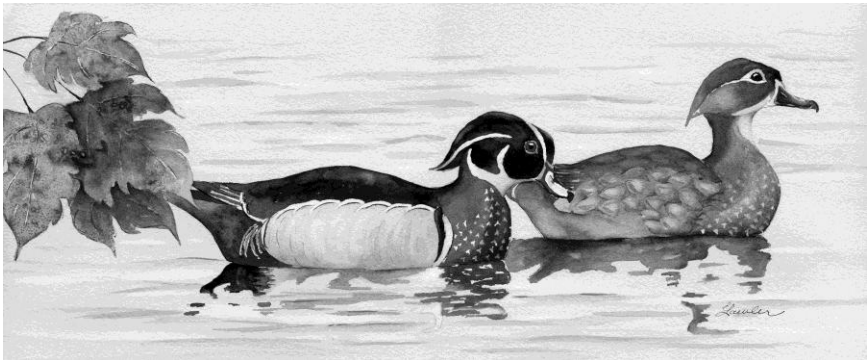
Table 3. 2015 Maryland May Count: observed species.

Species	GA	AL	FR	MO	CA	HO	BA	PG	AA	CH	CT	SM	HA	CE	KE	TA	DO	CN	WI	WO	Total	
Snow Goose																					6	6
Brant																					83	83
Canada Goose	201	47	343	16	353	665	174	189	172	85	37	128	268	165	53	7	210	212	214	189	3728	
Mute Swan			1									12	2					1			16	16
Tundra Swan									1		1										2	2
Wood Duck	16	5	21	1	15	24	8	35	3	13	19	1	30	4	34	4	24	44	21	20	342	
American Wigeon																					2	2
American Black Duck												3					39				7	49
Am. Black Duck/Mallard hybrid																	1				1	2
Mallard	60	33	108	1	34	98	51	30	43	16	43	19	35	17	88	115	249	29	41	61	1171	
Blue-winged Teal																	2				2	4
Green-winged Teal													1								3	4
Greater Scaup																	4				4	4
Lesser Scaup															1						1	2
Surf Scoter																	5				1	6
Bufflehead	3						2		1	1											7	7
Hooded Merganser			1	4			1							1							6	6
Common Merganser	12	2	3											1							18	18
Red-breasted Merganser																	1				5	6
Ruddy Duck			1				3								53		25				2	84
Northern Bobwhite												3					9	10	2		24	24
Ruffed Grouse	9	4																			13	13
Wild Turkey	25	1	6		2	9		21	5	3	10	10	42	1	9	6	28	56	13	3	250	
Red-throated Loon									1												3	4
Common Loon	5	1					2	1	3		2	6	37	2	3		15				13	90
Pied-billed Grebe							1	1					1								3	3
Horned Grebe								1													1	1
Northern Gannet																					10	10
Double-crested Cormorant	2	2	3			8	76	23	99	113	37	454	698	55	65	67	536	33	17	119	2407	
Great Cormorant												2									2	2
American White Pelican										1							5				6	6
Brown Pelican												25					34				59	59
American Bittern						1								1				1			3	3
Least Bittern								2						1			1		3		7	7
Great Blue Heron	2	15	1	14	35	21	26	47	46	15	69	56	84	37	8	88	38	21	3	626	626	
Great Egret			2					5	1				1	1	3	48	1			42	104	
Snowy Egret												28					37	2			19	86
Little Blue Heron									2								3				5	5
Tricolored Heron																					7	7
Cattle Egret														1		7		3			3	14
Green Heron	5	4	3	4	5	30		4	10		2	12	4		6	2	10	8	2	7	118	
Black-crowned Night-Heron			17			1	1					1					4				14	38
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron							1														1	1
Glossy Ibis														2			2	3			31	38
Black Vulture	1	1	35	1	24	88	33	29	25	55	7	62	82	47	61	1	27	48	18	7	652	
Turkey Vulture	95	21	126	4	78	207	14	43	40	106	81	93	113	60	166	29	212	241	81	96	1906	
Osprey	2	1	3			6	20	31	44	92	42	142	53	22	83	15	248	39	34	17	894	
Bald Eagle	3	1	3		2	9	11	7	5	34	12	14	53	27	21	11	156	15	11	6	401	
Northern Harrier								2									5				1	10
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				1	1	1		1				1								6	6
Cooper's Hawk	3		4		4	8		1	3			1	3		1		2	2	1		33	33
Red-shouldered Hawk	5	1	10		9	45	10	3	9	15	6	8	5	2	2		1	6	2	2	141	141
Broad-winged Hawk	7	1	6			1			1												16	16
Red-tailed Hawk	18	3	24		17	24	4	10	5	8	2	8	15	2	9	2	19	14	9	1	194	194
Clapper Rail													5				18			1	5	29
King Rail																	2				3	3
Virginia Rail					1	1					1		3			1	55	2			64	64
Sora	1					1					2	1									5	5
Common Gallinule							1				1						5				7	7
American Coot	2		1			2		1									1				7	7
Sandhill Crane								1													1	1
Black-necked Stilt																	6				6	6
American Oystercatcher																	2				10	12
Black-bellied Plover															50		67	2			148	267
Semipalmated Plover											12	7	21	120		219	40				19	438
Piping Plover																					2	2

Species	GA	AL	FR	MO	CA	HO	BA	PG	AA	CH	CT	SM	HA	CE	KE	TA	DO	CN	WI	WO	Total	
Killdeer	46	15	22		7	24	7	13	9	11	5	19	26	2	1	4	19	32	11	9	282	
Spotted Sandpiper	9	2	6		1	10	5	10				2	1		2	1	2	7		1	59	
Solitary Sandpiper		2	7			22	3	1		1	1	1	5	1				1			146	
Greater Yellowlegs								8		3	1	3	4	15	11	1	35	15	1	92	189	
Willet																2	15				86	103
Lesser Yellowlegs	3	2						1		2	3		7	2	3	1	32	7	5	80	148	
Whimbrel																	1			1	2	
Ruddy Turnstone																	3			13	16	
Red Knot																				2	2	
Sanderling																	10			17	27	
Dunlin											5						744			47	374	1170
Purple Sandpiper																	1			10	11	
Least Sandpiper	6					29	29	1			70	14	34	20	67	2	232	64	13	328	581	
White-rumped Sandpiper										1							1			5	7	
Pectoral Sandpiper												1									2	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1										11		8		7	2	58	11		79	177	
peep sp.															10						10	
Short-billed Dowitcher																		13			19	32
Wilson's Snipe						2							2						8		1	13
American Woodcock	5	2										5						2			14	
Bonaparte's Gull										1	4				1						2	8
Laughing Gull									2	292	2	28	264		5	7	81	1253	548	218	482	3182
Ring-billed Gull				1		25	1	37	59	103	60	17	105	1046		19	236	326	2	28	2065	
Herring Gull						7		49	9	12	66	2	4	5	4	196			4	234	592	
Lesser Black-backed Gull																					20	20
Great Black-backed Gull							37		15	1	27	15		1	5	3		29	1	4	130	268
gull sp.											4										4	
Least Tern							21		4		7		30	10	28	1	28	8		93	230	
Caspian Tern									1	3			18		2		1				5	30
Common Tern									23		4					3	14	14		37	95	
Forster's Tern								4		2	11	3		7	21		131	8	24	68	279	
Royal Tern								3	5		11						1			86	106	
Rock Pigeon	51	24	86		67	70	44	44	41	2	3	39	2	12		42	61	10	30	628		
Mourning Dove	106	39	197		2	138	339	52	61	105	72	68	103	87	40	44	35	137	173	103	34	1935
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3	11		4	2	7	2	11	12	16	15	20	8		5	3	20	10	15	5	169	
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	1	2			3		1	1											1	10	
Barn Owl															3						3	
Eastern Screech-Owl	2		2			4		1	2		3	1	2			3	4	6	2		32	
Great Horned Owl		1	2		2	8		1		1		1	3			2	7	6		2	35	
Barred Owl	10	3	4	4	11	18	1	6	5	2	8	2	6	2	3	1	2	9	3	3	103	
Common Nighthawk								1			2							2	3		8	
Chuck-will's-widow											1	15			2	1	49	1		6	75	
Eastern	8												60	4			5	2	1	1	81	
Whip-poor-will																						
Chimney Swift	39	39	130		2	61	99	94	47	52	40	19	28	33	10	77	7	57	588	22	36	1480
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	63	1	8		12	19	5	7	11	8	7	11	11	2	7	5	37	28	16	20	278	
Belted Kingfisher	3	6	11	20		1	4	2	5	5	3	2	2				5			20	69	
Red-headed Woodpecker	15	8		7	0				8	15	4	7					26		3	9	102	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	54	19	104	11	82	275	36	51	71	58	54	65	53	21	47	7	32	50	34	4	1128	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	8					0															8	
Downy Woodpecker	36	4	26	5	31	94	25	11	28	17	19	12	27	7	22	2	27	20	11	8	432	
Hairy Woodpecker	31	2	8	10	26	3	8	4	3	3	6	11	2	9	2	5	9	2	1	145		
Northern Flicker	42	10	17	1	7	47	8	2	10	2	7	12	7	1	8		22	9	4	4	220	
Pileated Woodpecker	25	7	10	2	12	38	1	10	14	13	12	10	15	6	9	3	19	24	5	5	240	
American Kestrel	1	1	7		2	2		3				1	2								21	
Merlin													1								1	
Peregrine Falcon						1															1	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	15	2	46	5	13	66	10	18	24	37	47	29	20	11	21	6	39	28	14	39	490	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher									1												1	
Acadian Flycatcher	5	4	44		9	21	121	6	32	10	61	89	70	39	8	62	1	24	10	17	30	663
Alder Flycatcher						1															1	
Willow Flycatcher	4					10			1			1									16	
Least Flycatcher	16	1							1										1		19	
Epidonax sp.			3		1	2															6	
Eastern Phoebe	28	11	30		34	46	5	11	11	16	5	6	15	4	7				8	3	4	244
Great Crested Flycatcher	13	4	72	16	57	119	21	23	42	56	62	124	50	25	68	21	217	114	78	64	1246	
Eastern Kingbird	20	2	88	2	48	113	29	13	18	18	16	20	58	29	16	1	38	24	20	22	595	
White-eyed Vireo	7	1	20	8	24	60	4	34	18	49	44	37	18	16	33	8	59	28	49	75	592	
Yellow-throated Vireo	6	4	3	10	5	29	1	7	2	17	15	5	33	3	6		4	2	3	7	162	
Blue-headed Vireo	12	2	3		1	2			3											3	26	
Warbling Vireo		9	27		6	34	16	1	3		1	3	14	3	3							120

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Philadelphia Vireo						0										1					1	
Red-eyed Vireo	211	78	138	16	85	415	49	142	132	175	212	212	126	47	127	4	97	66	33	36	2401	
Blue Jay	142	73	157	9	122	343	60	40	354	45	49	83	76	56	46	18	61	98	10	8	1850	
American Crow	195	30	179		265	392	51	54	124	135	101	135	143	49	39	19	153	130	71	38	2303	
Fish Crow		2	31		18	43	35	23	27	13	27	52	29	7	23	9	28	31	21	23	442	
crow sp.			33			114	5				3	45			10				33	1	244	
Common Raven	30	5	3			5			2												45	
Horned Lark			23		5	22	1			3	24	7			26	4	17	41	4	16	193	
Purple Martin	17		95		17	88	2	15		43	11	47	35	62	94	40	328	182	121	31	1228	
Tree Swallow	107	10	86	14	61	196	42	127	29	36	9	3	171	26	49	11	148	53	11	11	1200	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	10	21	41		13	34	74	10	3	6	20	8	38	99	13	4	1	7	1		403	
Bank Swallow						2	4						21	70							98	
Cliff Swallow	17	51			23	35			3										5		134	
Barn Swallow	196	14	231		2	200	286	93	83	100	142	75	173	218	28	167	47	318	201	126	115	2815
Carolina Chickadee			103	10	96	264	49	32	71	66	101	110	75	34	57	11	122	66	47	24	1338	
Black-capped Chickadee	91	17																			108	
Tufted Titmouse	64	32	124		11	108	329	44	76	100	117	136	142	64	28	70	15	143	120	52	39	1814
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10					1						1									12	
White-breasted Nuthatch	38	21	22		5	25	86	9	8	28	10	11	12	15	8	3			11	1	4	317
Brown-headed Nuthatch												8				2		63	1	9	7	90
Brown Creeper	1																				1	
House Wren	42	8	116		56	115	26	1	9	1	1	4	20	7	6	1	40	11	14	20	498	
Winter Wren	1																				1	
Marsh Wren								5		5		2	3	1	2	1	34	5			58	
Carolina Wren	4	37	161	10	50	171	11	36	54	44	46	67	14	10	73	15	81	72	62	22	1040	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	21	12	147	34	89	248	42	52	78	79	97	43	128	31	70	3	79	10	59	94	1416	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3																				3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					5			1									1	1	2	11	
Eastern Bluebird	43	10	80	2	71	143	10	19	36	16	15	12	66	7	16		39	39	5	5	634	
Veery	3	2			5	3	1		2		8	1	5	1		21					52	
Gray-cheeked Thrush								1													1	
Swainson's Thrush	3	1	1		3		5			6	3										22	
Hermit Thrush	11				1														4		16	
Wood Thrush	23	13	124		8	63	300	16	61	38	54	79	66	47	50	64	25	37	37	10	30	1145
American Robin	443	162	469		1	208	594	214	70	310	56	47	124	116	53	167	16	223	403	200	55	3931
Gray Catbird	108	43	274		12	313	461	32	15	26	11	24	57	153	53	55	4	25	37	25	43	1771
Brown Thrasher	27	16	24		17	38	1	18	16	18	11	78	9	9	28	16	17	27	9	15	394	
Northern Mockingbird	2	15	113		36	145	20	25	59	40	28	97	57	18	65	8	101	131	41	15	1016	
European Starling	212	116	690		3	406	630	194	328	182	158	78	676	391	129	397	14	639	744	181	236	6404
American Pipit						11		4													16	
Cedar Waxwing	13	6	39	10	41	46	30	27	7	35	2	18	35	4	31			9			353	
Ovenbird	95	20	60		2	44	183	4	55	27	78	39	111	26	79	69	8	111	23	30	82	1146
Worm-eating Warbler	4	3	2		4	15		1	5	6	21	24	7	13	22	3	8	3	19	13	173	
Louisiana Waterthrush	7	8	10		1	8	54	2	1	2	20	9	5	12	3	1		4	4	1	11	163
Northern Waterthrush	8	5			1	3		2				1							1		21	
Golden-winged Warbler	2	1																			3	
Blue-winged Warbler	1	1				6					1	1	5						1		16	
Black-and-white Warbler	30	7	5		1	5	27	5	4	5	11	27	25	16	9	9		11	2	15	25	239
Prothonotary Warbler	1	4	10					1	7	11	12	4		13	10		28	12	18	53	184	
Tennessee Warbler	2	1	1																		4	
Nashville Warbler								4	1												5	
Kentucky Warbler	4	3			1	12		3		9	10	12	8		10		1	6	1	5	85	
Common Yellowthroat	165	34	72		14	100	251	26	36	20	62	91	85	66	25	60	23	237	22	41	45	1475
Hooded Warbler	18	1	2		1	10		16	9	17	51	33		13							1	172
American Redstart	78	10	23		3	7	55	2	9	24	11	8	5	34	4			1	4	1	9	288
Cape May Warbler			1																		2	
Cerulean Warbler	17	1			1	4						1	15								39	
Northern Parula	24	1	26		8	17	125	4	22	22	79	103	42	64	10	15		7	4	5	21	599
Magnolia Warbler	24					3						2	1						1		31	
Bay-breasted Warbler					1																1	
Blackburnian Warbler	11																				11	
Yellow Warbler	90	19	59		45	81	8	5	4	4	2	7	25	1			4	2	2		358	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	97	5	1		1	3						1	1	2				1			112	
Blackpoll Warbler			1			3	6	3	4	13	13	15	9	7	3	1	1	1	1		81	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	27	2	2		2	8	8		5		5	5	3					2		1	70	
Palm Warbler						3						1									7	
Pine Warbler	2	1	3		4	5	2		1	12	18	53	1	22	10	6	137	3	28	44	352	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4	2	4		12	15	1	2		11	5	8	62	5	2		6	8	1	2	150	
Yellow-throated Warbler	1					2		1	7	20	30	20	12	3	1		10		7	39	153	
Prairie Warbler	1	1	9		1	2	30	13	16	21	9	30	21	9			30	6	55	30	284	
Black-throated Green Warbler	56	2	2		1	3	2		2		1	4	2	3				1		1	80	

Species	GA	AL	FR	MO	CA	HO	BA	PG	AA	CH	CT	SM	HA	CE	KE	TA	DO	CN	WI	WO	Total	
Canada Warbler	4					2								1							7	
Wilson's Warbler					2	1															3	
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	2	6	4	1	10	2	13		16	14	27	13	5	13	2	15	11	4	5	165	
Eastern Towhee	175	34	90	2	69	160	4	48	20	18	28	25	16	61	35		38	8	9	28	868	
Chipping Sparrow	185	22	255	5	117	279	12	49	62	69	85	116	113	36	106	29	203	122	77	54	1996	
Field Sparrow	57	19	102	1	30	54	1	17	3	15	7	19	7	24	15	1	18	8	8	20	426	
Vesper Sparrow		1	8								2				2						13	
Savannah Sparrow	14					18	10	12		1	9	14			1		3	3		1	86	
Grasshopper Sparrow	6	8	50		2	20	6	7	14	17	5	149	25	1	15	10	42	27	7	3	414	
Henslow's Sparrow		2																			2	
Saltmarsh Sparrow																		2			3	
Seaside Sparrow											2						132				7	141
Song Sparrow	167	39	183		88	157	19	14	5	8	31	40	26	10	21	1	3	11	13	18	854	
Swamp Sparrow	27	4			5	3	7	1		10	1	1		1			8				68	
White-throated Sparrow	6	5	12	2	18	15	4	7	2	3	5	5	5	3	4	1	3	11	2		113	
White-crowned Sparrow	8	1	3		1		1		1						1	1					16	
Dark-eyed Junco	6				1																7	
Summer Tanager							8	4	17	56	34				1		2	66	8	15	35	246
Scarlet Tanager	84	29	41	3	38	145	11	22	26	38	33	45	30	23	29	3	20	13	4	17	654	
Northern Cardinal	94	62	387		20	233	752	81	87	265	113	207	215	171	65	216	33	199	212	86	60	3558
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	66	1	1	3	4					3	2	1						2			1	84
Blue Grosbeak			6		7	7	14	7	20	22	29	24			42	4	72	50	41	25	370	
Indigo Bunting	81	43	205	31	50	234	38	85	55	160	112	134	93	44	168	9	140	98	51	128	1959	
Dickcissel																3					3	
Bobolink	77	1	3		1	13	1			4	5	36	9	5				3			158	
Red-winged Blackbird	575	51	516	28	276	561	152	210	192	234	269	292	335	146	411	89	952	340	110	138	5877	
Eastern Meadowlark	39	7	44		4	16	1		2	7	3	48	18		1		17	3	2		212	
Rusty Blackbird	11																				11	
Common Grackle	167	59	617		4	150	201	103	82	169	236	79	589	144	50	421	42	515	486	267	160	4541
Boat-tailed Grackle											2						18				35	55
Brown-headed Cowbird	23	19	132	12	77	237	51	54	51	41	91	64	106	48	119	21	143	165	58	120	1632	
Orchard Oriole	8	11	24	4	9	67	20	19	14	36	15	38	58	44	27	9	88	29	23	13	556	
Baltimore Oriole	103	12	94	1	49	140	16	3	7	5	3	2	43	44	14	1	1	14			552	
House Finch	23	18	84		58	100	37	3	38	24	38	57	24		21	4	17	77	17	9	649	
Purple Finch	21		3		1																25	
Pine Siskin	24	1	2			4			2			1									34	
American Goldfinch	196	56	280	25	160	405	92	47	125	51	84	85	108	70	91	16	138	86	48	21	2184	
House Sparrow	51	31	202		1	159	236	44	28	35	64	79	148	31	9	120	14	104	142	41	50	1589



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