

# 69<sup>TH</sup> MIDDLETOWN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RECAP

JANUARY 5, 2020

*Middletown  
Christmas Count*



# COUNT HISTORY

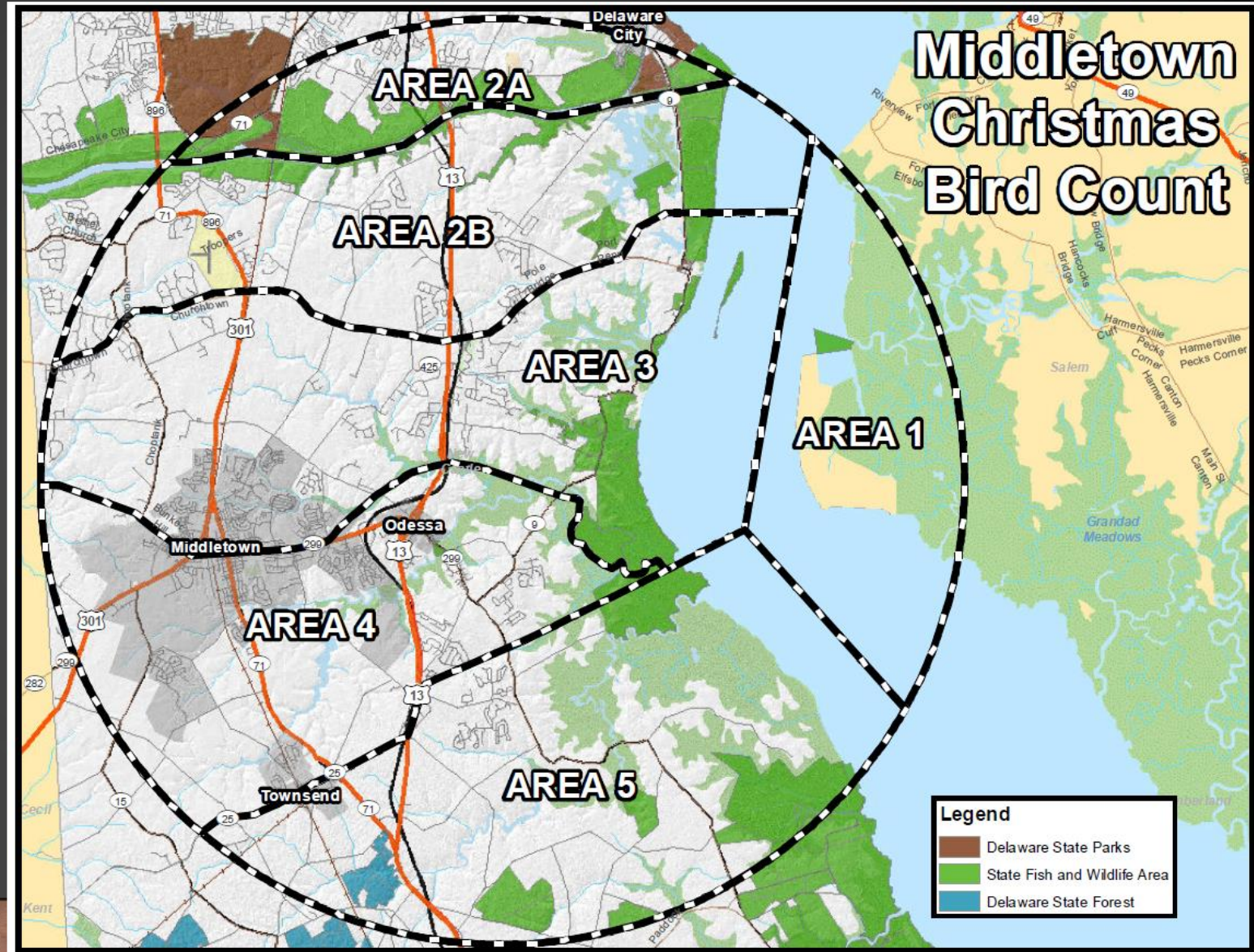
- Oldest Delaware Count, but not continuous
- First count in 1932
  - Two participants
  - 37 species
- 2019 Count
  - 28 participants (High: 46; 2014)
  - 102 species (High: 115; 1999 & 2007)
- Cumulative List: 192 species
- One new species added in 2019





# THE CIRCLE

- Covers Middletown, Odessa, Townsend, Port Penn, St. Georges and part of Delaware City
- New Jersey
- C&D Canal
- Lums Pond
- Augustine Beach
- Augustine Wildlife Area
- Blackbird State Forest
- Eagles Nest Wildlife Area
- Cedar Swamp Wildlife Area





# BASIC STATS – AREA 1

- Colin Campbell, Allison Ellicott
- New Jersey, Alloway Creek
- 43 Species
- One Exclusive
  - Wild Turkey



## BASIC STATS – AREA 2A

- Jim White, James White, Carolyn D'Amico, Sheila Smith, Joe Sebastiani, Brian Henderson, Joe Swertinski
- 74 Species
- Six Exclusives
  - American Kestrel
  - Merlin
  - Bonaparte's Gull
  - Pileated Woodpecker
  - Chipping Sparrow
  - Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – NEW!!





## BASIC STATS – AREA 2B

- Cindy Waddington, John Skibicki, Charles Vaughn, Carolyn Holland, John Janowski
- 59 Species
- Two Exclusives
  - Northern Goshawk
  - Glaucous Gull



## BASIC STATS – AREA 3



- Bruce Peterjohn, Anthony Gonzon, Chris Bennett, Eric Braun
- 72 Species
- Six Exclusives
  - Tundra Swan
  - Lesser Scaup
  - Red-breasted Merganser
  - Iceland Gull
  - House Wren
  - Barred Owl



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## BASIC STATS – AREA 5

- Frank Rohrbacher, Sally O'Byrne, Amy White, Kathy Chambliss, Katie Bird, Curt Davis
- 66 Species
- Six Exclusives
  - Wood Duck
  - American Wigeon
  - Redhead
  - Greater Yellowlegs
  - Long-eared Owl
  - Horned Lark





# HIGHS & LOWS

## High Counts

- Bald Eagle (71; 47 counts)
- Sandhill Crane (14; 3 counts)
- Eastern Phoebe (3; 13 counts)
- Chipping Sparrow (25; 21 counts)

## Low Counts

- Red-breasted Merganser (1; 29 counts)
- Bonaparte's Gull (1; 13 counts)
- American Kestrel (1; 69 counts)
- Merlin (1, 14 counts)



**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS!**

