

Results of the 42nd Annual Pierre Christmas Bird Count
 Count conducted on December 17, 2011
 Count Compiler, Doug Backlund

85 species recorded (a new record high species count, previous record was 80 species) and 2 Count Week species recorded

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count for 2011 CBC	Max. # from past Pierre CBC	Number of past Pierre CBC recorded from
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	2	9	11
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	7	83	18
Ross's Goose	<i>Chen rossii</i>	1	2	9
Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	30200	30,200	8
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	20415	85,900	42
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	10	10	19
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	4	13	26
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	4	8	26
American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	1	2	7
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1815	15,250	44
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	1	1	5
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1	7	20
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	2	7	11
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	27	39	23
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	1	5	24
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	22	22	18
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	30	42	38
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	34	203	41
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	17	51	24
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	178	1,039	42
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	1	7	14
Gray Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	10	60	13
Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	176	573	44
Sharp-tailed Grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>	18	852	43
Greater Prairie-Chicken	<i>Tympanuchus cupido</i>	41	282	28
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	164	164	35
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	56	61	41
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	23	34	30
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	3	4	32
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	2	2	12
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	2	2	11
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	30	32	41
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	13	13	25
Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	50	69	43
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	8	11	39

American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	3	9	39
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	2	3	31
Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	1	3	6
Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	2	4	28
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	13	170	26
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	117	579	39
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	28	155	38
Thayer's Gull	<i>Larus thayeri</i>	2	4	10
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	1	2	6
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	385	894	9
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	288	350	12
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	10	10	11
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops asio</i>	2	7	17
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	23	31	41
Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	1	3	6
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	5	19	17
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	10	14	17
Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	1	3	12
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	3	3	36
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	6	9	27
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	22	50	44
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	19	35	44
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	11	41	20
Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	3	13	42
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	11	15	36
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	4	51	34
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	23	36	16
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	5	3,387	43
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	67	246	43
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	16	31	43
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	4	9	40
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	2	2	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	13	13	25
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	9	26	31
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	208	1,002	43
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	480	2,040	41
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	20	1,250	40
American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	116	390	43
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	2	180	29
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	2	4	3
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	107	245	17
Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	133	1,836	26
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	6	17	22
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	39	1,587	40
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	27	54	31

Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	17	184	35
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	185	377	19
Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>	33	350	31
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	168	267	38
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	504	3,859	43

Count Week Species

Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	cw	31	36
Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>	cw	752	18

Field Observers: Richard and Sharon McEntaffer, Ricky Olson, Scott Stoltz, Bill Bossman, Dave Krueger, Chuck and Myrtle Backlund, Nathan Baker, Kenny Miller, Glen Moravek, Carrol Hanten, Marvene and Rex Riis, Ruben Mares, Kris Dozark, Dave Ode, Wally Larsen, Charles Sisk, Silka Kempema, Casey Mehls, and Doug Backlund (Count Coordinator).

Feeder Watchers: Helen and Harry Harryman, Bob and Bev Huckins, Fee Jacobsen, Dale and Marlys Nellerhoe, Carla Sahr, Sandy Jacobson, Deanne Hillmoe, Lonnie Schumacher, Leonard Spomer, Dennis Unkenholz

Count Effort:

Hours

foot 36.5
vehicle 47.75
boat 2
feeders 42
owling 3

Miles

foot 36.75
vehicle 806
boat 6

WEATHER:

Temp: Min. 16F Max. 49F

Wind: SW 5-10 mph Max 21 mph

Sky: clear, no precip.

Still water frozen, moving water open