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Mr. Jim Meagher,  
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Dear Mr. Meagher:

I was delighted to learn this morning from Peter Pearce that you are interested in organizing a Christmas Bird Count in the Bathurst area. During the 1960's Peter and others did counts there, centred on the tip of Caron Point.

For your use, I'm enclosing information and forms for this year's count, as well as a copy of last year's New Brunswick counts, as published in the *N. B. Naturalist* / *Le Naturaliste du N.-B.* That magazine also contains a general article on the counts (p. 16).

Also enclosed are the results of five previous Bathurst Christmas Counts, as best I know them. The first four were published in *Nature News*, a former New Brunswick Museum newsletter, and the last in the *N. B. Naturalist*. There are some discrepancies in the records for 1963 through 1965. The published totals (last line of the printout) for those years do not match the totals obtained by adding the numbers for each species (line for total individuals). Most likely typing errors in the results for one or more species account for the difference. Perhaps the compilers, Peter Pearce and Hilaire Chiasson (C.P. 421, Lamèque E0B 1V0), can correct the record for you.

We're hoping that your count will be the stimulus for formation of a local naturalists' club in the Bathurst area. A group held a couple of meetings, one of which I attended, in Bathurst about 1974 but nothing further developed at that time. If there is anything we can do to be of help please write.

Sincerely,

David S. Christie

cc: Peter Pearce

Christmas Bird Counts - Bathurst, N. B.

SPECIES	YEAR					TOTALS
	1961	1963	1964	1965	1969	
Red-thr Loon						
Horned Grebe						
Grt Cormorant						
Great Bl Heron						
Snow Goose						
Canada Goose					CP	
Am Black Duck						
Mallard						
Greater Scaup						
Common Eider						
Oldsquaw	4	125		1		130
Black Scoter						
Surf Scoter					prob.	
Wh-wing Scoter						
Com Goldeneye	78	36	6	3		123
Barr Goldeneye		2				2
Bufflehead					3	3
Com Merganser		5			24	29
Red-br Mergans	6		1	5		12
Bald Eagle						
Sharp-Shn Hawk						
Northn Goshawk						
Red-tailed Hawk						
Rough-leg Hawk						
Gyr Falcon						
Spruce Grouse						
Ruffed Grouse						
Purple Sandpiper						
Com Blk-hd Gull						
Ring-billed Gull						
Herring Gull	60	41	30	12	15	158
Iceland Gull	7	1	25	10		43
Glaucous Gull	1		13	5		19
Grt Blk-bk Gull	20	19	90	17	75	221
B-leg Kittiwake						
Ivory Gull						
Dovekie						
Common Murre						
Thick-bl Murre						
Razorbill						
Black Guillemot					2	2
Atlantic Puffin						
Rock Dove	58	11	14	10	38	131
Mourning Dove						
Grt Horned Owl						
Snowy Owl	CP					
North Hawk-Owl						
Barred Owl						
Short-ear Owl	CP					
N Saw-whet Owl						
Beltd Kingfisher						
Downy Woodpkr						
Hairy Woodpkr				1	4	5
3-toed Woodpkr						
Blk-bk Woodpkr						
Pileated Wdpkr						
Horned Lark						

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Gray Jay			2			2
Blue Jay	8	5	10	42	4	69
American Crow	26	18	12	24	14	94
Common Raven	54	18	35	36		143
Blk-cap Chickad	1	8	6	45	21	81
Boreal Chickadee						
Red-br Nuthatch					2	2
Wh-br Nuthatch						
Brown Creeper						
Gold-cr Kinglet						
American Robin						
No Mockingbird						
Bohem Waxwing						
Northern Shrike						
Europn Starling	59	112	165	175	94	605
A Tree Sparrow						
Fox Sparrow						
Song Sparrow						
Wh-thr Sparrow						
Dk-eyed Junco				3	1	4
Lapld Longspur						
Snow Bunting					50	50
Red-w Blackbird						
Rusty Blackbird						
Commn Grackle						
Brn-hd Cowbird						
Pine Grosbeak	8		7	9	6	30
Purple Finch			3			3
Red Crossbill						
Wh-w Crossbill						
Common Redpoll	15	12		12	15	54
Hoary Redpoll						
Pine Siskin						
Amer Goldfinch	7					7
Evening Grosbk			15		4	19
House Sparrow	150	269	149	246	124	938
unidentified birds		1	41		200	242
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	562	683	624	656	696	3221
TOTAL SPECIES	17	15	17	18	19	28
Add. Spp., Count Per.	2				1	3
Total party-hours	7.5	7	7.5	29	8.5	59.5
Hr on foot				23	7.5	
Hr by car				6	1	
Total party-miles	90	105	105?	?	25	
Mi on foot		1	2?		10	
Mi by car	90	104	103		15	
Participants	2	2	2	8	2	16
Field parties	1	1	1	4	1	8
No. of feeder reports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Date	D 26	D 27	D 26	D 28	D 31	
Sky	Cloudy	Clear	Overcast,	Cloudy	Clear	
			fog patches			
Temp (°F)	20	(-5)-(+8)	48	15	30	
Wind direction	NW	NW	?	?	?	
Wind speed (mph)	20-35	20	0-3	0-2	10	
Snow cover	12"	2"	20%	snow	1'	
Water					sea rough	
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Published total:		680	630	683		

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