

Species – 12/26/2020	KG +helpers at Sachem Pond + Hog Pen. Solo at Coast Guard Rd to channel & Cormorant Cove; home & Mill Tail Pond; Joe S's sand pit, Cooneymus road & swamp/pond; Old Harbor breakwater & docks; incidental comings & goings.	Heather Hatfield Old Town Rd. & Clay Head Trail & Beach, Mansion Rd., Andy's Way, Crescent Beach/BeachHead Sewer Outfall, Lakeside Drive (Fresh Pond, Seneca Swamp, Brydert's Pond)	Scott, Clair & Emma Comings, Margaret & Susan Stover, Mae Stover & Matt Douglas Loop round SC house to Payne Rd-Pilot Hill, and Hodge Preserve	Susan Matheke & Will Feuer West Side Rd. to Carey Lot/Loffredo Loop/Old Mill Rd.	Nancy Greenaway House/yard & Sachem Pond / Steve & Maura Smith w/Shannon Cotter (at ClayHead) Generally all over island.	Chris Blane While duck hunting; Heather Sniffen at Beacon Hollow Farm; Corrie Heinz Beach Ave., Champlin Pond, Cormorant Cove, Channel, Sachem Pond, Old Harbor Beach, Fresh Swamp, Heinz Field, Hull Pond, Trims Pond, Fort Is./Rat Island	Pam Gasner Roving around Island #s w/I species combined / Charon & Cindy Littlefield Feeder, Mansion Rd / Austin Morin West Side Rd.
Snow Goose – 1	1						
Canada Goose – 198+	7	125, 1	6	30+	16	100+, 1	12
Mute Swan – 3					3		
American Wigeon – 26	6, 2				15	3	
American Black Duck – 16	2				2, 10		2+2
Mallard – 117	3, 4, 7,	3, 2, 55	5	2	4	10+6, 25+	2
Domestic Mallard/Peking – 20+/-		20					
Northern Shoveler – 2						2	
Ring-necked Duck – 23		23				20+	
Common Eider – 70	4, 6, 8	7			15	2+30	1
White-wg Scoter – 11	1					10+	
Long-tailed Duck – 1	1						
Bufflehead – 118	38	27		1	2, 50	27	26
Common Goldeneye – 3		1			3		
Hooded Merganser – 22		2	4		3	13	
Red-breasted Merg. – 35	2, 2, 3	3			4	21	
Ruddy Duck – 20+					20+		
RN Pheasant – 2			1		1		
Feral Turkey – 5					5		
Red-throated Loon - 1						1	
Common Loon – 10	1, 4, 2	1				2	
Loon species – 3						3	
Cormorant species – 12					4	8+3	
Double-cr. Cormorant – 1	1						
Great Cormorant – 33	3, 1, 25	4					
American Bittern – 1						1	
Great Blue Heron – 5		1			1	3+2	1
Great Egret – 1						1	
Northern Harrier – 10	1, 1		1		1, 5+3	1, 1,	1
Red-tailed Hawk – 1				1			
Hawk species - 3			2	1			
Black-bellied Plover - 3	3						
Sanderling – 101	12, 28	34		19		8+12+20	
Dunlin – 9	9						
Laughing Gull – 4			4				
Ring-billed Gull – 33	5, 28						
Herring Gull – 344+	50+, 47, 50, 12, 89	21, 1	30	17	27+		22
Gr. BB Gull – 281	50+, 2, 150, 49, 20	1	1		4, 4		14
Gull species – 41				16		130, 25	
Rock Dove – 29	2		15	12			
Mourning Dove – 44		7, 4	6	2, 3	2, 14		6
Barn Owl – 2		2					
Belted Kingfisher – 2	1					1+1	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2		1, 1					
Downy Woodpecker – 1				1			
Norther Flicker – 1		1					

American Kestrel – 1						1	
Blue Jay – 11		3, 3		1			4
American Crow – 85+	1, 3, 13	10, 8	6	7, 8	2, 25+		2, 1
Fish Crow – 9	5						4
Crow species - 18						18	
B-c chickadee – 24	1, 1	4, 2	1, 5	8			2
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1		1					
White-br. Nuthatch – 2		1, 1					
Carolina Wren – 19	1, 1	2	5, 2	5	1, 2		
American Robin – 24	3	1	2, 1		17		
E. Starling – 537+	250			37	100+		258, 150
Yellow-rumped warbler – 1	1						
Song Sparrow – 24		4, 4	10	4	2		
White-throated Spar. – 13		11, 2					
N. Cardinal – 31	1,	12, 4	3, 6	1, 3			1
Red-winged Blackbird – 12							12
Common Grackle - 7				6			1
Brown-headed Cowbird – 1		1					
House Finch – 18	6	12					
Red Crossbill – 7	7						
American Goldfinch – 3		3					
House Sparrow – 44		6, 16	12		4		6
Total Species: 63							
Individuals: 2486							

Participants: 30 + 3 under 6 + KG – Susan Matheke & Will Feuer, Heather Hatfield, Maureen, Aria & Avery Quackenbush & Fred Betts, Scott, Clair & Emma Comings, Susan, Margaret & Mae Stover & Matt Douglas, Barbara Hall & Gloria Hall Daubert, Dorrie Napoleone, Heather Sniffen, Nancy Greenaway, Corrie Heinz, Pam Gasner (with informants: J. Littlefield, Julia G. & Haley Conant), Chris Blane, Austin Morin, Shannon Cotter, Steve & Maura Smith, Kerri Gaffett & Sam Spier, Charon & Cindy Littlefield, + KG.

Weather: 29 - 32 F Sunny, and 25+/- mph wind from southwest (Gusts to 35 in the morning). Cold & windy.

Species – 12/26/2020 From Afar: “Social Distance” Unidentified species not included in Total Species tally BI: sunrise 7:10 & sunset 4:24 *European species	Darcy Thurrott Woodbury, CT Sunrise 7:16 Sunset 4:18	Maggie Komosinski w/ Barry S & Mary K. Jamesport, NY Sunrise 7:14: Sunset 4:29:	Lynne Normandia Long Is. Sound, home deck, Suffolk Co. Camp, NY Sunrise 7:14 Sunset 4:30	Lauren Miller- Donnelly Horseneck State Park, MA Sunrise 7:11 Sunset 4:17	Vickie & Tom Carter Newark, DE Sunrise 7:22 Sunset 4:45	Laura Rosenzweig Sedbergh, England Sunrise 8:30 Sunset 3:51
Canada Goose – 31	18		13			
American Wigeon – 2			2			
American Black Duck – 39			37	2		
Mallard – 21			21			
Ring-necked Duck – 93			93			
Common Eider – 4				4		
Harlequin Duck - 1				1		
White-wg Scoter – 47			42	5		
Black Scoter – 9			5	4		
Bufflehead – 32			26	6		
Hooded Merganser – 21	2		19			
Common Merganser – 2	2					
Ruddy Duck – 2			2			
RN Pheasant – 1						1
Common Loon – 4			1	3		
Turkey Vulture – 1		1				
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1	1					
Red-tailed Hawk – 4		4				
Peep species – 1				1		
Ring-billed Gull – 1				1		
Herring Gull – 522		2		520		
Gr. Black-backed Gull – 5				5		

Mourning Dove – 18		15	2		1	
*Wood Pigeon – 3						3
Great Horned Owl – 1			1			
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 5	1	3			1	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 1			1			
Downy Woodpecker – 3	1	1		1		
Hairy Woodpecker – 2	1	1				
Norther Flicker – 1			1			
Peregrine Falcon – 1			1			
Blue Jay – 14	4	10				
American Crow – 12	5	3	4			
*Crow – 2						2
*Blue Tit – 4						4
*Coal Tit – 1						1
B-c chickadee – 22	2	3	2	15		
Tufted Titmouse – 2	1	1				
White-br. Nuthatch – 6	2	2	2			
Red-breasted Nuthatch – 13				13		
Carolina Wren – 3	1	2				
Winter Wren – 2					2	
Golden-crowned Kinglet – 8				8		
American Robin – 3				3		
*Robin – 2						2
*Thrush – 1						1
Northern Mockingbird – 2		2				
E. Starling – 34	8	26				
Yellow-rumped warbler – 13				13		
Field Sparrow – 3		3				
Song Sparrow – 9		2	1	6		
White-throated sparrow – 9	3	6				
Sparrow species – 11		6			5	
S.C. Junco – 13	5	3			5	
N. Cardinal – 5	3	1			1	
Red-winged Blackbird – 1		1				
House Finch – 16	2	9			5	
American Goldfinch – 7	1	2		4		
House Sparrow – 11		8	2			1
Total Species: 58						
Individuals: 1,801						

12/26/2020 - From Afar:

I added the times of sunrise and sunset for each place in the table above, simply because I thought it was interesting.

Vickie and Tom Carter-Newark, DE We hope you had a nice Christmas. We were "birding" at our birdfeeder on the 26th. Nothing too unusual: slated colored juncos, sparrows, house finches, 1, mourning dove, winter wrens, 1 male cardinal, 1 red belly woodpecker right after we put out the suet
Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Lynne Normandia - Sorry We missed the zoom the other night. Here's my list from Dec. 26 which was also part of the Orient Christmas Count in the park next to my house. Weather was frigid with gusting winds that brought big waves. The usual thousands of scoters weren't visible. Even the Eider disappeared. But we were lucky to spook a great horned (sorry Mr. Owl) which was thrilling. Better New year! Hugs from Long Island Sound, **GREAT POND** - CANADA GOOSE 13 IN FLIGHT, A WIGEON 2 (SEEN FROM CAMP), MALLARD 21, A BLACK DUCK 37, RING-NECKED DUCK 93
BUFFLEHEAD 26, HOODED MERGANSER 19, RUDDY DUCK 2 (SEEN FROM CAMP), HOUSE SPARROW 2. **SOUND FROM LYNN NORMANDIA'S DECK (EASTERN END OF LEETON DRIVE)** - WW SCOTER 42, BLACK SCOTER 5, MOURNING DOVE 2, COMMON LOON 1, P FALCON 1 (FLYING DOWN LEETON DRIVE), BC CHICKADEE 2, SONG SPARROW 1. **SUFFOLK COUNTY CAMP**, YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER 1 (ADULT MALE SEEN BY ALL 4 OF US AT CLOSE RANGE), GREAT HORNED OWL 1, N FLICKER 1, A CROW 4, WB NUTHATCH 2

Lauren Miller-Donnelly 12/27/20 *Last weekend walk at Horseneck State Park of the year*

American Black Duck 2, Common Eider 4, Harlequin Duck 1, White-winged Scoter 5, Black Scoter 4, Bufflehead 6, peep sp. 1, Ring-billed Gull 1, Herring Gull 520, Great Black-backed Gull 5, Common Loon 3, Downy Woodpecker 1, Black-capped Chickadee 15, Golden-crowned Kinglet 8, Red-breasted Nuthatch 13, American Robin 3, American Goldfinch 4, Song Sparrow 6, Yellow-rumped Warbler 13. Happy birding-Lauren

Darcy Thurrott: Hi Kim. Here's my list for today's count: Canada goose 18, Hooded Merg. 2, Common Merganser 2, Sharpshinned 1, Red bellied male 1, Downy. female 1, Hairy 1, Blue Jay 4, American crow 5, Chickadee 2, Titmouse 1, White breasted nuthatch 2, Carolina 1, Starling 8, White throat 3, Junco 5, Cardinal 3, House finch 2, Goldfinch 1. Cold 26° and breezy, mostly sunny. Woodbury, CT 10am - 4:15pm

Thanks Kim and Charlotte, Fun to hear everyone and figure out Zooming! Look forward to your compilation !

Laura Rosenzweig – Sedbergh, England

Two robins - one fat, one skinny! Four blue tits going crazy for sunflower seeds, along with one coal tit, one thrush looking huge in comparison and one little lonely house sparrow pecking crumbs on the ground. Two crows keeping watch over the lane and three wood pigeons keeping a wary eye on the crows. Plus one pheasant (hen) scared up by a certain ginger canine 🐾🐾. I made my list today because there's a big storm blowing in tomorrow and I'll be zooming with family in the afternoon.

Much love from Sedbergh on a day that started with the most amazing sunrise.

Ps yesterday I saw not one but two kestrels (I think!) - wonderful aerial display as the nearest hunted for voles on the hill we were climbing, hovering with outstretched wings then suddenly folding them in and diving just like a gannet.

Maggie Komosinski, et al: My sister Mary, Barry & I counted our local birds on Dec 26, 2020. Our count is a bit sparse as we did not get to the bay, beaches or marshes.

Dec 26, 2020 community count for Jamesport NY environs: Washington Ave., 6th street and camp ground neighborhoods, farm & nursery fields behind Washington Ave and the horse farm just north across Main Road:

15 Mourning dove, 2 Herring gull, 1 Turkey vulture, 4 Red-tailed hawk, 3 Red-bellied woodpecker, 1 Downy woodpecker, 1 Hairy woodpecker, 10 Blue jay, 3 American crow, 3 Black-capped chickadee, 1 Tufted titmouse, 2 White-breasted nuthatch, 2 Carolina wren, 2 Northern mockingbird, 26 European starling, 8 House sparrow, 9 House finch, 2 American goldfinch, 3 Field sparrow, 3 Dark-eyed junco, 6 White-throated sparrow, 2 Song sparrow, 6 sparrow sp. (LBBs!), 1 Red-winged blackbird, 1 Northern cardinal

Note: On Christmas morning, Dec 25, I had 31 Wild turkey eating the bird seed scattered in my front yard. Our local 2 Great horned owl were heard this week but not on the 26th. On the 27th, we had a Great blue heron at our marsh and heard a Belted kingfisher at the same spot.