

"The Great Sit" Results

The Great Sit happens each May, just north of the Wascana Hill, in front of the Overlook. Local volunteer naturalists, lead by Frank Switzer, sit in the same location all day, and each year, and count every bird that flies, walks and swims by.

Species	May 9, 2009	May 8, 2010	May 14, 2011	May 12, 2012
Canada Goose	100+	100+	100+	50+
Tundra Swan	5	15	x	x
Wood Duck	x	6	4	6
Gadwall	4	10	2	6
American Wigeon	6	10	2	6
Mallard	50	40	23	20
Blue-winged Teal	12	6	1	6
Northern Shoveler	2	6	x	4
Northern Pintail	1	2	1	x
Green-winged Teal	x	x	1	x
Canvasback	50	40	2	16
Redhead	4	4	2	1
Ring-necked Duck	x	8	2	4
Greater Scaup	4	x	x	x
Lesser Scaup	100+	30	23	20+
Bufflehead	2	6	8	x
Common Goldeneye	x	6	x	x
Ruddy Duck	60	4	1	x
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1	x	x
Horned Grebe	4	2	x	1
Red-necked Grebe	1	x	x	x
Eared Grebe	20	3	2	2
Western Grebe	2	1	7	1
American White Pelican	x	15	21	39
Double-crested Cormorant	x	3	7	4
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4	1	x	x
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	x	x	x
Coopers Hawk	x	1	x	x
Broad-winged Hawk	x	1	x	x
Swainson's Hawk	x	1	x	1
American Kestrel	1	x	x	x
Merlin	x	x	1	x
Sora	x	1	x	x
American Coot	2	1	x	4
Killdeer	1	1	x	1
American Avocet	x	4	x	x
Spotted Sandpiper	1	1	x	2
Willet	2	x	x	1
Franklin's Gull	12	10	x	52
Ring-billed Gull	2	2	2	9

Forster's Tern	6	x	x	2
Rock Pigeon	2	6	7	30
Mourning Dove	2	4	2	7
Great Horned Owl	1	x	x	x
Downy Woodpecker	3	2	1	x
Hairy Woodpecker	1	x	x	x
Northern Flicker	2	2	x	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	x	x	x	1
Say's Phoebe	x	x	x	1
Eastern Kingbird	x	x	x	2
Blue Jay	1	x	x	x
American Crow	3	9	4	6
Common Raven	x	1	x	x
Purple Martin	2	1	1	1
Tree Swallow	100	2	8	8
N. Rough-winged Swallow	x	x	x	1
Bank Swallow	1	x	x	1
Barn Swallow	1	x	1	1
Black-capped Chickadee	x	2	2	x
Red-breasted Nuthatch	x	1	1	x
House Wren	x	x	1	2
Veery	x	1	x	x
Swainson's Thrush	2	2	1	2
American Robin	6	6	5	6
Brown Thrasher	1	x	2	1
European Starling	x	x	1	x
Cedar Waxwing	x	1	x	x
Orange-crowned Warbler	x	2	1	1
Yellow Warbler	x	x	1	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	10	2	2	3
Blackpoll	x	x	x	1
Chipping Sparrow	x	x	1	20+
Clay-colored Sparrow	x	x	1	10+
Vesper Sparrow	1	x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow	x	1	x	x
Lincoln's Sparrow	3	x	x	x
White-throated Sparrow	2	5	1	1
Harris's Sparrow	x	x	1	x
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x	x	x	1
Red-winged Blackbird	12	6	6	6
Western Meadowlark	1	1	x	1
Yellow-headed Blackbird	10	1	1	x
Brewer's Blackbird	x	1	x	2
Common Grackle	5	6	7	8
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	2	6
Baltimore Oriole	x	x	x	1
House Finch	x	x	x	1

American Goldfinch	x	x	x	1
House Sparrow	1	2	7	2
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Total Individuals	633	409	280	396
Total Species	53	57	46	57
Start Time	7:00	8:00	8:00	6:00
End Time	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:00
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