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Dear Boone Co. Bird Count Participant,

Thank you very much for all your help! Thanks to your efforts the 13th Boone County Christmas Bird Count reported the most bird diversity ever: 58 species seen on New Year's Day and three others seen during Count Week. There were even observations of two species reported for the first time this year: Hooded Merganser and Merlin. And all this took place on a very difficult day for birdwatching. The afternoon was particularly nasty with lots of blowing snow, making driving hazardous. I'm glad to report that all participants made it through the day safely.

Because of the deteriorating weather conditions, we decided not to take any chances and cancelled our traditional Count Dinner. The dinner has been a nice opportunity for us to share experiences. I'm sorry we had to forgo it. This year, I was also planning to share with you the results of the first 12 Counts. Instead, enclosed please find a copy of those results, and, at the bottom of this sheet, I've listed this year's final results as well.

Till next time, wishing you all a healthy and prosperous year ahead,

*Mark*

Mark Widrlechner, Compiler

1999 Results

Canada Goose	19	Tufted Titmouse	67
Hooded Merganser	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3
Bald Eagle	15	White-breasted Nuthatch	129
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	Brown Creeper	13
Cooper's Hawk	1	Carolina Wren	1
Red-tailed Hawk	30 + 1 Harlan's	Eastern Bluebird	4
Buteo sp.	1	American Robin	18
American Kestrel	3	Cedar Waxwing	3
Merlin	1	Northern Shrike	1
Gray Partridge	8	Shrike sp.	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	76	European Starling	698
Wild Turkey	75	Northern Cardinal	359
Rock Dove	104	American Tree Sparrow	999
Mourning Dove	30	Fox Sparrow	CW
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Song Sparrow	34
Great Horned Owl	1	Swamp Sparrow	3
Barred Owl	1	White-crowned Sparrow	5
Long-eared Owl	3	Harris's Sparrow	7
Short-eared Owl	1	Dark-eyed Junco	2474
Owl sp.	3	Lapland Longspur	331
Belted Kingfisher	2	Snow Bunting	3
Red-headed Woodpecker	11	Red-winged Blackbird	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	71	Meadowlark sp.	9
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Rusty Blackbird	CW
Downy Woodpecker	159	Common Grackle	6
Hairy Woodpecker	53	Purple Finch	2
Northern Flicker	3	House Finch	108
Pileated Woodpecker	1	Common Redpoll	CW
Blue Jay	141	Pine Siskin	5
American Crow	512	American Goldfinch	169
Black-capped Chickadee	370	House Sparrow	540
<i>Horned Lark</i>	<i>542</i>		

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SPECIES	1-1-86	1-1-87	1-1-88	1-2-89	12-30-89	1-1-91	1-1-92	1-1-94	1-1-95	12-30-95	1-1-97	1-1-98	'99
CANADA GOOSE			1	21			2			1	1	87	19
WOOD DUCK	1												
MALLARD <i>Hunted Merganser '99</i>			3	26	3	4	1			1	8		
DUCK SPECIES		24											
BALD EAGLE		1		3	3	2		5	23	5	3	30	15
NORTHERN HARRIER			1	6	1			1	2	1			
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	2	CW	1	1		5	1		1	4	2	1	3
COOPER'S HAWK	2	1	1	1				1	2	2	CW	3	1
ACCIPITER SPECIES		1	1	3	2			2	1			2	
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK								CW	CW				
RED-TAILED HAWK	16	29	40	64	25	77	10	35	43	36	40	76	31
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	4	44	9	9	3	15	1	2	16	6	1	2	
BUTEO SPECIES		7	4	4	3					2	1		1
GOLDEN EAGLE												1	
AMERICAN KESTREL	8	3	16	10	7	10	16	6	8	14	6	20	3
HAWK SPECIES <i>Merlin '99</i>								1	2		1		
GRAY PARTRIDGE	8		83		33				CW				8
RING-NECKED PHEASANT	34	14	75	32	92	145	12	38	30	90	104	83	76
WILD TURKEY	36	9	132	154	150	245	18	53	16	93	31	28	75
NORTHERN BOBWHITE			10			13				6			
RING-BILLED GULL							2						
HERRING GULL												CW	
KILLDEER												2	
COMMON SNIFE		1			2	1			2	1			
ROCK DOVE	194	131	284	199	930	365	228	250	507	379	135	270	104
MOURNING DOVE	CW	2	8	19	19	22	1	7	49	9	61	38	30
EASTERN SCREECH OWL	10	38	2	15	11	13			3	17	11	2	1
GREAT-HORNED OWL	22	10	7	14	20	9	2	2	1	11	5	7	1
BARRED OWL	5	6	1	9	4	4	2	2	3	1	5	3	1
LONG-EARED OWL	1	21	1	10	2	1			14	5	3	CW	3
SHORT-EARED OWL		2	1	1			1		1	2			1
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL	2	2	2	5	3	6	2	1	1	4	1	1	
OWL SPECIES		1								1	1	2	3
BELTED KINGFISHER			CW	10	3	9	1	CW	1	1	3	10	2
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	46	1	1	5	24	65	13	26	39		1	26	11
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	52	53	58	102	98	101	46	106	81	100	112	141	71
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER								1		1		1	1
DOWNY WOODPECKER	84	128	96	137	107	119	43	105	173	361	216	206	159
HAIRY WOODPECKER	31	31	29	50	36	49	24	48	47	72	34	56	53
NORTHERN FLICKER	12	17	4	10	11	21	4	6	9	12	1	13	3
PILEATED WOODPECKER								1			1		1
HORNED LARK	44	2	307	CW		75	7	16	177	6	3	CW	542
BLUE JAY	317	83	110	120	164	293	79	117	282	72	50	147	141
AMERICAN CROW	278	204	265	406	371	466	276	266	391	418	474	1109	512
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	352	460	326	639	387	465	219	411	508	710	739	817	370
TUFTED TITMOUSE	32	50	30	52	37	41	16	48	26	52	52	37	67
RED-BREADED NUTHATCH	1	5		2	2	2	1	35	1	12	2	27	3
WHITE-BREADED NUTHATCH	130	200	122	215	210	194	84	164	142	274	272	246	129
BROWN CREEPER		1	4	13	15	1	7	7	8	10	4	7	13
CAROLINA WREN			1	1									1
WINTER WREN		1		2	2			1	1		1		
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET			6	2	3			2	1				
EASTERN BLUEBIRD		2	1	6	CW	29		4	CW			16	4
AMERICAN ROBIN	3	1		7	22	1		2	1		2	1	18
BROWN THRASHER									1				
CEDAR WAXWING	36	51	19	200	275	81		11	10	15	13	149	3
NORTHERN SHRIKE	2			3	1	1			2	2	CW	1	1
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE			1		1								
SHRIKE SPECIES	1		1			1	1		1	1		1	1
EUROPEAN STARLING	670	1054	936	956	1142	1363	713	602	1035	1819	1290	1963	648
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER												1	
NORTHERN CARDINAL	259	271	276	257	185	370	161	187	336	468	374	217	357
RUFOUS-SIDED-TOWHEE		CW*		1*	1			1	3				

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SPOTTED TOWHEE					2				3	1		
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	470	125	336	381	262	186	79	232	336	553	872	94 999
FOX SPARROW					1	1						CW
SONG SPARROW	30	33	32	16	18	22	2	1	32	144	96	17 34
SWAMP SPARROW		3			2	1		1	11	12	4	2 3
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	2	2	6	1		1		5	4	1	2	CW
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW		3			6				6	2	1	5
HARRIS'S SPARROW	18	10	12	4	39	12		2	11	7	24	1 7
DARK-EYED JUNCO	961	452	878	982	445	625	284	482	1365	986	749	439 2474
LAPLAND LONGSPUR	19	CW	22						82		5	331
SNOW BUNTING			225			18		1	38		37	3
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	5	2	28		1	1		3	107	248	4	2 2
WESTERN MEADOWLARK												1
MEADOWLARK SPECIES	3		11		2	3		6		1	1	9
RUSTY BLACKBIRD		3			25					1		CW
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD	6											
COMMON GRACKLE			6			7		10	4	100	1	1 6
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD		CW			25					4	1	
BLACKBIRD SPECIES									3		27	1
PURPLE FINCH	125	65	12	13	15	39		38	13	51	23	52 2
HOUSE FINCH							2	12	66	98	271	47 108
COMMON REDPOLL	CW						36			160	CW	CW
PINE SISKIN	36	44	3	2	19		7	27	1	16	3	CW 5
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	332	270	258	283	195	182	91	207	621	208	252	235 169
EVENING GROSBEAK	7			1								CW
HOUSE SPARROW	1812	1614	1928	1901	1761	2832	804	982	912	901	730	1067 540