

# Birds Reported in Allegheny County – 2013

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The species total of 229 is average for the county.

This year Ruffed Grouse went unreported, continuing the downward trend of this species in the county. Northern Bobwhites were reported in the South Hills, North Park and Oakland. The question remains who is releasing them?

The most amazing find was the first county record of Marbled Godwit at Duck Hollow in the unimaginable month of December! The fourth county record of American Avocet occurred when two birds spent a day along the Ohio River and a Baird's Sandpiper spent several days at Imperial. An American Golden Plover briefly landed at Imperial.

Snowy Owls were reported late in the year but seen by few. We had the best total of Northern Saw-whet Owl because of the banding operation at Sewickley Heights Park.

A male Rufous Hummingbird visited a feeder the last quarter of the year where a female visited two years ago.

The only scoter species reported was the Black Scoter; ironically the least reported scoter species in the county.

A Black Vulture was reported in Franklin Park during the Pittsburgh CBC.

A Clay-colored Sparrow spent several weeks attempting to set up a territory at Imperial. A Nelson's Sparrow was at North Park, but only seen by a single observer despite extensive follow up searches. Another was a victim of a window strike in Monroeville, where it was photographed. There is only one other occurrence of this species in the county. This species was reported across Pennsylvania this past fall, most likely due to a coastal storm.

A Summer Tanager was seen at Beechwood Farms in September.

The winter finch invasion in the early part of the year produced White-winged Crossbills, Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins.

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| 1. Cackling Goose      | 12. Green-winged Teal |
| 2. Canada Goose        | 13. Canvasback        |
| 3. Tundra Swan         | 14. Redhead           |
| 4. Wood Duck           | 15. Ring-necked Duck  |
| 5. Gadwall             | 16. Greater Scaup     |
| 6. American Wigeon     | 17. Lesser Scaup      |
| 7. American Black Duck | 18. Black Scoter      |
| 8. Mallard             | 19. Long-tailed Duck  |
| 9. Blue-winged Teal    | 20. Bufflehead        |
| 10. Northern Shoveler  | 21. Common Goldeneye  |
| 11. Northern Pintail   | 22. Hooded Merganser  |

23. Common Merganser
24. Red-breasted Merganser
25. Ruddy Duck
26. Ring-necked Pheasant
27. Wild Turkey
28. Common Loon
29. Pied-billed Grebe
30. Horned Grebe
31. Double-crested Cormorant
32. American Bittern
33. Great Blue Heron
34. Great Egret
35. Green Heron
36. Black-crowned Night-Heron
37. Black Vulture
38. Turkey Vulture
39. Osprey
40. Bald Eagle
41. Northern Harrier
42. Sharp-shinned Hawk
43. Cooper's Hawk
44. Northern Goshawk
45. Red-shouldered Hawk
46. Broad-winged Hawk
47. Red-tailed Hawk
48. Rough-legged Hawk
49. American Kestrel
50. Merlin
51. Peregrine Falcon
52. Virginia Rail
53. Sora
54. American Coot
55. American Golden Plover
56. Semipalmated Plover
57. Killdeer
58. American Avocet
59. Greater Yellowlegs
60. Lesser Yellowlegs
61. Solitary Sandpiper
62. Spotted Sandpiper
63. Marbled Godwit
64. Semipalmated Sandpiper
65. Least Sandpiper
66. Baird's Sandpiper
67. Pectoral Sandpiper
68. Dunlin
69. Short-billed Dowitcher
70. Wilson's Snipe
71. American Woodcock
72. Bonaparte's Gull
73. Ring-billed Gull
74. Herring Gull
75. Iceland Gull
76. Lesser Black-backed Gull
77. Caspian Tern
78. Forster's Tern
79. Rock Pigeon
80. Mourning Dove
81. Black-billed Cuckoo
82. Yellow-billed Cuckoo
83. Eastern Screech-Owl
84. Great Horned Owl
85. Snowy Owl
86. Barred Owl
87. Short-eared Owl
88. Northern Saw-whet Owl
89. Common Nighthawk
90. Eastern Whip-poor-will
91. Chimney Swift
92. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
93. Rufous Hummingbird
94. Belted Kingfisher
95. Red-headed Woodpecker
96. Red-bellied Woodpecker
97. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
98. Downy Woodpecker
99. Hairy Woodpecker
100. Northern Flicker
101. Pileated Woodpecker
102. Olive-sided Flycatcher
103. Eastern Wood-pewee
104. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
105. Acadian Flycatcher
106. Willow Flycatcher
107. Least Flycatcher
108. Eastern Phoebe
109. Great Crested Flycatcher
110. Eastern Kingbird
111. Northern Shrike
112. White-eyed Vireo
113. Yellow-throated Vireo
114. Blue-headed Vireo

115. Warbling Vireo
116. Philadelphia Vireo
117. Red-eyed Vireo
118. Blue Jay
119. American Crow
120. Fish Crow
121. Common Raven
122. Horned Lark
123. Purple Martin
124. Tree Swallow
125. Northern Rough-winged Swallow
126. Bank Swallow
127. Cliff Swallow
128. Barn Swallow
129. Carolina Chickadee
130. Black-capped Chickadee
131. Tufted Titmouse
132. Red-breasted Nuthatch
133. White-breasted Nuthatch
134. Brown Creeper
135. Carolina Wren
136. House Wren
137. Winter Wren
138. Marsh Wren
139. Golden-crowned Kinglet
140. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
141. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
142. Eastern Bluebird
143. Veery
144. Gray-cheeked Thrush
145. Swainson's Thrush
146. Hermit Thrush
147. Wood Thrush
148. American Robin
149. Gray Catbird
150. Northern Mockingbird
151. Brown Thrasher
152. European Starling
153. American Pipit
154. Cedar Waxwing
155. Lapland Longspur
156. Snow Bunting
157. Ovenbird
158. Worm-eating Warbler
159. Northern Waterthrush
160. Louisiana Waterthrush
161. Golden-winged Warbler
162. Blue-winged Warbler
163. Black-and-white Warbler
164. Tennessee Warbler
165. Orange-crowned Warbler
166. Nashville Warbler
167. Connecticut Warbler
168. Mourning Warbler
169. Kentucky Warbler
170. Common Yellowthroat
171. Hooded Warbler
172. American Redstart
173. Cape May Warbler
174. Cerulean Warbler
175. Northern Parula
176. Magnolia Warbler
177. Bay-breasted Warbler
178. Blackburnian Warbler
179. Yellow Warbler
180. Chestnut-sided Warbler
181. Blackpoll Warbler
182. Black-throated Blue Warbler
183. Palm Warbler
184. Pine Warbler
185. Yellow-rumped Warbler
186. Yellow-throated Warbler
187. Prairie Warbler
188. Black-throated Green Warbler
189. Canada Warbler
190. Wilson's Warbler
191. Yellow-breasted Chat
192. Eastern Towhee
193. American Tree Sparrow
194. Chipping Sparrow
195. Clay-colored Sparrow
196. Field Sparrow
197. Vesper Sparrow
198. Savannah Sparrow
199. Grasshopper Sparrow
200. Henslow's Sparrow
201. Nelson's Sparrow
202. Fox Sparrow
203. Song Sparrow
204. Lincoln's Sparrow
205. Swamp Sparrow
206. White-throated Sparrow

207. White-crowned Sparrow  
208. Dark-eyed Junco  
209. Summer Tanager  
210. Scarlet Tanager  
211. Northern Cardinal  
212. Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
213. Indigo Bunting  
214. Bobolink  
215. Red-winged Blackbird  
216. Eastern Meadowlark  
217. Rusty Blackbird  
218. Common Grackle

219. Brown-headed Cowbird  
220. Orchard Oriole  
221. Baltimore Oriole  
222. Purple Finch  
223. House Finch  
224. White-winged Crossbill  
225. Common Redpoll  
226. Pine Siskin  
227. American Goldfinch  
228. Evening Grosbeak  
229. House Sparrow