

The Montague counters have again established a new record number of species for the P.E.I. Christmas bird counts. 53 species were seen on the December 22nd count day and an additional species was seen during the count period.

Hillsborough counters tied last years record of 52 species on the 28th of December. For the first day in many years, the weather was beautiful, bright sunshine and no wind to start the count. A pot-luck held in Donagh after the count allowed the counters who could make it to renew friendships with those home from away and to compare notes on the "best" sightings of the day. The count summaries were as follows: (CP = Count Period, PR = Probable)

Species	Number in the Count Area		
	National Park	Hillsborough	Montague
Common Loon			2
Red-throated Loon	1		
Horned Grebe	1		
Northern Gannet			40
Great Cormorant		2	
Cormorant sp.			2
Great Blue Heron		2	
Canada Geese	392	6	103
Mallard	1	4	6
Black Duck	792	1,063	309
Northern Pintail	3		
Greater Scaup	3		14
Scaup sp.			30
Common Goldeneye	35	295	20
Barrow's Goldeneye		1	
Oldsquaw	11	40	198
White-winged Scoter			40
Sea Duck	1		
Hooded Merganser		CP 1	
Common Merganser		216	135
Red-breasted Merganser	5	1	3
Merganser sp.			3
Duck sp.		5	11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2	
Red-tailed Hawk		4	
Rough-legged Hawk		1	
Bald Eagle	2	3	4
Northern Harrier		1	
Hawk sp.		1	CP 1
Osprey		CP 1	
Ruffed Grouse	8	3	4
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		
Gray Partridge		40	
Iceland Gull		11	
Ring-billed Gull	13		2
Great Black-backed Gull	108	86	47
Herring Gull	465	265	251
Bonaparte's Gull			1
Black Guillemot			11
Rock Dove	78	116	282
Mourning Dove	11	12	31
Snowy Owl	1		
Belted Kingfisher			2
Northern Flicker	3		2
Hairy Woodpecker	2	8	1
Downy Woodpecker	8	12	10
Gray Jay			2
Horned Lark	1	18	
Blue Jay	91	291	653
Common Raven	64	23	14
American Crow	420	1,508	632
Black-capped Chickadee	138	260	227

