

Summary of All-Time High Counts from Illinois Christmas Bird Counts

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The following updated counts were compared with Bohlen's (1977) and Robinson's (1990) previously published accounts of all-time high counts for species recorded on Illinois Christmas Bird Counts. Refer to Bohlen and Robinson for information on methodology. All species on this list have been recorded in Illinois. Any additions or deletions in the last 20 years have been approved by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee. Count names are the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count names. When necessary, the four-character abbreviations of the count names are those used in this journal.

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Highest Number of individuals recorded within an Illinois Christmas Bird Count Circle

SPECIES	NUMBER	COUNT NAME	YEAR (19--)			
Red-throated Loon	1	-----	51; 56; 91; 93; 94	Canada Goose	350,000	Horseshoe Lake 89
Pacific Loon	1	Clinton Lake	92	Wood Duck	613	Horseshoe Lake 86
Common Loon	10	Rend Lake	94	Green-winged Teal	357	Pere Marquette Park 42
Yellow-billed Loon	1	Van Petten	86	American Black Duck	20,000	Chautauqua NWR 43
Pied-billed Grebe	76	Union County	93	Mallard	650,000	Chautauqua NWR 42; 45
Western Grebe	1	Waukegan	94	Northern Pintail	10,075	E. St. Louis 55
Horned Grebe	21	Crab Orchard NWR	84	Blue-winged Teal	103	Pere Marquette Park 39
Red-necked Grebe	1	Springfield	75	Northern Shoveler	289	Cypress Creek 94
Eared Grebe	1	CROR, BIRD, SPFD	53; 57; 81; 92	Gadwall	1071	Chautauqua NWR 94
American White Pelican	20	Pere Marquette Park	93	Eurasian Wigeon	1	Clinton Lake 92
Northern Gannet	1	Davenport, IA (but in IL)	93	American Wigeon	500	Pere Marquette Park 66
Double-crested Cormorant	846	Rend Lake	94	Canvasback	569	Pere Marquette Park 67
Neotropic Cormorant	1	Horseshoe Lake	96	Redhead	164	Waukegan 94
American Bittern	1	-----	35; 68; 74; 87	Ring-necked Duck	3,065	Rend Lake 93
Great Blue Heron	162	Rend Lake	96	Greater Scaup	2,815	Evanston North Shore 94
Great Egret	3	Joliet	94	Lesser Scaup	4,250	Calumet City-Sand Ridge 71
Little Blue Heron	1	Collinsville	87	King Eider	1	Morris-Wilmington 94
Cattle Egret	1	Crane Lake-Sangamon	93	Harlequin Duck	3	Waukegan 76
Green Heron	1	-----	59; 72; 84; 85; 86	Oldsquaw	17,669	Chicago 52
Black-crowned Night-Heron	22	Calumet City-Sand Ridge	90	Black Scoter	3	Chicago 06
Tundra Swan	44	Lisle Aboretum	94	Surf Scoter	5	Evanston North Shore 69; 94
[Trumpeter Swan]	[6]	Clinton Lake	94	White-winged Scoter	266	Evanston North Shore 70
Mute Swan	244	Calumet City-Sand Ridge	96	Common Goldeneye	5,213	Waukegan 51
Greater White-fronted Goose	600	Cypress Creek	96	Barrow's Goldeneye	1	----- 57; 60; 65
Snow Goose	53,394	Pere Marquette Park	96	Bufflehead	107	Calumet-Sand Ridge 94
Ross' Goose	16	Union County	96	Hooded Merganser	356	Crab Orchard NWR 57
Brant	1	Waukegan, Union County	82; 92	Common Merganser	50,040	Morris-Wilmington 87
				Red-breasted Merganser	2,798	Chicago 55