

Elgin 2023 Great Back Yard Bird Count Results

Bird Species	2023
Greater White-fronted Goose	4
Canada Goose	150
Tundra Swan	58
Wood Duck	1
Gadwall	9
American Wigeon	15
American Black Duck	7
Mallard	52
Northern Pintail	2
Green-winged Teal	4
Redhead	2
Ring-necked Duck	2
Greater Scaup	1
Bufflehead	3
Hooded Merganser	3
Common Merganser	28
Wild Turkey	32
Great Blue Heron	1
Turkey Vulture	22
Golden Eagle	1
Northern Harrier	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper's Hawk	1
Bald Eagle	4
Red-tailed Hawk	3
Killdeer	1
Sandhill Crane	1
Ring-billed Gull	600
Herring Gull	400
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1
Great Black-backed Gull	1
Rock Pigeon	13
Mourning Dove	60
Eastern Screech-Owl	3
Great Horned Owl	1

Belted Kingfisher	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3
Downy Woodpecker	3
Hairy Woodpecker	3
Northern Flicker	2
Pileated Woodpecker	2
Merlin	1
Blue Jay	11
American Crow	31
Common Raven	1
Horned Lark	120
Black-capped Chickadee	18
Tufted Titmouse	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8
White-breasted Nuthatch	4
Carolina Wren	2
Eastern Bluebird	8
American Robin	3
European Starling	75
Lapland Longspur	60
Snow Bunting	6
American Tree Sparrow	12
Dark-eyed Junco	22
White-crowned Sparrow	4
White-throated Sparrow	4
Song Sparrow	5
Eastern Towhee	1
Northern Cardinal	16
Red-winged Blackbird	12
Common Grackle	7
Brown-headed Cowbird	15
House Finch	20
Purple Finch	6
American Goldfinch	40
House Sparrow	33
Common Redpoll	2
Total species	71

This year the weather really cooperated and standing water was open.

There were 145 checklists submitted to eBird and 71 species reported this year vs 63 last year. This year's highlights were Chris Leys spotting 4 Greater White-fronted Goose, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, Killdeer and American Robin at Rodney Lagoons over the four days. Next would be Jason McGuire with a Common Raven, 58 Tundra Swans, and a Great Blue Heron.

There were 13 species of duck reported with Gardner Walker getting 7 American Black Duck, 2 Northern Pintail and a Greater Scaup at Harvest Run Pond North on Centennial at Elm. Jackie and I spotted 4 Green-winged Teal at Port Stanley Lagoons. Trish Snider saw 3 Bufflehead and Gadwall and American Wigeon and a Pileated Woodpecker at Port Stanley lagoons. Trish got the lone Sandhill Crane for the count on Marsh Line. Rodney and Port Stanley lagoons were great places to see ducks this GBBC.



Greater White-fronted Goose by Michele Carnerie

Ron Allensen had a great three days at his private sanctuary – Monarch Landing. Ron had 29 species including Common Merganser, Pileated Woodpecker, both Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, Robin, Song and White-throated Sparrow and the lone Eastern Towhee.

Lucas Foerster got the lone Merlin at John E. Pearce Provincial Park.

Donald Pye from Wardsville got 60 Lapland Longspur in a corn field.

Ted Lyons from St Thomas added 2 Common Redpoll in his backyard.

It was a great four days and really nice to see so many people participating. Next big day is our annual Duck Rally, this year being held on Saturday, April 1st starting at 8 a.m. at Aylmer Wildlife Management Area. Hope to see you there.

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