

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 6 PM

GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Citizen comments
- III. Bikeway items
 - A. None
- IV. Greenway Items
 - A. 2023 Christmas Bird Count review – Dave Lambeth, local bird watcher
 - B. Proposed enhancements to fishing area near Desiree Drive and Rivers Edge
- V. Other

Next Meeting date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: 10 AM Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Supporting documents: None

The goal is to provide a well-connected shared-use path system that provides a reasonably uniform surface for walking, biking, and ADA accessibility throughout the year.

SUMMARY
Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC
December 17, 2023

SPECIES	MN	ND	TOTAL
Cackling Goose	20		20
Canada Goose	2688	1363	4051
Northern Shoveler	34		34
Mallard	180		180
Redhead	1		1
Lesser Scaup	1		1
Bufflehead	<u>CW</u>		CW
Common Goldeneye	1		1
Sharp-tailed Grouse		168	168
Greater Prairie-Chicken		CW	CW
Gray Partridge		78	78
Ring-necked Pheasant		2	2
Eared Grebe	1		1
Rock Pigeon	209	483	692
Eurasian Collared-Dove		5	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1
Bald Eagle	5	5	10
Red-tailed Hawk	1	CW	1
Rough-legged Hawk		6	6
Snowy Owl		CW	CW
Great Horned Owl	1	1	2
Barred Owl	CW	<u>CW</u>	CW
Downy Woodpecker	9	20	29
Hairy Woodpecker	10	14	24
Pileated Woodpecker	1	1	2
Northern Flicker	2	6	8
Northern Shrike	<u>1</u>	3	4
American Kestrel	1		1

Merlin	2	1	3
Blue Jay	5	23	28
Black-billed Magpie		1	1
American Crow	63	126	189
Common Raven	1	3	4
Black-capped Chickadee	39	55	94
White-breasted Nuthatch	15	21	36
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	3	4
European Starling	27	310	337
American Robin	233	151	384
Bohemian Waxwing		1	1
Cedar Waxwing	55	71	126
House Sparrow	55	80	135
House Finch	55	41	96
Purple Finch	3		3
Common Redpoll	3	11	14
Red Crossbill	86	23	109
Pine Siskin	306	595	901
American Goldfinch	12		12
Snow Bunting		1	1
Fox Sparrow	1		1
Dark-eyed Junco	87	130	217
White-throated Sparrow		8	8
Western Meadowlark		2	2
Swamp Sparrow		CW	<u>CW</u>
Rusty Blackbird		2	2
Common Grackle	2		2
Northern Cardinal	11	7	18

Note: Species names that are bold-faced have been seen five or fewer times.

Summary: 52 species reported for Count Day and 6 additional species during Count Week giving a total of 57 species.
Total number of individuals = 8012

MN Side of the Count:

Twenty-six species on Count Day plus 2 additional species in Count Week = 28 species. Total Individuals = 4229

Effort: 6 Field Participants in 4 parties. Total Party-hours = 11.75 and total party miles = 84 (8.75 hours and 80 miles in cars; 3 hours and 4 miles on foot). A total of 12 hours was spent by 3 feeder watchers.

Participants in Field: Sandy Aubol, Catherine Johnson, Terry and Joanne Johnson, Bruce Keifenheim, David Lambeth.

Feeder Watchers: Sandy Aubol, Sandy Martens, Diane Wales.

ND Side of the Count:

35 Species on Count Day plus 5 additional species in Count Week = 40 species. Total Individuals = 3821

Effort: 15 field participants in 13 parties. Total party-hours = 29.5 and total party miles = 304 (25 hours and 300 miles in cars, 4.5 hours and 4 miles on foot.. A total of 60 hours was spent by 16 feeder watchers.

Participants in Field: Patti Allewa, Sandy Aubol, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Adam Chambers, John Breker, Tim Driscoll, Deb Hanson, Catherine Johnson, Judy Johnson, Mike Jacobs, Terry and JoAnne Johnson, Seth Owens, Pat and Russ W i l b e r .

Feeder Watchers: Brent Braga, Adam Chambers, Charlie Christianson, Tim Driscoll, Ken Drees, Ron Elgin, Erik Fritzell, Julie Gladwin, Gordon and Trudy Iseminger, Catherine Johnson, Heidi Lamb-Castle, AJ Miller, Merle Mikkelsen, Betsy Perkins, Rhonda Poellot.

The Count Overall

Time: 8 AM to 5 PM

52 Species on Count Day plus 5 species Count Week = 57 Species. Total Individuals = 8050

Effort: 17 field participants, Total Party Hours = 41.0 (7.5 on foot and 33.5 in cars), Total Party Miles = 388 (8 on foot and 380 in cars).

Time spent by 19 feeder watchers = 72 hours.

Weather: Temperature range: 21 to 37 deg F. Winds 9-14 WNW in the morning increasing to as high as 35 in the afternoon. Skies variable but mostly cloudy. Snowpack = 0-3 inches. Open water below the dams on the Red River and Red Lake Rivers, and the Crystal Sugar lagoons in MN where warm water is discharged.

General Comments:

This was the 63rd consecutive CBC for the GF-EGF Count.

Weather, which had been mild all fall, continued to be so during Count Day and Count Week. This allowed minimum maintenance roads to be driven, and more time than usual spent walking.

Eared Grebe and Northern Shoveler were the first records for this CBC; the 2nd record for Swamp Sparrow was seen at a feeder during count week. Redhead was recorded for the 3rd time and Bufflehead for the 5th. Fox Sparrow was present for the 5th time in the last seven years.

Highest ever counts were obtained for American Robin {previous high of 146 in 1989} and Red Crossbill (previous high of 49 in 1972|. Canada Goose, Pine Siskin and Sharp-tailed Grouse were near their previous highs. Pine Siskin, swarming most feeding stations, was absent on last year's CBC. One Snowy Owl was seen on the last day of Count Week, thus avoiding being missed for only the 3rd time in 63 years..

This report and other CBC-related information will be archived under the Christmas Bird Count link at <http://grandcitiesbirdclub.weebly.com/>. Count results will be submitted to both the National Audubon Society and the Minnesota Ornithological Union.

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