

# RGNC BIRD WALKS: CUMULATIVE DATA FOR 2011

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**Number of walks:** 102, with 52 Saturdays and 50 Sundays. (One day was freezing and had no participants.)

**Number of participants:** 81 children and 1,386 adults for a total of 1,467. That averages 14.38 participants per walk.

**Cumulative number of birds reported:** 3,271, for an average of 32.07 birds per walk. Many species, such as Mallard, were reported during each walk.

**2011 total number of bird species reported:** 145 separate species.

**Number of bird species seen *each* month of 2011:** 15

## 2011 RGNC BIRD WALK RESULTS

*A total of 145 species of birds were seen during 2011*

DATE	DAY	GUIDE	ADULTS	KIDS	# SPECIES REPORTED	ALL BIRD SPECIES	COMMENTS
January 02	Sunday	Sei Tokuda					Freezing; no walk
January 08	Saturday	Larry Lattman	5		18		Cool, clear
January 09	Sunday	Verne Huser	11		27		Ponds mostly frozen
January 15	Saturday	Arnold/Herzenberg	24	7	29		Clear, bright, calm
January 16	Sunday	Bill Aragon	9	1	29		Overcast
January 22	Saturday	Gale Owings	16		35		NW pond frozen
January 23	Sunday	Allison Schacht	17	1	36		Numerous Downy Woodpeckers
January 29	Saturday	Lannois Neely	19	1	27		Sunny
January 30	Sunday	Dave Hutton	4		31		Partly cloudy, cool
<b>JANUARY TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>52</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>13.13</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>29.00</b>		
February 05	Saturday	Allison Schacht	2		26		Cloudy then sunny
February 06	Sunday	Dave Hutton	<i>Not listed</i>	<i>Not listed</i>	<i>Not listed</i>		Cold, very few small birds
February 12	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	7		29		Cold, clear, bright

DATE	DAY	GUIDE	ADULTS	KIDS	# SPECIES REPORTED	ALL BIRD SPECIES	COMMENTS
February 13	Sunday	Lattman, Aragon, Jordan	8	2	31		Sunny, light breeze
February 19	Saturday	Lou Feltz	19	2	47		Cloudy, calm
February 20	Sunday	Gale Owings	8		31		Cloudy, breezy
February 26	Saturday	Lannois Neely	12	1	29		Clear
February 27	Sunday	Verne Huser	10		31		Cold, windy late
<b>FEBRUARY TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>56</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>8.25</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>28.00</b>		
March 05	Saturday	Earl Harvey	15	2	30		Sunny, calm; porcupine
March 06	Sunday	Sei Tokuda	12		37		Clear, slight wind
March 12	Saturday	Lou Feltz	18	1	40		High clouds, calm
March 13	Sunday	Larry Lattman	14		32		Clear, calm
March 19	Saturday	Karen Herzenberg	9		37		Light breeze; 2 porcupines
March 20	Sunday	Lefty Arnold	14	3	38		Cool; porcupine
March 26	Saturday	Lannois Neely	17	1	25		
March 27	Sunday	Allison Schacht	14		34		Lots of swallows
<b>MARCH TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>60</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>14.13</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>34.13</b>		
April 02	Saturday	Verne Huser	5		32		Lovely spring day
April 03	Sunday	Scott Jordan	20	1	29		Muskrat in pond
April 09	Saturday	Karen Herzenberg	21	2	39		Several squirrels seen
April 10	Sunday	Gale Owings	5		33		Wood Duck on nest box
April 16	Saturday	Scott Jordan	16		30		Sunny and calm
April 17	Sunday	Lefty Arnold	11	1	37		Cottontails, squirrels
April 23	Saturday	Dave Hutton	25		30		Calm, partly cloudy
April 24	Sunday	Sei Tokuda	10	2	37		Cloudy
April 30	Saturday	Larry Lattman	17	1	23		Clear, cold, breezy
<b>APRIL TOTALS</b>	<b>9 walks</b>		<b>130</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>70</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>14.44</b>	<b>0.875</b>	<b>36.25</b>		
May 01	Sunday	Sei Tokuda	4		12		Cloudy
May 07	Saturday	Dory/Herzenberg	14		40		Sunny
May 08	Sunday	Huser/Hutton	32	2	41		HerbFest
May 14	Saturday	Larry Lattman	15		35		Two new birders
May 15	Sunday	Scott Jordan	17	2	30		Clear, warm
May 21	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	24	10	32		Eager-to-learn Cub Scouts

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May 22	Sunday	Bill Aragon	14		40		Clear, light breeze
May 28	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	20		41		Turtles laying eggs
May 29	Sunday	Lannois Neely	14		33		
<b>MAY TOTALS</b>	<b>9 walks</b>		<b>154</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>80</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>17.11</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>33.78</b>		
June 04	Saturday	Verne Huser	13		43		Smoke from Arizona fire
June 05	Sunday	Dave Hutton	6		31		Calm
June 11	Saturday	Karen Herzenberg	29	1	29		BioBlitz
June 12	Sunday	Allison Schacht	7		27		Sunny
June 18	Saturday	Sei Tokuda	12		30		Partly cloudy, calm
June 19	Sunday	Gale Owings	14	2	29		Many tiny toads
June 25	Saturday	Bill Aragon	16	1	35		Light breeze
June 26	Sunday	Lefty Arnold	12		32		Cottontails, muskrat, Woodhouse Toads
<b>JUNE TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>109</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>58</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>13.63</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>32.00</b>		
July 02	Saturday	Verne Huser	17		33		Lots of Cicada shells
July 03	Sunday	Sei Tokuda	16		34		Cloudless but hazy sky
July 09	Saturday	Dave Hutton	12	1	28		Clear, calm, warm
July 10	Sunday	Alison Schacht	12	1	34		Saw a juvenile Great Plains Skink
July 16	Saturday	Lannois Neely	13	1	26		Beaver on pond; gopher snake
July 17	Sunday	Scott Jordan	13	3	24		Clear and hot
July 23	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	9		32		Clear, bright, warm
July 24	Sunday	Gale Owings	6		21		Mostly cloudy, calm
July 30	Saturday	Bill Aragon	21		25		Light breeze, clear
July 31	Sunday	Larry Lattman	5	1	20		Overcast
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10 walks</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>55</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>12.40</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>27.70</b>		
August 06	Saturday	Sei Tokuda	17		23		Clear sky
August 07	Sunday	Larry Lattman	10		20		Clear, cool
August 13	Saturday	Herzenberg/Huser	14		33		Porcupine by banding station
August 14	Sunday	Lou Feltz	9	2	35		
August 20	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	9		32		Blessedly overcast; female snapping turtle
August 21	Sunday	Bill Aragon	9	1	25		Overnight rain
August 27	Saturday	Lannois Neely	10		29		Clear, warm

DATE	DAY	GUIDE	ADULTS	KIDS	# SPECIES REPORTED	ALL BIRD SPECIES	COMMENTS
August 28	Sunday	Scott Jordan	15	2	27		Clear, warm, nice
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>62</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>11.63</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>28.00</b>		
September 03	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	21	2	27		Calm, overcast, porcupine
September 04	Sunday	Alison Schacht	14		26		Cloudy, windy, cool
September 10	Saturday	Dave Hutton	11		32		Overcast, drizzle
September 11	Sunday	Scott Jordan	21	1	30		Clear and mild
September 17	Saturday	Verne Huser	20		36		Cool, scattered clouds
September 18	Sunday	Larry Lattman	19	1	34		Clear, cool
September 24	Saturday	Sei Tokuda	17		30		Clear
September 25	Sunday	Bill Aragon	11	1	37		Cool, clear; light breeze
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>75</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>16.75</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>31.50</b>		
October 01	Saturday	Dave Hutton	11		39		Clear, cool, calm
October 02	Sunday	Alison Schacht	22	1	29		Sunny, mild
October 08	Saturday	Lannois Neely	23		26		Lincoln's Sparrow, Eastern Phoebe
October 09	Sunday	Sei Tokuda	14	1	20		Partly cloudy
October 15	Saturday	Verne Huser	10	2	29		Cool to warming; sunny
October 16	Sunday	Bill Aragon	10		25		Warm, clear, no breeze
October 22	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	17		39		Cool, calm, bright
October 23	Sunday	Dave Hutton	16	1	32		Clear, cool, calm
October 29	Saturday	Scott Jordan	32	1	34		Clear, fair, cool
October 30	Sunday	Larry Lattman	16	1	23		Clear, cool
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10 walks</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>74</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>17.10</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>29.60</b>		
November 05	Saturday	Dave Hutton	3		19		Strong cold front during walk
November 06	Sunday	Bill Aragon	19	1	33		Sunny, calm
November 12	Saturday	Lannois Neely	21		31		White-throated Sparrow!
November 13	Sunday	Larry Lattman	13	1	20		Cool, overcast
November 19	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	14	2	40		Northern Harrier eating a bird
November 20	Sunday	Alison Schacht	13	1	31		Sunny and breezy
November 26	Saturday	Karen Herzenberg	12		33		Porcupine, muskrat
November 27	Sunday	Scott Jordan	12		33		Clear, cold, no wind
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>107</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>55</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>13.38</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>30.00</b>		
December 03	Saturday	Verne Huser	5		34		Cold, clear, snow on ground

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December 04	Sunday	Dave Hutton	10	1	30		Cold, overcast, calm; light snow
December 10	Saturday	Bill Aragon	12	2	35		Clear, breezy
December 11	Sunday	Sei Tokuda	6	1	24		Clear, calm wind
December 17	Saturday	Lou Feltz	13		35		Sunny, quiet, cold
December 18	Sunday	Scott Jordan	5		40		Cool, clear, no wind
December 24	Saturday	Lefty Arnold	10		38		Mexican Mallard
December 31	Saturday	Lannois Neely	19	1	27		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8 walks</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>60</b>	
<b>Average per walk</b>			<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>32.88</b>	<b>2011: 145</b>	

LEADER	# 2011 WALKS	CUMULATIVE # 2011 SPECIES	AVERAGE # SPECIES/WALK	HIGH COUNT	LOW COUNT
Bill Aragon	10	315	31.5	40	25
Lefty Arnold	13	446	34.31	40	27
Bill Dory	1	40	40	40	40
Lou Feltz	4	157	39.25	47	35
Earl Harvey	1	15	15	15	15
Karen Herzenberg	7	220	31.43	40	29
Verne Huser	10	339	33.9	43	27
Dave Hutton	10	313	31.3	41	19
Scott Jordan	10	278	27.8	40	24
Larry Lattman	10	256	25.6	35	18
Lannois Neely	9	253	28.1	33	25
Gale Owing	5	149	29.8	35	21
Allison Schacht	8	243	30.38	36	26
Sei Tokuda	9	247	27.44	37	12

## JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011 RGNC BIRD WALK SIGHTINGS

RGNC 2011 checklist of birds	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Snow Goose											X	X
Ross's Goose				X								
Cackling Goose	X	X		X							X	X
Canada Goose	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wood Duck	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gadwall		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X

RGNC 2011 checklist of birds	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Wigeon				X	X				X	X	X	X
Mallard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Blue-winged Teal				X	X							
Cinnamon Teal		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Northern Shoveler	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Northern Pintail	X	X									X	X
Green-winged Teal	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Canvasback	X		X	X							X	X
Redhead											X	X
Ring-necked Duck	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X
Greater Scaup			X									X
Lesser Scaup	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Bufflehead		X	X	X							X	X
Common Goldeneye	X											
Hooded Merganser	X	X	X		X					X	X	X
Common Merganser	X										X	X
Ruddy Duck	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	
Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Pied-billed Grebe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Neotropic Cormorant					X							
Double-crested Cormorant			X		X	X						
American White Pelican				X								
Great Blue Heron						X			X			X
Great Egret						X						
Snowy Egret				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Cattle Egret					X	X	X	X				
Green Heron				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Black-crowned Night-Heron			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
White-faced Ibis				X	X	X	X		X	X		
Turkey Vulture				X	X				X	X		
Bald Eagle	X	X										
Northern Harrier	X		X				X		X	X	X	X
Sharp-shinned Hawk			X								X	X
Cooper's Hawk	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Swainson's Hawk				X	X							
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X								X	X
American Kestrel		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Virginia Rail					X							
American Coot	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
Killdeer		X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Spotted Sandpiper					X		X	X	X	X		
Solitary Sandpiper								X	X			
Wilson's Snipe		X		X					X	X		X
Ring-billed Gull		X										
Rock Pigeon		X	X			X		X		X		X
White-winged Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greater Roadrunner			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barn Owl			X									
Great Horned Owl		X	X	X								
Common Nighthawk							X	X				
Black-chinned Hummingbird				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird								X	X			
Rufous Hummingbird								X	X			
Belted Kingfisher				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X		X					X	X	
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Olive-sided Flycatcher					X	X		X	X			
Western Wood-Pewee					X	X	X	X	X	X		
Willow Flycatcher								X				
Hammond's Flycatcher					X							
Gray Flycatcher					X				X	X		
Dusky Flycatcher					X				X	X		
Black Phoebe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eastern Phoebe				X						X		
Say's Phoebe	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Ash-throated Flycatcher					X	X	X	X	X			
Cassin's Kingbird							X	X				
Western Kingbird					X	X	X	X	X			
Gray Vireo				X								
Plumbeous Vireo					X							
Cassin's Vireo									X			
Warbling Vireo					X							
Western Scrub-Jay			X	X								
American Crow	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Common Raven			X								X	X
Tree Swallow				X								
Violet-green Swallow				X	X	X			X			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Cliff Swallow					X	X		X	X	X		
Barn Swallow			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mountain Chickadee	X	X	X						X			X
Bushtit		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brown Creeper	X					X				X		
Bewick's Wren	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marsh Wren	X						X					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Western Bluebird	X	X	X				X	X				X
Hermit Thrush	X	X	X							X		X
American Robin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gray Catbird					X							
Northern Mockingbird					X		X					
Curve-billed Thrasher			X	X		X	X					
European Starling					X							
Cedar Waxwing						X		X	X		X	X
Black-and White Warbler				X								
Orange-crowned Warbler								X	X	X		

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Virginia's Warbler										X		
MacGillivray's Warbler					X	X			X			
Common Yellowthroat					X		X		X			
Yellow Warbler					X			X	X			
Yellow-rumped Warbler		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Black-throated Gray Warbler					X							
Townsend's Warbler									X			
Wilson's Warbler				X	X	X		X	X	X		
Yellow-breasted Chat							X					
Green-tailed Towhee					X				X	X		
Spotted Towhee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Chipping Sparrow					X				X	X		X
Clay-colored Sparrow									X			
Brewer's Sparrow									X			
Lark Sparrow								X	X	X		
Savannah Sparrow			X	X								
Grasshopper Sparrow										X		
Song Sparrow	X	X	X		X					X	X	X
White-throated Sparrow											X	
Lincoln's Sparrow	X	X	X		X					X	X	
White-crowned Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Dark-eyed Junco	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
Summer Tanager						X	X	X	X			
Western Tanager					X			X	X			
Black-headed Grosbeak					X	X	X	X	X			
Blue Grosbeak					X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lazuli Bunting								X	X			
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Western Meadowlark	X	X										
Yellow-headed Blackbird									X			
Great-tailed Grackle		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Brown-headed Cowbird					X	X	X			X		
Bullock's Oriole					X	X		X	X			
House Finch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

<b>RGNC 2011 checklist of birds</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>
Lesser Goldfinch	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
American Goldfinch	X	X		X							X	X
House Sparrow	X			X	X	X		X	X			
<b>Month</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Number of species reported</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2011 species total: 145</b>												