

CHRISTMAS CENSUS

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DES MOINES; IOWA, Dec. 26; 7:15 A.M. to 4:35 P.M. Cloudy till 9 A.M., then clear; 5 in. snow; strong wind, slightly northwest; temp. 3° at start, 5° at noon, --3° at return.

Observers worked in eight groups, north on Des Moines River from Birdland Drive, Philpott Park, Ashworth Park and along Raccoon River, MacRae Park and south along Des Moines River, and along Four-Mile Creek, thoroughly covering the city.

Observers all on foot, traveling a combined distance of 47 miles. Bob-white, 69; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Barred Owl, 4; Screech Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 40; Northern Downy Woodpecker, 87; Red-headed Woodpecker, 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 6; Northern Flicker, 6; Blue Jay, 88; American Crow, 323 (1 flock est. at 300); Bronzed Grackle, 3; Purple Finch, 37; Redpoll, 2; American Goldfinch 28; Tree Sparrow, 136; Slate-colored Junco, 333; Song Sparrow, 17; Cardinal, 91; Carolina Wren, 1; Brown Creeper, 6; White-breasted Nuthatch, 74; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 7; Tufted Titmouse, 60; Black-capped Chickadee, 476. Total, 28 species, 1,907 individuals.

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