

Below are the totals for the 2024 Worcester Christmas Count held on Dec. 14, 2024, with one more "count week" day to go. The interesting thing is that, if the count had been Friday instead of Saturday, a number of the count week species would have been recorded for the count itself. The freezing temperatures Friday night iced up many bodies of water.

Snow Goose (count week - found on athletic fields in Clinton)
Canada Goose (1955)
Mute Swan (73 - HIGH)
Wood Duck (23 - HIGH)
American Wigeon (1)
American Black Duck (65)
Mallard (808)
Teal species (4 - Lake Quinsigamond - might be Blue-winged)
Northern Pintail (6)
Ring-necked Duck (count week - Coes Reservoir on the 13th)
Greater Scaup (count week - not identified on count day)
Lesser Scaup (count week - not identified on count day)
Scaup species (147 - not identified to species)
White-winged Scoter (count week - Wachusett Reservoir on the 16th)
Long-tailed Duck (4 - HIGH)
Bufflehead (5)
Common Goldeneye (130)
Hooded Merganser (451 - HIGH)
Common Merganser (193)
Ruddy Duck (count week - Coes Reservoir on the 13th)
Wild Turkey (41)
Common Loon (13)
Great Blue Heron (7)
Northern Harrier (1 - Creeper Hill Road)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (3)
Cooper's Hawk (4)
Bald Eagle (4)
Red-shouldered Hawk (2)
Red-tailed Hawk (33)
RS Hawk/RT Hawk hybrid (1 - has become a regular individual on the count)
Killdeer (count week - north end of Lake Quinsigamond)
Ring-billed Gull (287)
Herring Gull (2)
Great Black-backed Gull (19)
Rock Pigeon (208)
Mourning Dove (306)
Eastern Screech-Owl (1)
Great Horned Owl (9)
Barred Owl (1)
Northern Saw-whet Owl (3)
Belted Kingfisher (8)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (84 - HIGH)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (6)
Downy Woodpecker (141)
Hairy Woodpecker (18)
Northern Flicker (10)
Pileated Woodpecker (6)
Peregrine Falcon (1 - downtown Worcester)
Eastern Phoebe (1 - 2nd Record - heard at Regatta Point)
Blue Jay (465)
American Crow (962)
Fish Crow (1)
Common Raven (12)
Horned Lark (69)
Black-capped Chickadee (711)
Tufted Titmouse (368)

Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)
White-breasted Nuthatch (284)
Brown Creeper (5)
Winter Wren (5)
Carolina Wren (57 - HIGH)
Golden-crowned Kinglet (47)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (5 - HIGH)
Eastern Bluebird (112)
Hermit Thrush (3)
American Robin (432)
Gray Catbird (1)
Northern Mockingbird (14)
European Starling (1610)
Lapland Longspur (1 - 2nd Record - Worcester Airport - details submitted)
Snow Bunting (1)
American Tree Sparrow (32)
Field Sparrow (2)
Song Sparrow (104)
Swamp Sparrow (2)
White-throated Sparrow (117)
Dark-eyed Junco (1212)
Northern Cardinal (164)
Baltimore Oriole (1 - photos submitted)
House Finch (290)
American Goldfinch (241)
House Sparrow (856)

Total Species - 73

Count Week - 7