

**77th Annual G. Bartlett Hendricks Central Berkshire Waterfowl Count
Sunday, November 6 2022 Report by Tom Tying**

Thirty-one Hoffmann Bird Club members and guests participated in the 77th Annual Waterfowl Count on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Chip Blake, Greg Ward, and Daniel Curtin covered the southern wetlands west of Rt 7 while Dick and Heidi Ferren recorded birds on the east side from Woods Pond, south. Craig Allen led 9 Hampshire Bird Club members from the Ct. Valley to check Cheshire Reservoir and other wetlands. Again, Chuck Johnson organized a second waterfowl survey in Northern Berkshire. This year, the Waterfowl count resumed its historic format, with members beginning at 7 am. Air temperature ranged from 65°F to 68°F. The day was overcast with rain beginning at noon, with a southerly breeze that ranged from 5 to 15 mph. Visibility was mostly fine until the rain hit. A few boats were on Onota and Stockbridge bowl but did not appear to be an issue. Water levels were average in most lakes. The results are as follows, featuring 15 species.

Common Loon	5	Ringneck Duck	171
Pied-Billed Grebe	2	Ruddy Duck	8
Canada Goose	445	Bufflehead	1
Wood Duck	21	Hooded Merganser	13
Mallard	232	Common Merganser	45
Black Duck	4	Mute Swan	1
Greenwing Teal	6	D.C. Cormorant	3
		American Coot	6

This report includes these Central Berkshire Lakes and other wetlands: Pontoosuc, Onota, Muddy (Olsen's) Pond, Hoosic Lake (Cheshire Reservoir), Cleveland Reservoir, Richmond Pond, Stockbridge Bowl, Laurel Lake, Fairfield Pond, Center Pond, Heron Rookery Pond, and Woods Pond.

Other Aquatic Birds Observed (4 spp) included Ring-bill Gulls, Bald Eagles, Kingfishers, and Great Blue Herons.

Other more terrestrial species (27 spp) noted during the day by all observers include: Redtail Hawk, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, European Starling, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-wing Blackbird, **Rusty Blackbirds** (Pontoosuc Causeway), **Snow Bunting** (1 at Onota Causeway), House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

The following Hoffmann Bird Club members and guests participated in this 77th Annual Waterfowl Count: Dick and Heidi Ferren, Jonathan Pierce, Rene Wendell, Matt Kelly, Chris Blagdon, Sue and Ed Lewis, Chip Blake, Greg Ward, Daniel Curtin, Gael Hurley, Bill Benner, Joe Wicinski, Tom Tying, Devon Griswold, Alex Green, Raymond

Pixley, Charlie Dutelle, Kinney and Linda Frelinghuysen, Ruth Green, Joseph Seftor, Kyron Hanson, Holly Higinbotham, Tom Collins, Tim Wright, Jean Jew, Chuck Johnson, Carrie Jones, Audrey Werner, Harvey and Craig Allen, and 7 others from the Hampshire Bird Club.

Great Photo ops at Onota Causeway
Snow Bunting (Devon Graham), Wood Duck (Charlie Dutelle)



Report from the **Northern Berkshire Waterfowl Count with Chuck Johnson, Carrie Jones, and Audrey Werner.**

1. Mt. Williams Res: Canada Goose (288); **Cackling Goose** (1); Mallard (5); Black Duck (2); Ringneck (3); Common Merganser (8); Hooded Merganser (1); Ruddy Duck (1).
2. Eph's Pond: Mallard (1); Green-winged Teal (2).
3. River Bend: Mallard (8)
4. Moore's Pond: Mallard (15); Black Duck (3); Green-winged Teal (1).
5. Bridges' Pond: none
6. Cole Ave Bridge: Common Merganser (2)
7. Clarksburg St. Park: none
8. Harmon Pond, Williamstown: Canada Goose (16)
9. Sloan Road, North Pool: Mallard (4).
10. Windsor Lake: Nope

Other "Birds" (21 spp): 1 Coyote (Williams Res), 2 Bobcats (Bridges Pond)! Bald Eagle (2), Downy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Am. Crow, Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, European Starling, Song Sparrow, White-Throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

