

# ROCKLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY

## Trip Report, Christmas Bird Count Summary

**Date:** 12/22/02

**Weather:** Overcast in AM, Scattered Clouds in PM. Temperatures ranged from 33 to 42°F. Little to no snow cover.

**Participants:** Tolly Beck, Eugene Brown, Ruth Carlson, Drew Ciganik, Susan Friedman, Anne French, Padraic French, Joanna Galdone, Tom Harten, Gene Herskovics, Marianne Jenkins, Sarah Johnson, Anna Kaufer, Sara Kaufer, Bonnie Koop, Karl Knoecklein, Veronika Krause, Alice Luddington, Pat Lutter, Tom Micelli, Bob Olley, Lorrie Pallant, Stan Pallant, Lauren Parahus, Vince Plogar, Jim Previdi, Ray Roswell, Joan Totton, Jessie Trabant, Carol Weiss, Alan Wells, Della Wells. (30 adults, 2 children)

**Feeder Counters:** Richard Hornak, Laurence Pringle, Velma Gabelman, Howard Meiner, Nancy Slowik.

**Coverage:** 220 miles traveled by car, 46.5 miles traveled by foot (preliminary).

**Results:** A total of 16,397 individuals representing 78 species, were counted by the field observers. An additional 226 individuals were added by the feeder counters. Counts were somewhat lower than 2001. During that year, 22,220 individuals from 86 species were counted. Based on previous results (see below), the number of individuals and species are within historic ranges.



**Photo 1.** Counting Ring-bills!



**Photo 2.** Five of the 7 (really!) swans a'swimming.



**Photo 3.** A well-fed feeder bird.



**Photo 4.** Paddy admiring hand-carved artwork?

## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

	<b>Field</b>	<b>Feeder</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Canada Goose	2,314		2,314
Canvasback	2,016		2,016
European Starling	1,991	4	1,995
Common Merganser	1,908		1,908
American Crow	1,756	1	1,757
Ring-billed Gull	1,635		1,635
Mallard	555		555
House Sparrow	469	29	498
Rock Dove	454		454
Mourning Dove	360	50	410
Dark-eyed Junco	373	19	392
Blue Jay	269	14	283
White-throated Sparrow	196	18	214
Red-winged Blackbird	145	5	150
Tufted Titmouse	141	9	150
Black-capped Chickadee	122	8	130
Song Sparrow	127	1	128
Ruddy Duck	127		127
Northern Cardinal	100	18	118
Herring Gull	102		102
American Goldfinch	95	6	101
Hooded Merganser	97		97
Downy Woodpecker	88	8	96
Great Black-backed Gull	88		88
American Tree Sparrow	80	2	82
Northern Mockingbird	79		79
House Finch	68	5	73
American Robin	68		68
White-breasted Nuthatch	60	6	66
Wild Turkey	53	6	59

Red-bellied Woodpecker	45	5	50
Bufflehead	39		39
Carolina Wren	30		30
Turkey Vulture	30		30
American Black Duck	29		29
Red-tailed Hawk	26		26
Brant	25		25
American Coot	21		21
Belted Kingfisher	17		17
Fox Sparrow	8	8	16
Great Blue Heron	15		15
Mute Swan	14		14
Cedar Waxwing	13		13
Hairy Woodpecker	12	1	13
Green-winged Teal	12		12
Wood Duck	12		12
Fish Crow	10		10
White-crowned Sparrow	10		10
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9		9
Scaup spp.	9		9
Double-crested Cormorant	8		8
Lesser Black-backed Gull	8		8
Gadwall	6		6
Common Grackle	2	2	4
Northern Flicker	4		4
Ring-necked Duck	4		4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4		4
Swamp Sparrow	4		4
Bald Eagle	3		3
Cooper's Hawk	3		3
Eastern Screech-Owl	3		3
Field Sparrow	3		3
American Kestrel	2		2
Black Vulture	2		2
Great Cormorant	2		2
Hermit Thrush	2		2
Northern Harrier	2		2
Pileated Woodpecker	2		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		2
Winter Wren	1	1	2
Brown Creeper	1		1
Common Raven	1		1
Gray Catbird	1		1
Great Horned Owl	1		1
Peregrine Falcon	1		1
Rough-legged Hawk	1		1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		1



Photo 5. Whaddya mean we was only toid?

### RAS Christmas Bird Count

