

# 121th Audubon Christmas Bird Count

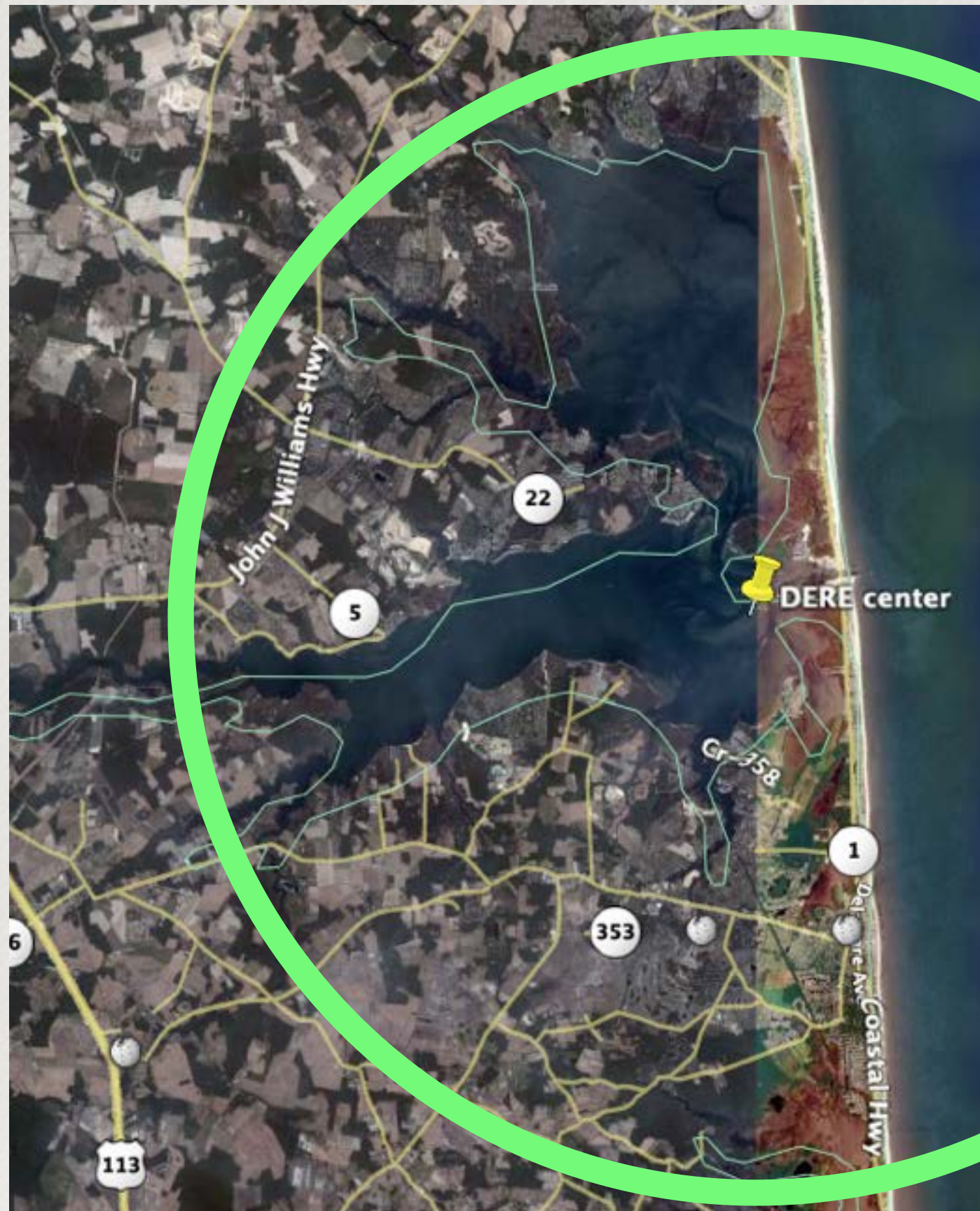
*DERE*

*Rehoboth, January 2, 2021*

*5:30 am until 5:30 pm*



# ***DERE COUNT CIRCLE***





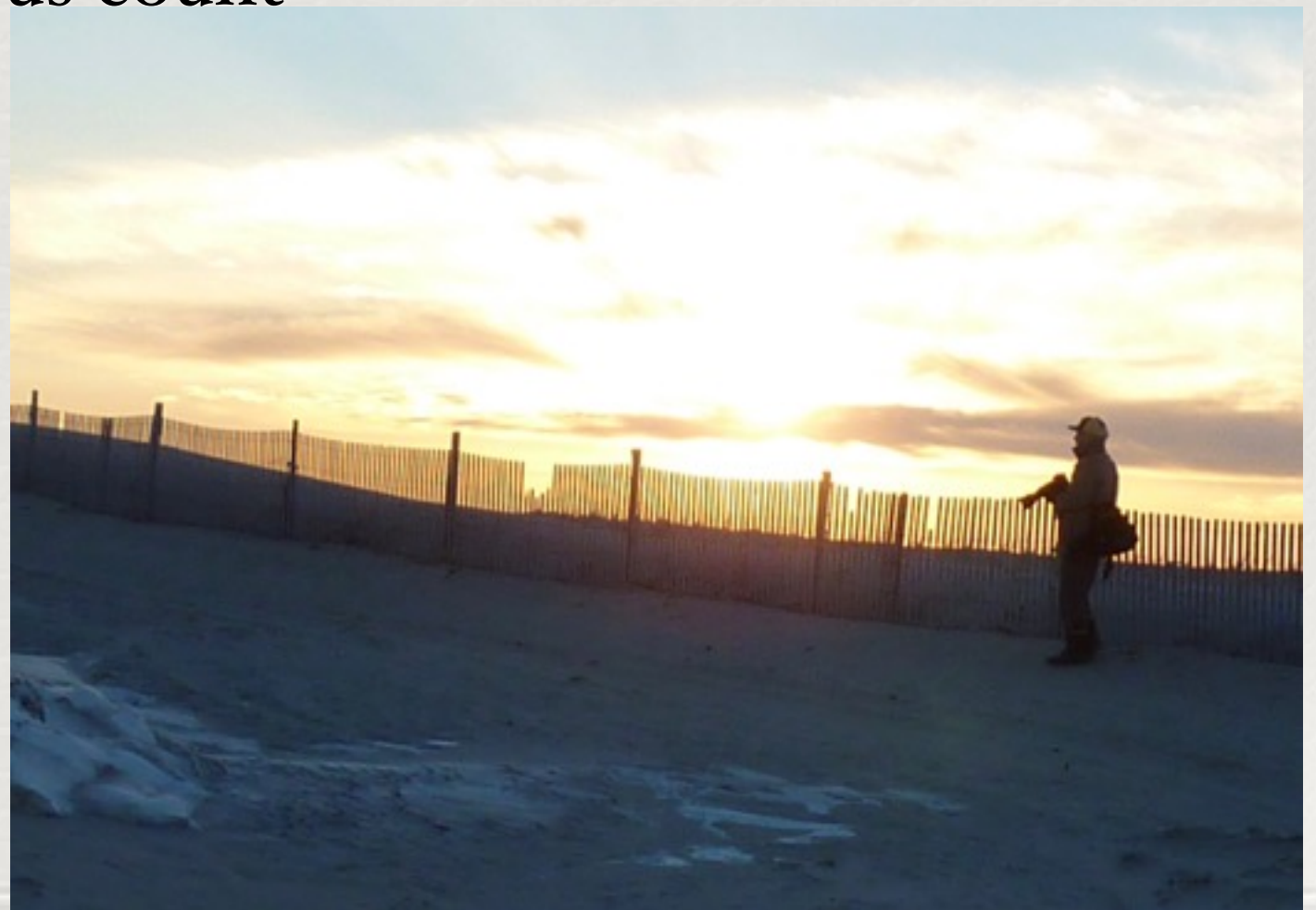
# Rehoboth CBC

Historical Data - founded 1938

- \* 3 participants in 1938, 1940, and 1941
- \* 1942 - 5 participants
- \* 1953 beginning of continuous count

Total species in history  
of count:

231





# Rehoboth CBC #121

- ✿ 7 Areas
- ✿ 23 Participants
- ✿ 124 Species
- ✿ 30,034 Total birds



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# Conditions

- ✿ 40F - 57F
- ✿ No precipitation
- ✿ Calm to light west wind
- ✿ all water was open



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*AREA  
A*

*INDIAN RIVER  
INLET*



# Area A participants

Bruce Peterjohn

Ed Sigda

Chris Bennett

Ant Gonzon



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# Area A Exclusives

Ross's Goose

Northern Pintail (8)

Greater Scaup (2)

Common Eider (31)

White-winged Scoter (3)

Long-tailed Duck (89)

Common Golden Eye (3)

Black-crowned Night Heron (4)

Red-shouldered Hawk

Purple Sandpiper (3)

Wilson's Snipe

Eastern Phoebe (2)

Gray Catbird

Orange-crowned Warbler

Red Cross-bill (3)





# Area A High Counts

Am. Black Duck (102)

Surf Scoter (69)

Hooded Merganser (43)

Red-throated Loon (122)

Common Loon (25)

N. Gannet (194)

D C Cormorant (11)

Clapper Rail (5)

Sanderling (64)

Bonaparte's Gull (88)

Great Blacked-back Gull (47)

Forster's Tern (104)

Rock Pigeon (130)

Carolina Chickadee (24)

Red-breasted NH (8)

Winter Wren (3)

N. Mockingbird (13)

Cedar Waxwing (50)

Yellow-Rumped Warbler (137)

Fox Sparrow (6)

Dark-eyed Junco (51)

Boat-tailed Grackle (200)



# Area A Misses & CW

## Misses:

- Mourning Dove
- Blue Jay
- Nelson's Sparrow
- Saltmarsh Sparrow
- Seaside Sparrow

## Count Week birds:

Great Cormorant

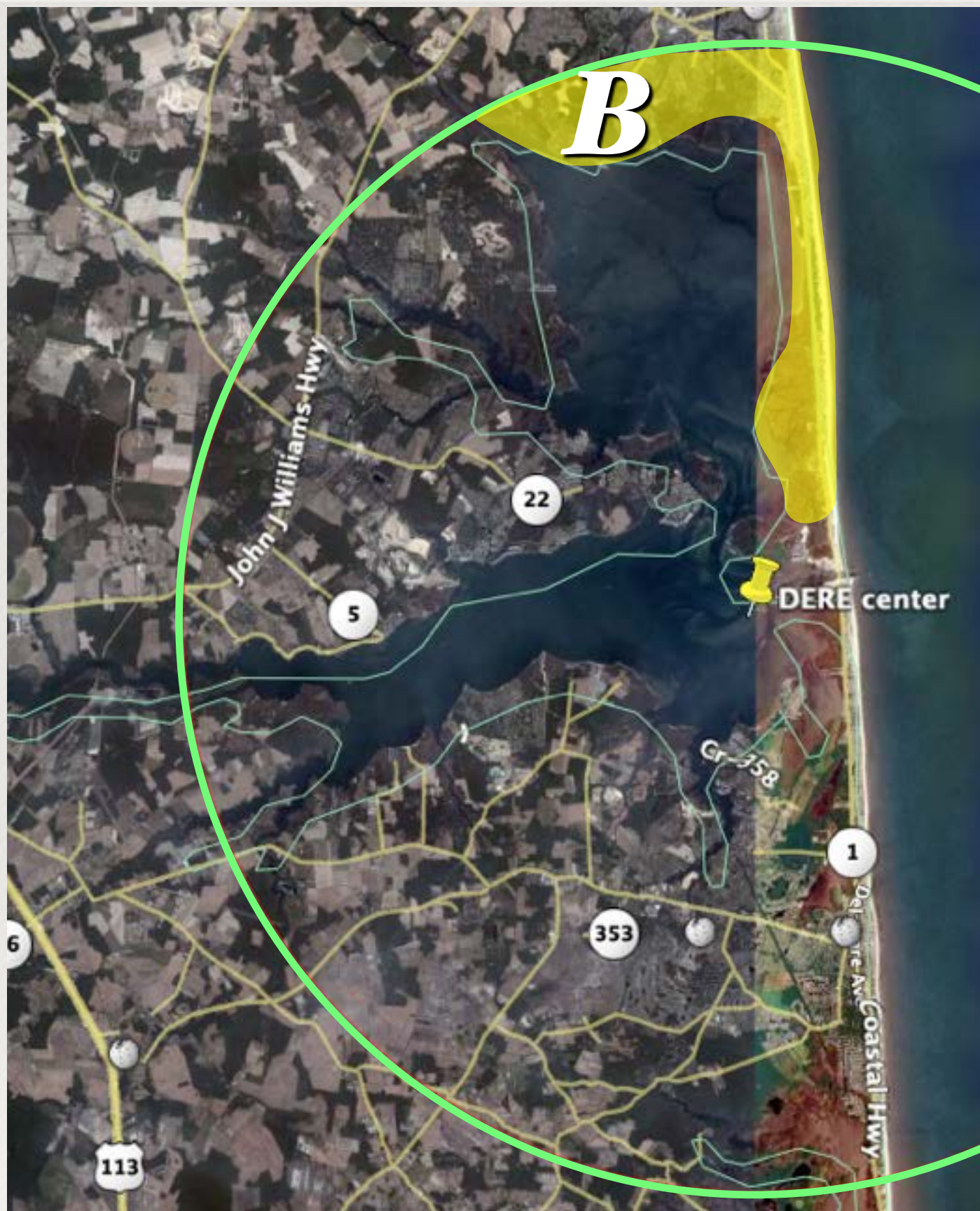
Dovekie

Tri-colored Heron

Am. Oystercatcher







*AREA  
B*

*DEWEY BEACH  
NORTH EAST  
REHOBOTH BAY*



# Area B - participants

- ✿ Jim White
- ✿ Amy White
- ✿ Kathy Chambliss
- ✿ Keith Williams



© Kathy Chambliss



# Highlights

## 2 Exclusives:

Green-wing Teal  
Pine Warbler

## High Counts

Canvasback (240)  
House Sparrow  
(20)



©Kathy Chambliss





*AREA*  
*C*

*ANGOLA NECK*



# Area C - Participants

- ☼ Michael Smith,  
Alissa Kegelman ,  
Rob and Carol Blye,  
Rob Shroeder
- ☼ One Feeder  
Watcher: Carol and  
Greg Stephens



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# Area C High Counts

Mallard (172)

Ring-necked Duck (17)

Bufflehead (537)

Horned Grebe (52)

Dunlin (574)

Herring Gull (250)

Belted Kingfisher (8)

Red-bellied Woodpecker (9)

## Exclusives:

Wood Duck (5)

Eared Grebe \*

Seaside Sparrow





*AREA  
D/E*

*LONG NECK/  
OAK ORCHARD*



# Area D/E

Sally O'Byrne  
John Skibiki



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# Area D/E Highlights

## High counts:

Snow Goose (3500)

Canada Goose (1500)

Black-bellied Plover (15)

Ring-billed Gull (120)

Brown Creeper (4)

European Starling (111)



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*AREA  
F*

*SOUTH WEST  
INDIAN RIVER  
BAY*



# Area F - Highlights

✿ John Janowski

1 Exclusive:  
Meadowlark (15)

1 High count:  
Turkey Vulture  
(82)



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*AREA  
G*

*HOLT'S  
LANDING &  
OCEAN VIEW*



# Area G - Highlights

★ Russ Kovach  
Jeff Kietzmann

★ High Counts:

Wild Turkey (4)  
Black Vulture (27)  
Killdeer (114)  
Rock Pigeon (42)  
E. Screech Owl (3)  
N. Flicker (21)  
Br-headed NH (14)  
E. Bluebird (23)  
RW Blackbird (178)  
BH Cowbird (23)  
Pine Siskin (4)

Sparrow Highs:

Chipping (34)  
Field (15)  
White-throated (180)  
Savannah (41)  
Song (46)  
Swamp (42)





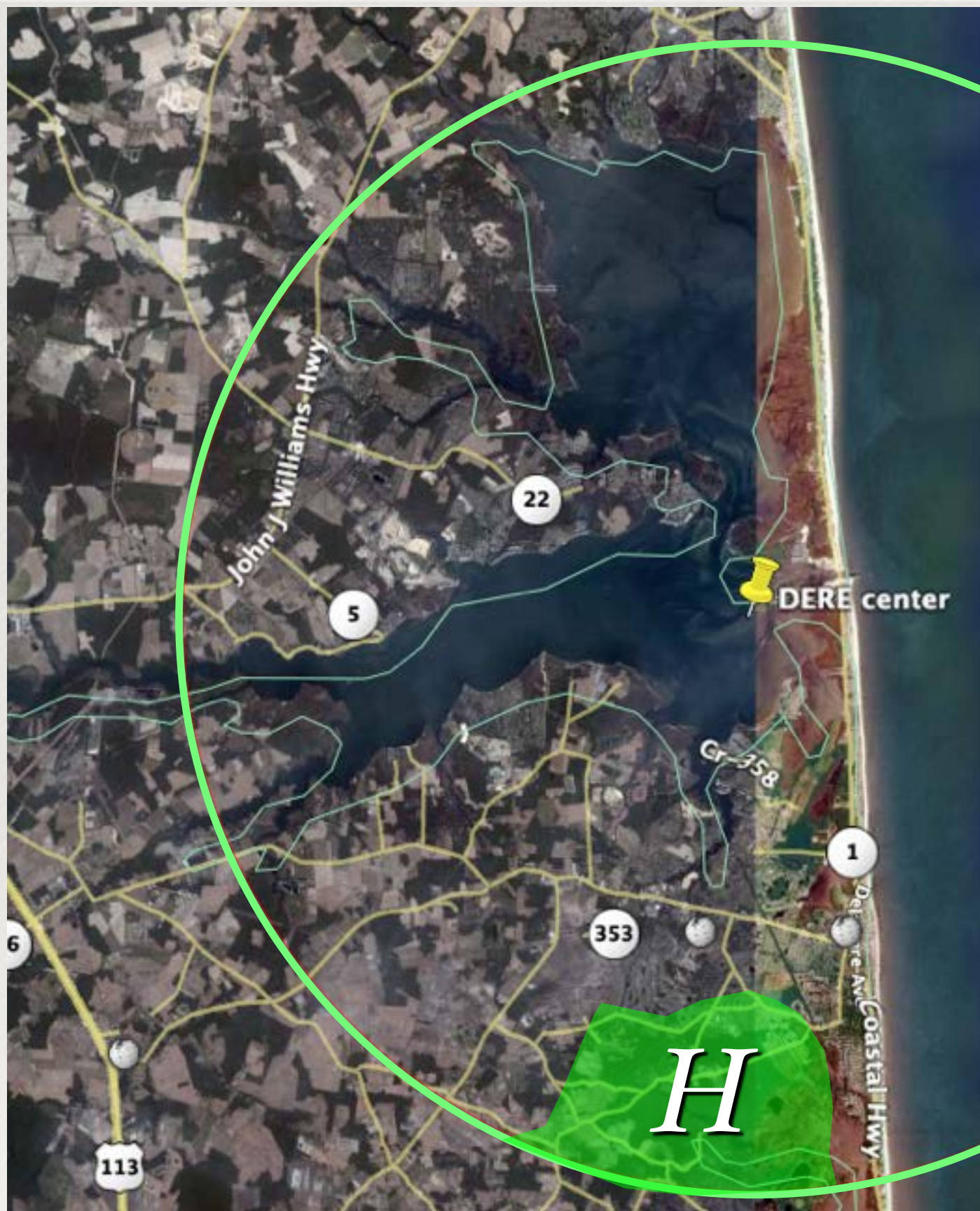
# Area G - Exclusives

Horned Lark (12)

Purple Finch (6)







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*ASSAWOMAN*



# Area H - Highlights

\* Jeff and Liz Gordon

## Exclusives:

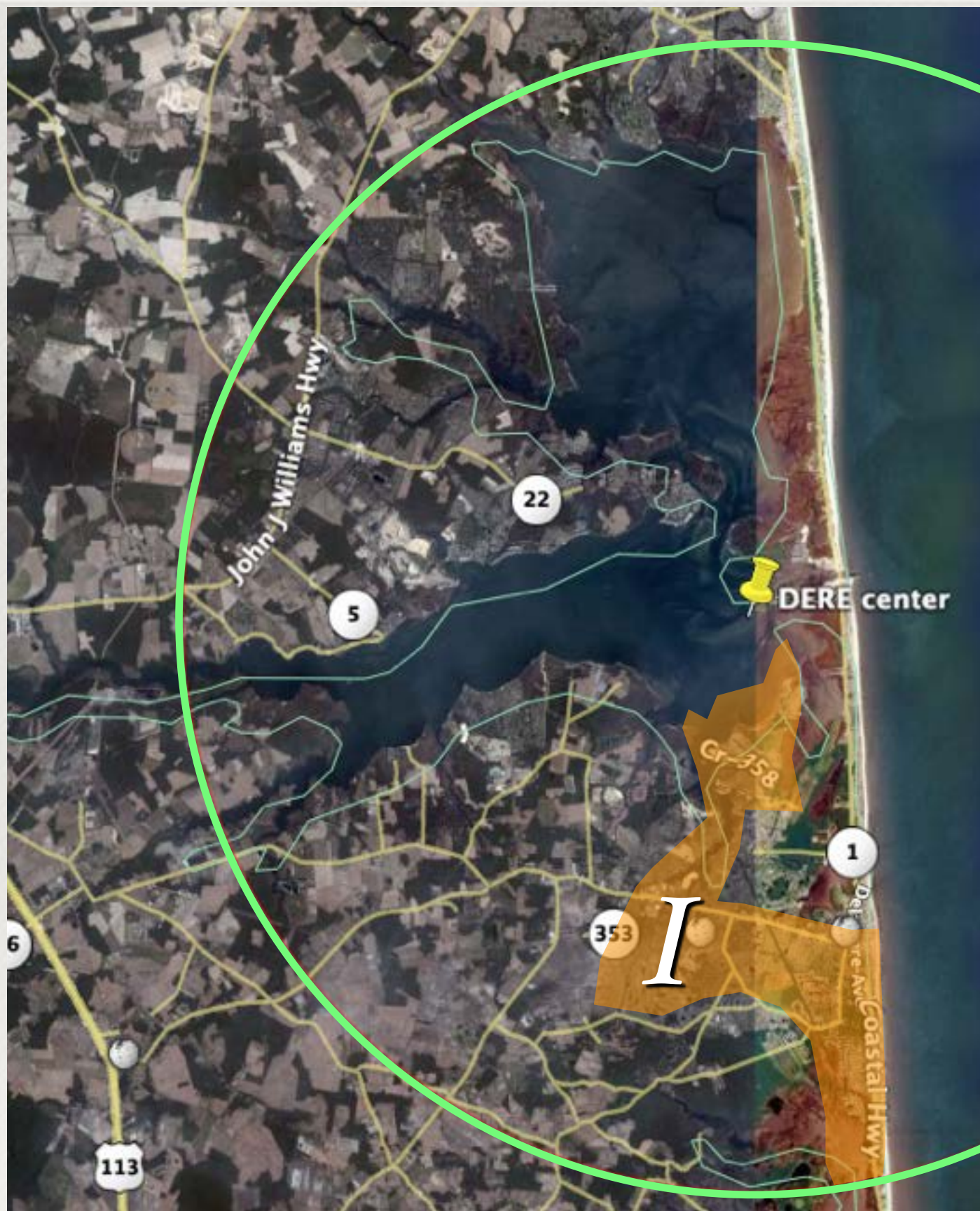
Mute Swan (8)  
Gadwall (250)  
Snowy Egret  
Virginia Rail  
House Wren  
Palm Warbler  
White-crowned  
Sparrow



## High Counts:

Tundra Swan (10)  
Am. Wigeon (150)  
Lesser Scaup (11)  
Pied-billed Grebe (17)  
American Coot (4)  
American Robin (90)





*AREA  
I*

*BETHANY &  
CEDAR NECK*



# Area I - Highlights

✿ Glen Lovelace  
David Fees

High Count:  
Golden-crowned Kinglet (9)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3)



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# Decade High

Common Eider (31)  
Pied-billed Grebe (34)  
Eared Grebe (1)  
Clapper Rail (11)





# Decade Low

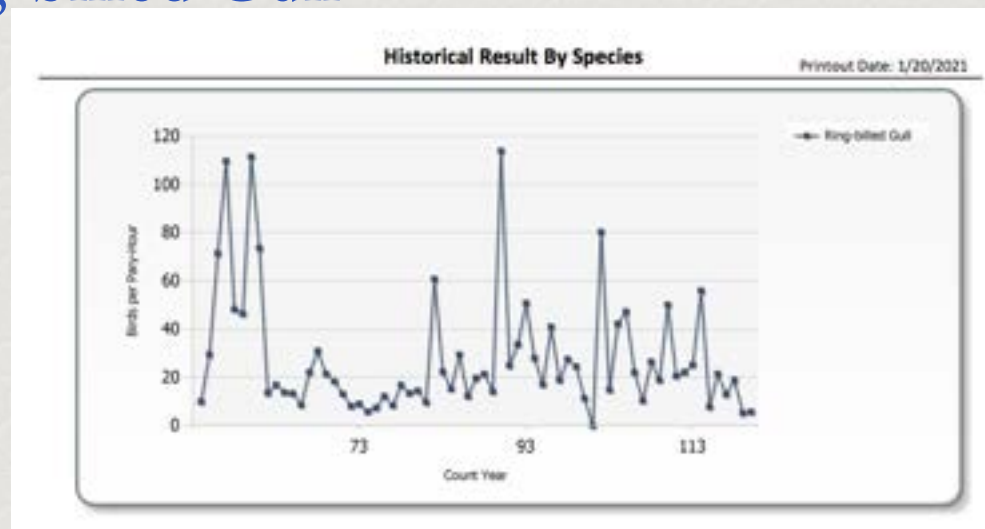
Bufflehead (1391)  
Ruddy Turnstone (3)  
Ring-billed Gull (351)  
Herring Gull (562)  
Brown-headed NH (29)  
American Robin (385)  
Eur. Starling (315)  
N. Cardinal (81)  
RW Blackbird (475)

Mallards and Black Duck  
have been low for last 3  
years.

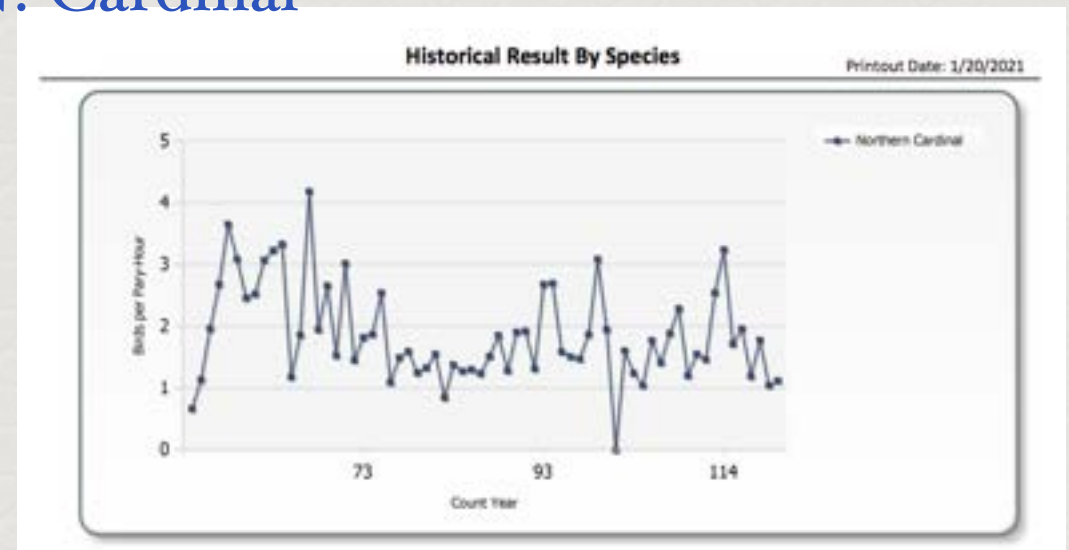


# CBC decade info can be deceiving

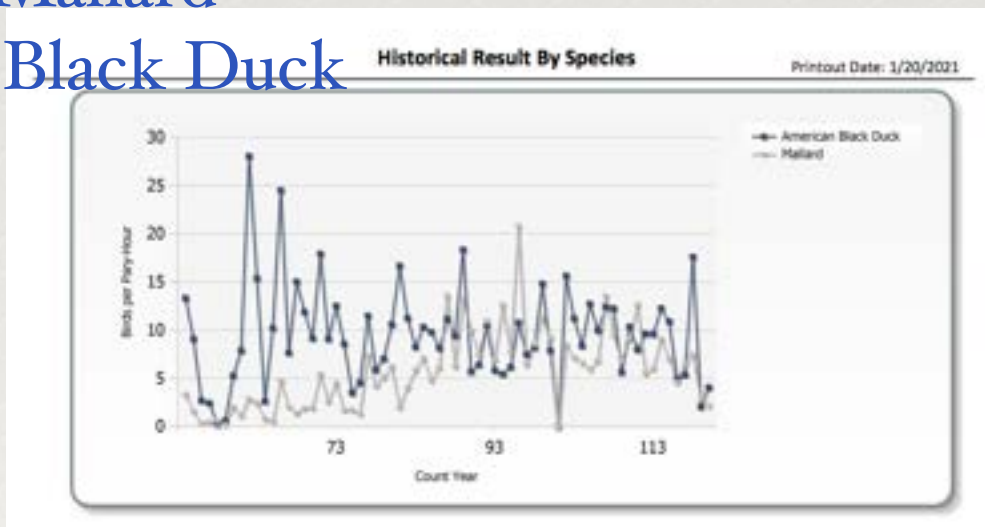
## Ring-billed Gull



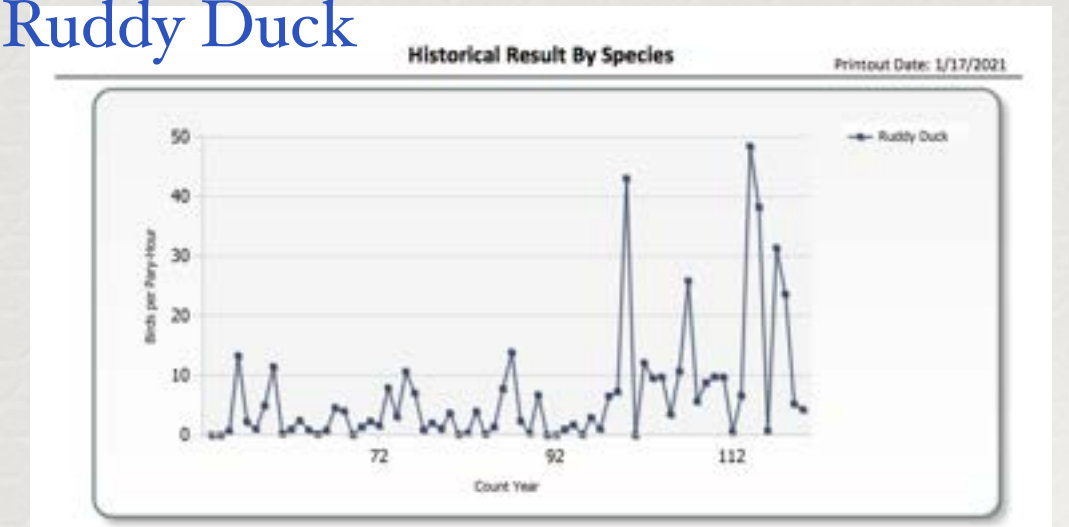
## N. Cardinal



## Mallard Am. Black Duck



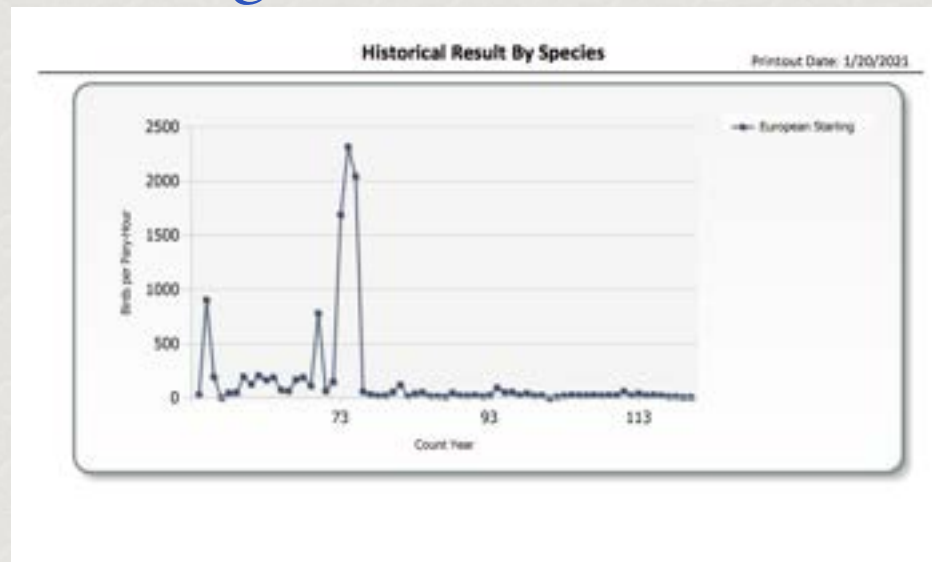
## Ruddy Duck



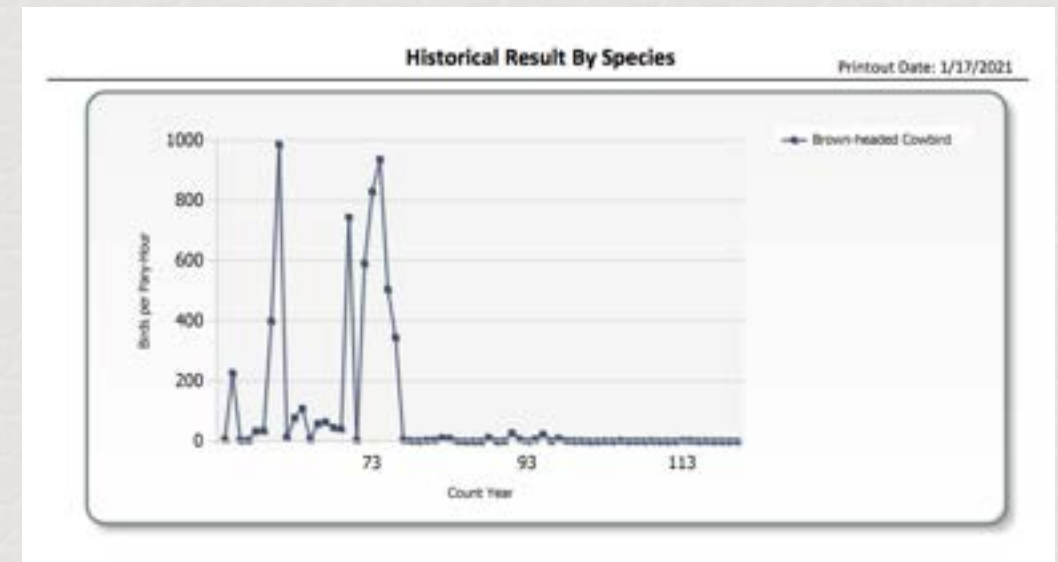


# CBC long term trends

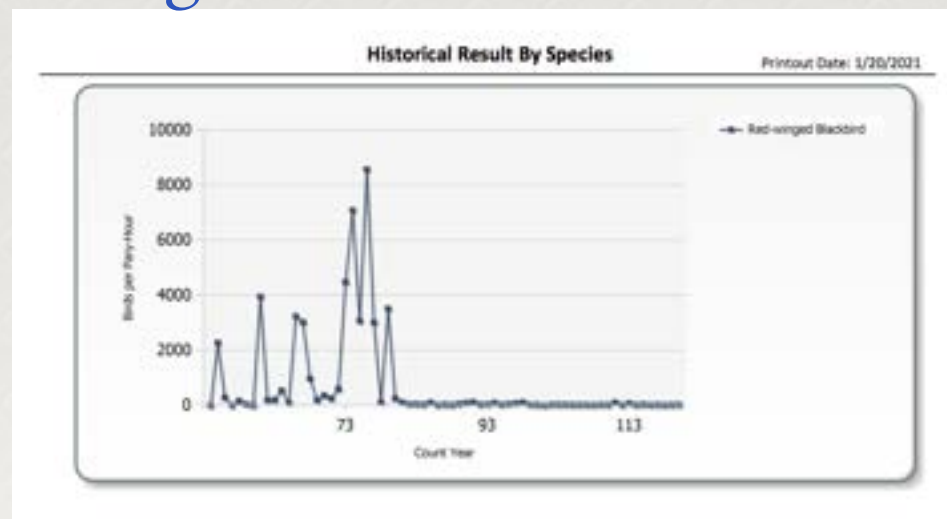
Eu. Starling



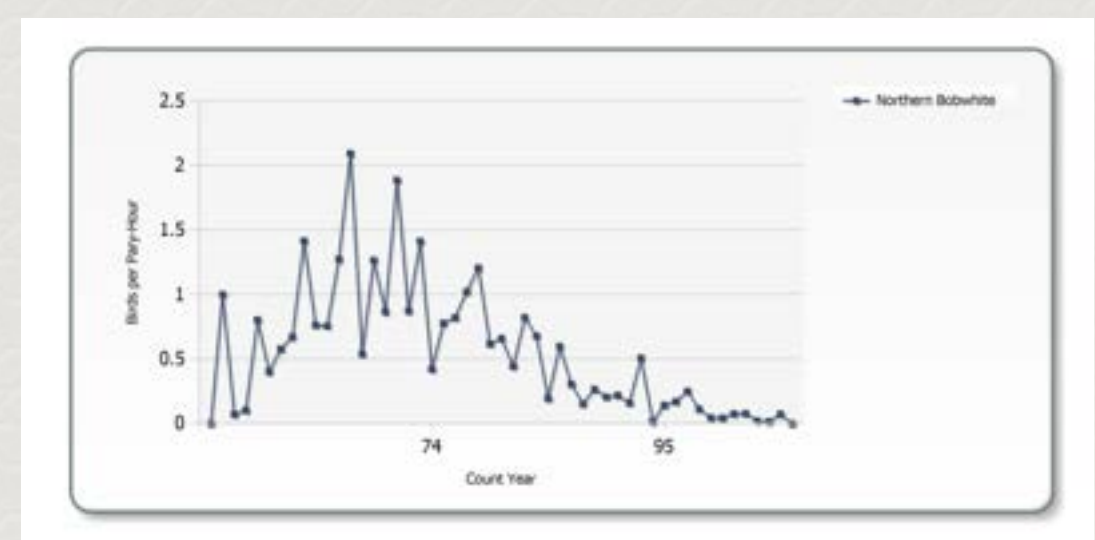
Br. Headed Cowbird



Red-winged Blackbird



N. Bobwhite



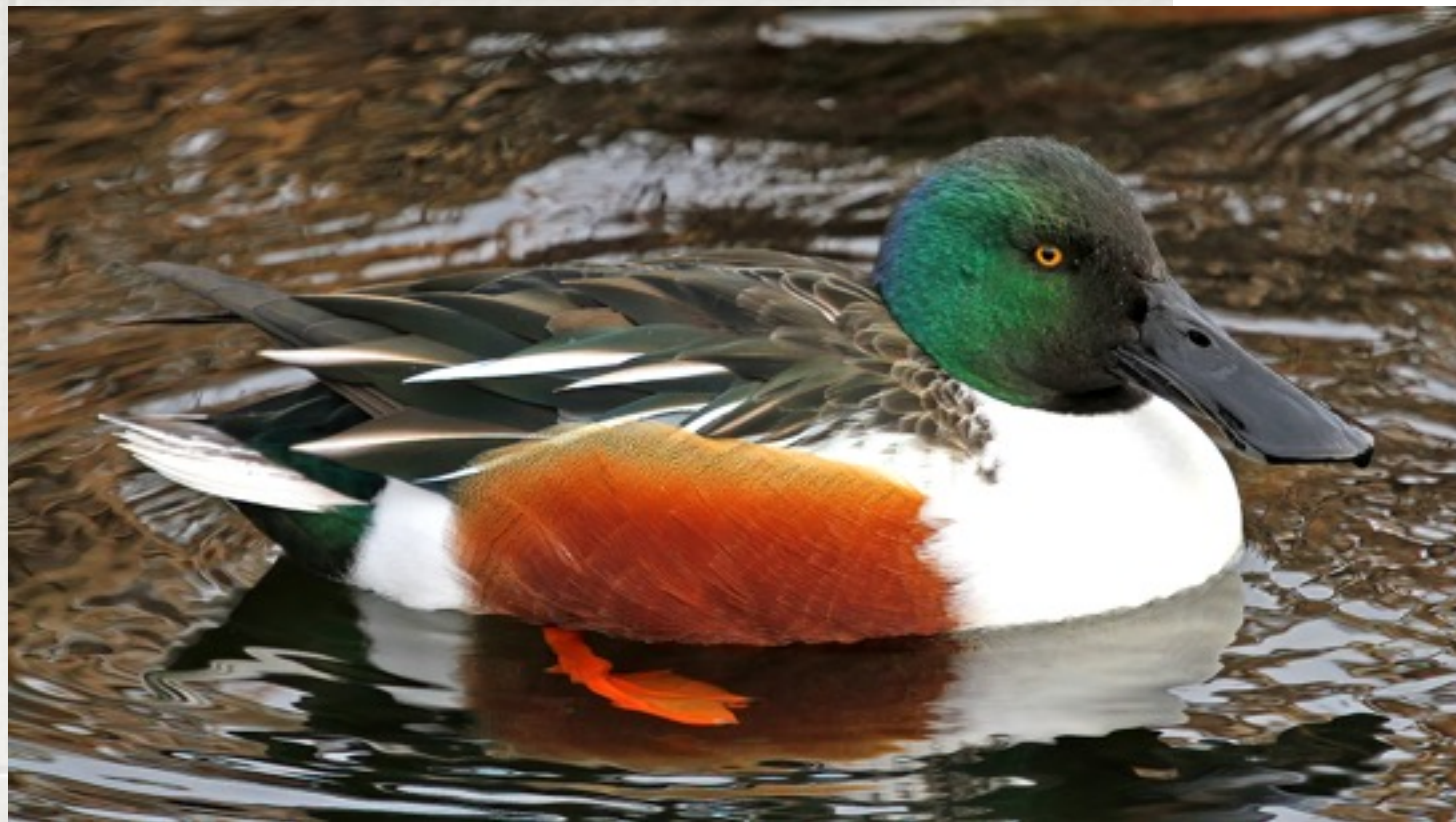


# Misses

Great Horned Owl



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Shoveler - third year as a miss

© Paul Lewis



The time to protect a species is  
while it is still common.

Rosalie Edge



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# Total Numbers

<b>Count Year</b>	<b>Birds Counted</b>	<b>Species Counted</b>
<i>2020</i>	<i>30,034</i>	<i>124</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>26,098</i>	<i>134</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>51,636</i>	<i>130</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>35,166</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>77,823</i>	<i>127</i>
<i>2015</i>	<i>57,631</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>45,012</i>	<i>138</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>48,296</i>	<i>135</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>56,824</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>35,214</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>2010</i>	<i>53,666</i>	<i>120</i>



Thanks to all who  
participated!