

## Kings County Migration Bird Count

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The 2018 Nova Scotia Migration Bird Count for Kings County took place on 12 May. We had a nice sunny day starting cool (5C minimum) with warm temperatures (17C) in the afternoon, and wind only developing in the afternoon.

21 field observers and 7 feeder watchers saw 4235 birds distributed over 110 species. There were 21 species of warblers seen. They spent 82 party-hours in the field and 22 hours at feeders. They walked 82 km and drove 361 km during the day.

For comparison the following are the statistics for the last few years. Hours is Field/Feeder

Year	Total birds	Species	Hours
2017	4543	99	84/05
2016	5390	102	72/19
2015	4867	87	68/20

This year we observed more species than in any other years since 2011 when 113 were seen while observing 8202 birds in 123/42 hours of effort.

**TABLE of 2018 N.S. Migration Count**

Species	Field Birds	Feeder Birds	Total Species
Canada Goose	61	0	61
Wood Duck	5	0	5
Gadwall	1	0	1
American Black Duck	41	0	41
Mallard	125	0	125
Northern Shoveler	1	0	1
Green-winged Teal	8	0	8
Ring-necked Duck	2	0	2
Common Eider	8	0	8
Surf Scoter	15	0	15
Black Scoter	37	0	37
Hooded Merganser	2	0	2

Species	Field Birds	Feeder Birds	Total Species
Red-breasted Merganser	4	0	4
Ring-necked Pheasant	83	4	87
Ruffed Grouse	6	0	6
Red-throated Loon	2	0	2
Common Loon	4	0	4
Double-crested Cormorant	18	0	18
Great Blue Heron	3	0	3
Turkey Vulture	1	0	1
Osprey	1	0	1
Bald Eagle	32	0	32
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	0	1
Broad-winged Hawk	1	0	1
Red-tailed Hawk	6	0	6
Merlin	2	0	2
Peregrine Falcon	1	0	1
Killdeer	2	0	2
Spotted Sandpiper	8	0	8
Greater Yellowlegs	3	0	3
Willet	2	0	2
Wilson's Snipe	1	0	1
Common Murre	1	0	1
Herring Gull	229	0	229
Great Black-backed Gull	100	0	100
Rock Pigeon	46	0	46
Mourning Dove	95	14	109
Barred Owl	3	2	5
Chimney Swift	42	0	42
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	2	8	10
Belted Kingfisher	2	0	2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12	0	12
Downy Woodpecker	32	14	46
Hairy Woodpecker	12	3	15
Northern Flicker	52	9	61
Pileated Woodpecker	9	0	9
Least Flycatcher	12	0	12
Eastern Phoebe	3	0	3
Say's Phoebe	3	0	3
Eastern Kingbird	2	0	2
Blue-headed Vireo	34	1	35
Red-eyed Vireo	2	0	2
Blue Jay	101	12	113
American Crow	199	27	226
Common Raven	114	1	115
Tree Swallow	87	2	89

Species	Field Birds	Feeder Birds	Total Species
Bank Swallow	16	0	16
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Black-capped Chickadee	165	24	189
Red-breasted Nuthatch	37	3	40
White-breasted Nuthatch	7	6	13
Brown Creeper	1	1	2
Winter Wren	3	0	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet	7	1	8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	0	6
Veery	1	0	1
Hermit Thrush	8	0	8
American Robin	195	7	202
Gray Catbird	11	0	11
European Starling	263	24	287
Cedar Waxwing	50	0	50
Ovenbird	96	0	96
Northern Waterthrush	5	0	5
Blue-winged Warbler	6	0	6
Black-and-white Warbler	30	0	30
Prothonotary Warbler	4	0	4
Nashville Warbler	1	0	1
Mourning Warbler	1	0	1
Common Yellowthroat	14	0	14
American Redstart	4	0	4
Northern Parula	34	0	34
Magnolia Warbler	6	0	6
Blackburnian Warbler	10	0	10
Yellow Warbler	41	0	41
Chestnut-sided Warbler	16	0	16
Blackpoll Warbler	8	0	8
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5	0	5
Palm Warbler	11	0	11
Pine Warbler	3	0	3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	72	0	72
Black-throated Green Warbler	26	0	26
Wilson's Warbler	1	0	1
American Tree Sparrow	2	0	2
Chipping Sparrow	22	4	26
Savannah Sparrow	33	1	34
Song Sparrow	257	9	266
White-throated Sparrow	29	3	32
Dark-eyed Junco	23	1	24
Northern Cardinal	33	11	44
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	16	4	20

Species	Field Birds	Feeder Birds	Total Species
Bobolink	1	0	1
Red-winged Blackbird	180	17	197
Common Grackle	100	9	109
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	0	3
Baltimore Oriole	1	0	1
House Finch	2	0	2
Purple Finch	41	22	63
American Goldfinch	201	90	291
Evening Grosbeak	6	2	8
House Sparrow	2	5	7
Raptor species	1	0	1
Scoter species	60	0	60
imm. Gull	1	0	1
Vireo Species	1	0	1

<b>Total Number of Individual Birds</b>	4235
<b>Total Species</b>	110
<b>Feeder Watchers</b>	7
Time (hrs)	21.7
<b>Regular Observers</b>	21
Time walking (hrs)	48.1
Distance Walking (km)	81.6
Time Driving (hrs)	34.1
Distance Driving (km)	361

**Participants 2018:**

Alliston, George  
Alliston, Margaret  
Archibald, Helen  
Bissix, Samantha  
Bissix, Sue  
Bogan, Alison  
Bogan, Larry  
Dimock, Phyllis  
Forsyth, George  
Forsyth, Harold  
Forsythe, Bernard  
Howard, Eleanor  
Lee, Ginny  
Lee, Mel  
MacLean, Angus  
Mander, Debra  
McCurdy, Sheila  
Meldrum, Pauline  
Mullie, Adele  
Nickerson, Nancy  
Shutler, David  
Stern, Richard  
Tufts, Judy  
Urban, Walter  
Whitman, Rick  
Williams, Sherman  
Wolford, Jim