

2008 Glenolden Christmas Bird Count

87th Glenolden, PA Christmas Bird Count, Saturday, December 20, 2008. Census area is a 15 mile diameter circle with the center at the intersection of Brookhaven Road and Providence Road (Route 252) in Wallingford. Count circle includes The John Heinz NWR at Tinicum, the Delaware River from Fort Mifflin south to Marcus Hook, Ridley Creek State Park, Tyler Arboretum, Springton Reservoir, Crum Reservoir, Earle's Lake, and the Chester, Cobb's, Crum, Darby, and Ridley Creek watersheds. Time: 4:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M. Temp. 23-32 degrees F. Wind 5-10 N. Partly cloudy. Still water open. Moving water open. 52 observers in 20 parties, plus 5 at feeders. Total party hours 128.5: 36 by car, 91.5 by foot. Total party miles 418.: 353 by car, 65 by foot. Hours owling 12, miles owling 29.

I used 1960 as the date to begin to show trends. Beginning with 1960, the amount of hours and miles became more uniform. Prior to 1960 the number of participants and the area covered fluctuated widely and comparisons would be of little value. Legend 5/48 = seen on 5 of 49 years (1960-2008).

ROSS'S GOOSE 1 (Lockyer and Crawford: seen within a flock of Snow Geese over Media, 1st count record and 1st county record); Snow Goose **1856** (new high; previous high 506 in 2001, 30/49); **Cackling Goose 2** (noted in flocks of Canada Geese over Elwyn and Chester); Canada Goose **15,880** (new high; previous high 13,015 in 2003); Tundra Swan 44 (35/49); Gadwall 10 (33/49); American Black Duck 472; Mallard 525; American Wigeon 2 (30/49); Northern Shoveler 46; Northern Pintail 11; Green-winged Teal 65; Bufflehead 23; Hooded Merganser 14 (33/49); Common Merganser 165; Ruddy Duck 30; Wild Turkey 2; Ring-necked Pheasant 1 (J. D'Amico); Pied-billed Grebe (count week); Horned Grebe (count week); Double-crested Cormorant 38 (26/49); **Great Cormorant 1** (N. Pulcinella; Delaware River at Chester; 15/49); Great Blue Heron 17; Black Vulture **144** (new high; previous high 137 in 2005; 21/49); Turkey Vulture **226** (new high; previous high 214 in 2005); Bald Eagle **13** [12a, 1 imm] (new high; previous high 7 in 2007, 16/49); Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 8; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 74; American Kestrel 3; **Merlin 2** (13/49); **Peregrine Falcon 1** (18/49); American Coot 22; Ring-billed Gull 1435; Herring Gull 308; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1** (N. Pulcinella; near Fisherman's Park in Chester; 3/49); Great Black-backed Gull 49; Rock Pigeon 279; Mourning Dove 560; Eastern Screech-Owl 31; Great Horned Owl 8; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 100; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 116; Hairy Woodpecker 38; Northern Flicker 41; Pileated Woodpecker 8; **Eastern Phoebe 1** (John Heinz NWR; 17/49); Blue Jay 202; American Crow 569; Fish Crow 4; Carolina Chickadee 308; Black-capped Chickadee 4; Tufted Titmouse 270; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 116; Brown Creeper 15; Carolina Wren 109; **House Wren 1** (Nick and Tony Crocetto; Middletown Twp.; 29/49); Winter Wren 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10; Eastern Bluebird 94; Hermit Thrush 10; American Robin 1295; Northern Mockingbird 77; Brown Thrasher 1 (Doris McGovern; 34/49); European Starling 1650; Cedar Waxwing 9; Yellow-rumped Warbler 4; **Pine Warbler 2** (Nick and Sharon Pulcinella; Marcus Hook; 12/49;

PRAIRIE WARBLER 1 (Hunn, Akers, Todor, Travellino; 1st count record); Eastern Towhee 18; American Tree Sparrow 17; Chipping Sparrow 2 (35/49); Field Sparrow 31; Fox Sparrow 5; Song Sparrow 522; Swamp Sparrow 17; White-throated Sparrow 1022; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 832; Northern Cardinal 444; Red-winged Blackbird 591; Rusty Blackbird 62; Common Grackle 1246; Brown-headed Cowbird 26; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 304; Pine Siskin 8 (33/49) American Goldfinch 350; House Sparrow 340.

Total: 90 species (avg 101), approximately 35,656 individuals.

Observers and number of years of participation: Ellis Akers (37), Allison Barnes (6), Gary Becker (5), Jim Bodine (18), Sara Boucas-Nato (2), Erica Brendel (17), Richard Brenner (1), Brian Byrnes (1), Skip Conant (25), Janet Crawford (5), Alvera Crocetto (34), Anthony Crocetto (35), Nick Crocetto (35), Cynthia Curry (7), John D'Amico (11), Susan D'Amico (10), Wesley Doughty (29), Phyllis Fingerhood (14), Kevin Fryberger (1), Barbara Hohenstein (9), Lois Hunn (11), Sheryl Johnson (13), Steven Kapski (15), Mary Ellen Krober (23), Jim Lockyer (26), Sue Lucas (2), Ian McDougal (8), Doris McGovern (25), Tom McKeenan (3), Tom McParland (14), Kathy Meermans (2), Rob Megraw (16), Dolly Mignogna (2), John C. Miller (58), Alison Mostrom (17), Carl Perretta (19), Nick Pulcinella (40; compiler), Sharon Pulcinella (10), Brian Quinlin (2), Jack Rafferty (1), Marie Rafferty (1), Brian Raicich (2), Tom Reeves (35), Bill Roache (3), Bill Roache III (8), Mary Jane Roache (1), Edwin Shafer (4), Gary Stolz (2), Carol Storey (3), Gloria Todor (3), Pat Travelino (4), Scott Tuttle (2), Chris Walters (31), Dave Washabaugh (7), George Wrangham (1), Bruce Wyman (8).

Two new species were added this year. The Cumulative List Total is now 189.