

Summary of 2024 Delaware County (Glenolden) CBC

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The 2024 (125th) Delaware County (Glenolden) Christmas Bird Count (formerly Glenolden); NAS code PAGL, was held on December 14, 2024. As always, I thank the participation, enthusiasm, local knowledge and skill of the many participants. There were 65 field observers in 31 parties, as well as 5 feeder/yard watchers. The number of participants is less than in the 2023 count (96 in 35 parties) and the 2014-2023 median (89 participants). The historical high was 121 participants in 1982. My estimate of total party-hours, 129 field hours plus 12 feeder hours, was also less than the 2023 estimate (168 and 11 hours). The eBird trip report for the count (<https://ebird.org/tripreport/300824>) shows individual checklists and a map of locations. Earlier trip reports are at <https://ebird.org/tripreport/182340> (count 124, 2023), <https://ebird.org/tripreport/90288> (count 123, 2022) and <https://ebird.org/tripreport/22251> (count 122, 2021).

The count date moves around among years. For example, the 2024 count was on the 14th, while the 2025 count will be on the 20th. This surprised several people, including me, so I tabulated count dates of previous counts. This information is at the end of this report.

The 2024 count recorded 94 species, which was lower than the 2023 count (99 species) but greater than the 2014-2023 median (89 species). In 2024, the first Wilson's Snipe ever was recorded on the count. Other rarely found species were Nashville Warbler (third count, all in the last few years) and Lincoln's Sparrow (fourth count). American Tree Sparrow has been getting rarer. We had recorded it on every previous count, although only one was seen in 2023. None were seen on the 2024 count. One Marsh Wren was found; this species was not recorded from 1998-2011 but has been found on 7 of the subsequent 13 counts.

With the addition of Wilson's Snipe, the count has reported a cumulative total of 196 species. One of these, *Empidonax* species, is included in the total since no other *Empidonax* have been identified.

Maximum counts were seen for several species in 2024: Gadwall (202), Northern Shoveler (349), Wood Duck (30), Hooded Merganser (11), and Eastern Phoebe (4), as well as unusual occurrences of Nashville Warbler (tie with two previous occurrences at 1), Lincoln's Sparrow (2), and Wilson's Snipe (1).

I looked at abundance by comparing 2024 results with the median of the previous 15 years. For most species, I compared the count per party hour. For ducks, coot and cormorants, I compared the raw count. These species are predominantly found in a few areas in the count circle (the Delaware waterfront, Tinicum and Springton Reservoir). I think these areas are covered similarly in virtually all years, so that use of number/party-hour would adjust counts by numbers which are irrelevant to the abundance of these species.

The following species were about 3 times more abundant in 2024 than in the 15 previous counts: several dabbling ducks (Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck (358; 15-year median =10), American Coot, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, American Kestrel, Fish Crow, Common Raven, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Brown-headed Cowbird (one large flock was seen), and Purple Finch. Among species which were seen in 2024, only two were markedly less common than the 15-year median: Fox Sparrow and Common Grackle. The six American Kestrels seen is encouraging; the count has had 0 to three in 17 of the last 18 counts.

Only four species found on more than half of the previous 15 counts were not seen on the 2024 count: Killdeer, Great Black-backed Gull (seen on count week), Wild Turkey and Pine Siskin. Only one Wild Turkey has been recorded since 2016.

In general, the species list represents general trends of increases of some species we have seen in past years. Common Raven, Fish Crow, Barred Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, Black Vulture, Fish Crow and Hooded Merganser, all of which have become more common recently, were reported, all but the Barred Owl represented by numerous individuals.

By dedicated searching, Sheryl and Kristen Johnson heard three Saw-whet Owls. This species is almost certainly under-reported, and it is hard to determine whether there is any trend in occurrence. Despite good counts of Great Horned and Eastern Screech Owls, other owls (e.g., Short-eared, Long-eared and Barn Owls) weren't reported and haven't been reported in recent years.

There were a decent number of Red-breasted Nuthatches (14) and Purple Finches (12, representing very high number/party-hour). No other irruptive winter species were noted.

The long-term pattern of decrease of grassland birds was continued, with no reports of Horned Lark, American Pipit, Eastern Meadowlark, or Savannah Sparrows.

Conditions on count day were good for observation. Count day was relatively cold, starting at around 20-22 °F at dawn and going up to about 29-34. The previous few days had been warmer, preceded by a cold snap. That followed warm weather through most of November. Larger waterbodies were unfrozen. The day was sunny with little wind. There had been little or no rain in October and November, with a few rainy days prior to the count. Some shallow marshes had little or no surface water. Cobbs Creek Golf Course was still under reconstruction, and the area had large areas of old-field vegetation (grasses, herbs and small trees), small puddles, and large piles of cut trees. The generally warm fall conditions would account for the occurrence and counts of lingering species, such as Eastern Phoebe, Lincoln's Sparrow, Nashville Warbler, Palm Warbler and Marsh Wren.

Four species were reported only in Count Week: American Wigeon, Great Black-backed Gull, Orange-crowned Warbler, Chipping Sparrow

Table 1. My tally of participants in the 2024 Delaware (Glenolden) CBC and number of counts in which each person has participated follows. I congratulate Nick Crocetto on his 50th year on the count. Some participants may not be included.

Participant	Years	Participant	Years
William Ackerman	4	Jim Joyce	4
Debbie Beer	13	Steve Kapski	30
Douglas Baird	1	Bob Kelly	16
Bierregaard, Rob	12	Noel Kelly	10
Adrian Binns	8	Daniel Kobza	12
Jim Bodine	32	Jim McConnell	3
Kevin Browngoehl	9	Doris McGovern	41
Margaret Bue	5	F. Arthur McMorris	11
Tom Bush	12	Laura Matika	8
Ben Bussman	4	Robert Megraw	31
Brian Byrnes	16	Darshan Mehta	2
Katrina Clark	4	Roberta Menapeace	7
Virginia Coulter	3	Mike Mostello, Jr.	3
Alan Crawford III	15	Lathrop Nelson	5
Nick Crocetto	50	Damon Orsetti	12
Ellen Dearborn	6	Chris Pugliese	16
Emily Dodge	6	Jim Purtill	8
Manny Dominguez	3	Brian Quindlen	17
Steve Dupont	1	Lynn Roman	10
David Eberly	34	Chuck Root	6
John Ehlen	4	Margie Rostron	4
Kristry Eleftheriou	4	Win Shafer	19
Kevin Fryberger	16	Alan Simon	7
Stephanie Gaboriault	14	Frank Steinmiller	4
Brian Hall	6	Carol Storey	19
Peter Hamner	2	Zoe Warner	5
Craig Hedlund	2	Karyl Weber	4
Rich Horwitz	36	Paige Worth	3
Kristen Johnson	13	Rich Ziegler	4
Sheryl Johnson	29	John Zygmunt	5

Table 2. Delaware County (Glenolden) count totals for 2024 (count 125). I lumped all the subspecies records (Yellow-shafted Flicker, Red Fox Sparrow, Myrtle Warbler, etc.), but I'm open to being convinced to use the subspecific form in the future. I included some "spur" records in likely common species. Page 1 of 2.

Common Name	Total	Notes
Snow Goose	287	
Cackling Goose	1	Springton
Canada Goose	5008	
Mute Swan	7	
Tundra Swan	53	Governor Printz Park
Wood Duck	30	
Northern Shoveler	349	
Gadwall	202	
Mallard	325	Inc 4 Dabbling duck sp.
American Black Duck	68	
Northern Pintail	168	
Green-winged Teal	132	
Redhead	4	Springton Reservoir
Ring-necked Duck	73	
Lesser Scaup	2	
Bufflehead	23	
Hooded Merganser	110	
Common Merganser	49	
Ruddy Duck	358	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	124	
Mourning Dove	397	
American Coot	38	Heinz
Wilson's Snipe	1	Heinz
Ring-billed Gull	469	
American Herring Gull	29	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	Heinz
Double-crested Cormorant	18	
Great Blue Heron	17	
Black Vulture	75	
Turkey Vulture	109	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10	
Cooper's Hawk	17	inc 1 Cooper's/Sharp-shinned Hawk
Northern Harrier	4	
Bald Eagle	18	
Red-shouldered Hawk	21	
Red-tailed Hawk	58	inc 1 Hawk sp.
Eastern Screech-Owl	25	
Great Horned Owl	8	
Barred Owl	1	Waterloo Mills
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	
Belted Kingfisher	22	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	47	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	128	
Downy Woodpecker	147	
Hairy Woodpecker	35	
Pileated Woodpecker	20	
Northern Flicker	65	

Table 2 (cont.). Delaware County (Glenolden) 2024 (count 125) totals (page 2 of 2)

Common Name	Total	Notes
American Kestrel	6	
Merlin	4	
Peregrine Falcon	1	Havertown
Eastern Phoebe	4	
Blue Jay	225	
American Crow	615	Inc 9 Crow sp.
Fish Crow	232	
Common Raven	9	
Carolina Chickadee	170	Inc 3 Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee
Black-capped Chickadee	1	Heinz
Tufted Titmouse	162	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	21	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	50	
White-breasted Nuthatch	131	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	14	
Brown Creeper	23	
Winter Wren	21	
Marsh Wren	1	Heinz
Carolina Wren	204	
European Starling	1513	
Gray Catbird	2	
Northern Mockingbird	52	
Eastern Bluebird	131	
Hermit Thrush	20	
American Robin	1890	
Cedar Waxwing	45	
House Sparrow	408	
House Finch	238	
Purple Finch	12	
American Goldfinch	139	
Field Sparrow	17	
Fox Sparrow	5	
Dark-eyed Junco	796	
White-crowned Sparrow	2	Cobbs Ck GC
White-throated Sparrow	1287	Inc 10 Passerine Sp.
Song Sparrow	537	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	Leisenring
Swamp Sparrow	24	
Eastern Towhee	17	
Red-winged Blackbird	447	inc 2 Blackbird sp.
Brown-headed Cowbird	37	Heinz
Rusty Blackbird	8	
Common Grackle	4	
Nashville Warbler	1	Haverford College
Palm Warbler	1	Eastwick
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	Heinz
Northern Cardinal	412	
Total Individuals	19098	
Species	94	

Table 3. Delaware County (Glenolden) 2024 (125) CBC Count results by area; areas 1-6A and 14; page 1 of 2

Common Name	01	02	03	10	06	6A	14
Snow Goose							250
Cackling Goose	1						
Canada Goose	1118	266	507	115	21	37	10
Mute Swan	4		3				
Tundra Swan			53				
Wood Duck	26	4					
Northern Shoveler	300	49					
Gadwall	72	130					
Mallard	101	171	2	2	2	14	
American Black Duck	28	34		4			
Northern Pintail	107	61					
Green-winged Teal	70	62					
dabbling duck sp.			4				
Ring-necked Duck	36	37					
Lesser Scaup	1						
Bufflehead	21						
Hooded Merganser	26	17		30		6	
Common Merganser	36	3					
Ruddy Duck	271	1	80				
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	5	2	24	4		53	
Mourning Dove	56	11	3	10	16	98	4
American Coot	38						
Wilson's Snipe	1						
Ring-billed Gull	121	117	180			7	
American Herring Gull	16						
Pied-billed Grebe	1						
Double-crested Cormorant	3	15					
Great Blue Heron	3	4	2	1		1	
Black Vulture						4	4
Turkey Vulture	6	3		1	1	3	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3					1	
Cooper's Hawk	3			1		1	
Sharp-shinned/Cooper's Hawk							1
Northern Harrier	1	1	1				
Bald Eagle	3	8	4	1			
Red-shouldered Hawk	3	1					3
Red-tailed Hawk	3	3	5			4	3
hawk sp.	1						
Eastern Screech-Owl					5	2	3
Great Horned Owl				2			1
Belted Kingfisher	3	5	2				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3			1	3		3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	14	1		2	10	12	8
Downy Woodpecker	29	10	9	4	3	2	4
Hairy Woodpecker	3	1		2		2	2
Pileated Woodpecker		1		2			3
Northern Flicker	11		1	1		2	7

Table 3 (cont.). Delaware County (Glenolden) 2024 (125) count results by area; areas 1-6A and 14; page 2 of 2

Common Name	01	02	03	10	06	6A	14
American Kestrel	2		3				
Merlin	1						
Eastern Phoebe	3	1					
Blue Jay	28	7	1	7	12	12	7
American Crow	109	129	16	15	4	22	8
Fish Crow	8		2		12	3	
American/Fish Crow	1						
Common Raven	1						
Carolina Chickadee	5	9		15	3	19	14
Black-capped Chickadee	1						
Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee							
Tufted Titmouse	20	1	3	10	2	6	24
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	1	3				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	18	2	4		5		2
White-breasted Nuthatch	11			3	6	8	22
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2				8
Brown Creeper	12	2	2		1		1
Winter Wren	7	1			1		
Marsh Wren	1						
Carolina Wren	39	3	6	5	13	5	15
European Starling	216	40	450		8	154	32
Gray Catbird		1					
Northern Mockingbird	10	1	7		1	10	3
Eastern Bluebird	7					6	26
Hermit Thrush	2				2		3
American Robin	82	13	15		37	118	153
Cedar Waxwing							1
House Sparrow	45		12		13	57	
House Finch	7	1	7	13	8	24	33
Purple Finch							1
American Goldfinch	29	1	4	1	8	18	21
Field Sparrow		4	1			4	
Fox Sparrow	2	1					
Dark-eyed Junco	90	3	21	15	20	108	22
White-throated Sparrow	175	67	30	27	28	23	38
Song Sparrow	90	90	17	14	14	36	27
Swamp Sparrow	17	2					
Eastern Towhee	1						
Red-winged Blackbird	13	269	13			6	4
Brown-headed Cowbird						37	
Rusty Blackbird	6	2					
Common Grackle		1				2	
blackbird sp.	2						
Palm Warbler	1						
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2						
Northern Cardinal	49	21	9	13	19	46	18
Number of individuals	3666	1691	1508	321	278	973	794
Spuh (number of taxa)	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Number of species	74	53	37	29	29	39	38

Table 4. Delaware County (Glenolden) 2024 (125) CBC. Count results by area; areas 07-17.

Common Name	07	08	09	13	15	15A	17A	17B
Canada Goose		166	85	207	62	44	34	171
Mallard							5	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)						2		4
Mourning Dove	2	37	9	4	3	12	6	18
Ring-billed Gull		4						
American Herring Gull								13
Great Blue Heron					1			2
Black Vulture			3	3	36			
Turkey Vulture	1	1	18	4	8	1		2
Sharp-shinned Hawk								2
Cooper's Hawk		1	1		1			2
Northern Harrier								
Bald Eagle								1
Red-shouldered Hawk		3	1			1		
Red-tailed Hawk	3		3		4	1	4	2
Eastern Screech-Owl					1			1
Great Horned Owl					1			1
Belted Kingfisher			1			1		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2				5			6
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	8	3	1	9	1	2	7
Downy Woodpecker	7	6	4	2	3	4	6	9
Hairy Woodpecker		5	2		3	1		2
Pileated Woodpecker					4		2	
Northern Flicker	1	3	2	4	7			3
Merlin		1						
Blue Jay	6	10	11	5	23	6	3	5
American Crow	22	29	23	19	15	7	12	7
Fish Crow	6	197						
Common Raven	1	2	3					
Carolina Chickadee	14	7	9		6	2	3	6
Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee							3	
Tufted Titmouse	4	3	6	3	10	5	9	7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1			
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	1			4			4
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	10	5	1	7	2		7
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1		
Brown Creeper					1			1
Winter Wren	1						1	1
Carolina Wren	15	3	5	2	7	2	11	5
European Starling	35	98	36	20	28	16	3	18
Northern Mockingbird		1	4			1	1	
Eastern Bluebird		5	2	1	18		8	13
Hermit Thrush				1				
American Robin	15	21	45	15	82	19	4	38
Cedar Waxwing				2	12	4		
House Sparrow	8	34	2	12				
House Finch		29	22		4	9	8	10
Purple Finch					1			
American Goldfinch	2	9	3			2		3
Field Sparrow					2		2	
Dark-eyed Junco	37	28	47	29	12	8	8	66
White-throated Sparrow	56	17	16	18	72	12	5	42
Song Sparrow	17	5	19		14	2	2	19
Swamp Sparrow			1					
Eastern Towhee	1							
Red-winged Blackbird	20				8			22
Northern Cardinal	17	19	8	4	13	5	1	27
Number of individuals	301	763	399	357	488	171	143	547
Spuh (number of taxa)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Number of species	27	31	31	21	36	27	23	36

Table 5. Delaware (Glenolden) 2024 (125) CBC. Count results by area; areas 09A-19.

Common Name	09A	11	13GP	16	17ASPP	18	19A	19B
Canada Goose			13			1518	232	73
Mallard						6		
Redhead						4		
Hooded Merganser						25		
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)					4	5		
Mourning Dove		5	14			2	2	2
Great Blue Heron						2		
Black Vulture			1			5	14	3
Turkey Vulture	1		1		2	11	21	9
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1		
Cooper's Hawk				1		2		
Red-shouldered Hawk					1		3	1
Red-tailed Hawk				1	1	5	3	
hawk sp.								
Eastern Screech-Owl						4	7	
Belted Kingfisher						2	1	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			4			5	4	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1	4		3	7	12	4
Downy Woodpecker					1	8	10	2
Hairy Woodpecker			1			2	3	1
Pileated Woodpecker					1		3	3
Northern Flicker			3			4	5	2
American Kestrel						1		
Blue Jay		1	9	5	6	13		5
American Crow		3	3	49	3	25	15	10
Fish Crow					1		1	
Carolina Chickadee			4			9	5	4
Tufted Titmouse		1	9		2	7	7	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1		1	1	2	1
White-breasted Nuthatch		1	3		2	11	15	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1	
Brown Creeper			1					
Winter Wren			1			2	1	
Carolina Wren			4		1	7	9	8
European Starling		7		34	5	42	24	1
Northern Mockingbird				4	3	2	1	1
Eastern Bluebird	5		3			14	4	7
Hermit Thrush						5	4	1
American Robin			11		3	124	304	128
Cedar Waxwing							1	3
House Sparrow		20		14		8		
House Finch		4	7		2	5		2
Purple Finch						1		1
American Goldfinch			3		1	3	3	1
Field Sparrow								1
Fox Sparrow								1
Dark-eyed Junco	3	1	6	5	6	43	28	13
White-throated Sparrow		2	22	11	22	73	89	84
Song Sparrow		2	4		5	10	11	4
Lincoln's Sparrow						2		
Eastern Towhee						1	2	10
Red-winged Blackbird						1		
Common Grackle							1	
Northern Cardinal		3	8		6	24	23	15
Passerine species				10				
Number of individuals	9	51	140	134	82	2053	871	407
Number of species	3	14	25	9	24	51	36	36

Table 6. Delaware County (Glenolden) 2024 (125) CBC. Count results by area; areas 20-22.

Common Name	20	20HC	21	21A	22
Snow Goose		37			
Canada Goose	99	5	22	125	78
Mallard	4	21			
American Black Duck				2	
Hooded Merganser		6			
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)			10	5	6
Mourning Dove	52	44	17	18	1
Great Blue Heron				1	
Black Vulture	2			2	
Turkey Vulture	4	1		5	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			2	
Cooper's Hawk	1		2		
Red-shouldered Hawk	2			2	
Red-tailed Hawk	6	3	1	3	1
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	1	2		
Great Horned Owl			1	2	
Barred Owl				1	
Northern Saw-whet Owl			3		
Belted Kingfisher	3	1		1	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	3		2	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	13	4		5	2
Downy Woodpecker	9	6		6	5
Hairy Woodpecker	3	1	1	1	
Pileated Woodpecker				1	
Northern Flicker	1			2	6
Peregrine Falcon	1				
Blue Jay	17	3		5	18
American Crow	38	11	3	8	12
Fish Crow				2	
crow sp.	8				
Common Raven				2	
Carolina Chickadee	18	3		8	4
Tufted Titmouse	18	2		4	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	3			4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	1		1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	12	2		5	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2	
Brown Creeper	1			1	
Winter Wren	2			3	
Carolina Wren	17	9		5	8
European Starling	107	77	50	85	4
Gray Catbird				1	
Northern Mockingbird	4	1		1	1
Eastern Bluebird	6			6	3
Hermit Thrush				2	
American Robin	236	5	10	375	37
Cedar Waxwing	9			13	
House Sparrow	63	97		3	20
House Finch	15	29		11	
Purple Finch	6			2	
American Goldfinch	8	10		7	2
Field Sparrow				5	
Fox Sparrow				1	
Dark-eyed Junco	56	133		23	19
White-crowned Sparrow	2				
White-throated Sparrow	102	75		17	165
Song Sparrow	81	58		11	3
Swamp Sparrow				4	
Eastern Towhee	1			1	
Red-winged Blackbird	75	7		7	
Nashville Warbler		1			
Northern Cardinal	36	24		9	18
Number of individuals	1147	684	122	816	421
Number of species	43	33	12	51	25

Table 7. Species seen in only one (exclusives) or two areas (doubletons).

Area	Description	# Spp.	Species
1	Heinz-Philly	8	American Coot (38), Marsh Wren (1), Palm Warbler (1), Pied-billed Grebe (1), Wilson's Snipe (1), Yellow-rumped Warbler (1), Black-capped Chickadee, Cackling Goose(1)
22	Cobbs Creek	2	White-crowned Sparrow (2), Peregrine Falcon (1)
3	Del Waterfront	1	Tundra Swan (53)
21A	Waterloo Mills	1	Barred Owl (1)
20HC	Haverford College	1	Nashville Warbler (1)
21	Radnor	1	Northern Saw-whet Owl
18	Springton	2	Lincoln's Sparrow (2), Redhead (4)
6A	Nick Crocetto	37	Brown-headed Cowbird (37)
Doubletons			
1 & 2	Heinz Philly, Delco		Double-crested Cormorant, Eastern Phoebe, Gadwall, Greenwinged Teal, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, Rusty Blackbird
1 & 17b	Heinz Philly, Marple		American Herring Gull
1 & 18	Heinz Philly, Springton		Bufflehead, Lesser Scaup
1 & 3	Heinz Philly, Del Waterfront		Mute Swan
14 & 20HC	Tyler Arb, Haverford College		Snow Goose
2 & 21A	Heinz Delco, Waterloo Mills		Gray Catbird
2 & 19	Heinz Delco, Ridley Creek		Common Grackle

Table 8. Area names and numbers for Delaware County (Glenolden) 2024 (125) CBC count.

Area names and leaders for 2024 Delaware County (Glenolden) Count. Some 2024 leaders took over areas where the usual leaders were unable to participate. Some checklists were within areas without a formal leader (5 and 16). Notes indicate some specific sites within areas. Sites covered in previous years and potential sites in areas not covered are indicated in [].

Area Name	Leader	Notes
1 Heinz Philly	Debbie Beer	Heinz, Eastwick Open Space
2 Heinz Delco	Robert Megraw	Heinz Wetlands
3 Delaware Waterfront	John Zygmunt*	Hog Island, Printz Park, Marcus Hook
4 Clayton Park	None**	[Clayton Park (part), woods]
5 Darby	None	[parks along Darby Ck, cemeteries]
6 Swarthmore	Dave Eberly	Swarthmore, Crum Woods, Swarthmore College
6A Ridley	Nick Crocetto	Ridley, Ridley Park (part), Stony and L Crum Creeks, etc.
7 Elwyn	Brian Quindlen	Elwyn Institute, Chester Park North
8 Middleton	Damon Orsetti	Chester Creek Trail, Linvilla Orchards, etc.
9 Aston	Chris Pugliese	Aston area
9A Chester Heights	Bob Kelly	Chester Heights
10 Crum Creek	Dave Eberly	Smedly Park S, Crum Ck Rd. and Reservir
11 Springfield	Adrian Binns***	Home
13 Media	Bob Kelly	Media (part)
13GP Glen Providence	Stephanie Gaboriault	Glen Providence Park
14 Tyler	Kristy Eleftheiou, Jim Joyce	Tyler Arboretum
15 Darlington	Noel Kelly	Wawa Preserve, Darlington Trail
15A Penn State	Steve Kapski	Penn State campus
16 Upper Darby	Doris McGovern***	Yar Yehuda and Arlington Cemeteries
17A Hildacy	Jim Bodine	Hildacy Farm Preserve
17B Marple	Sheryl Johnson	Kent Park, St. Peter and Paul Cemetary (17ASP)
18 Springton	Win Shafer	Springton Reservoir, Kirkwood Preserve, Newtown Square
19A Ridley Creek SP S	Tom Bush	Ridley Creek SP S of Gradyville Road
19B Ridley Creek SP N	Brian Byrnes	Ridley Creek SP N of Gradyville Road
20 Havertown	Rich Horwitz	Carroll Park, Karakung Drive, Quadrangle, Haverford Reserve (part)
20MB part of Havertown	Margaret Bue	Havertown Reserve, Pennsy Trail
20HC Haverford College	Darshan Mehta	Haverford College
20LN Feeder	Lathrup Nelson	home feeder
20RB Merion Golf Course	Rob Bierregaard	Merion Golf Course
21 Radnor	Sheryl Johnson	Sawmill Park, Earles Lake, Willows
21A Waterloo Mills	Kevin Fryberger	Waterloo Mills
22 Cobbs Creek	Dan Kobza	Cobbs Creek Park and Parkway, west side parks, Cobbs Ck Golf Course

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** usually Kang

*** No area leader in 2024

Timing of counts

The count date is tied to the count period. Currently, it is the first Saturday of the count period. I tabulated dates of previous counts (Table 9). I also used this table to link year, NAS count number and Delaware County/Glenolden count number, since I tend to get confused going between these three counting systems.

The earliest the count has ever been held is December 14, as in 2024. It has been on the 14th on five previous counts. It looks like the count was delayed a week or so (to December 28 to January 2) nine times, the latest in 2020. The 2020 delay was because of weather, and I assume the others were as well. The earliest count date from 1922-1968 was December 21, suggesting a shift in timing of the count. I don't know if this shift was purely a local decision or if NAS widened the count period as more counts were added or otherwise encouraged early counts.

NAS #	Delaware County (Glenolden) #	Year	Date	NAS #	Delaware County (Glenolden)	Year	Date
125	105	2024	12/14/2024				
124	104	2023	12/16/2023	92	72	1991	12/14/1991
123	103	2022	12/17/2022	87	67	1986	12/20/1986
122	102	2021	12/18/2021	86	66	1985	12/28/1985
121	101	2020	12/19/2020	76	56	1975	12/20/1975
120	100	2019	12/14/2019	75	55	1974	12/14/1974
119	99	2018	12/15/2018	71	51	1970	12/26/1970
118	98	2017	12/16/2017	70	50	1969	12/20/1969
117	97	2016	12/17/2016	69	49	1968	12/21/1968
116	96	2015	12/19/2015	68	48	1967	12/23/1967
115	95	2014	12/20/2014	67	47	1966	12/31/1966
114	94	2013	12/14/2013	66	46	1965	1/1/1966
113	93	2012	12/15/2012	65	45	1964	12/26/1964
112	92	2011	12/17/2011	64	44	1963	12/21/1963
111	91	2010	12/18/2010	63	43	1962	12/22/1962
110	90	2009	1/2/2020	62	42	1961	12/23/1961
109	89	2008	12/20/2008	61	41	1960	12/24/1960
108	88	2007	12/15/2007	60	40	1959	12/26/1959
107	87	2006	12/16/2006	59	39	1958	12/20/1958
106	86	2005	12/17/2005	58	38	1957	12/21/1957
105	85	2004	12/18/2004	57	37	1956	12/22/1956
104	84	2003	12/20/2003	56	36	1955	12/31/1955
103	83	2002	12/14/2002	55	35	1954	1/1/1955
102	82	2001	12/15/2001	54	34	1953	12/26/1953
				53	33	1952	2/26/1900
				52	32	1951	12/22/1951
				51	31	1950	12/31/1950
				50	30	1949	12/31/1949
				49	29	1948	1/1/1949
						1922-1947	21-Dec earliest 31-Dec latest