

2023 Silver City Christmas Bird Count Report

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Total species count: 114 (avg 78); Total individuals: 6334 (avg 5236)

Total route participants: 36

Total feeder participants: 8

People hours spent at feeders: 41.1

We had the highest route participation ever in 2023. We also had the highest species count ever beating 2020 by 8 species!

In 2022 we had 93 species and 6364 individuals counted so we saw a major jump in species with about the same number of individual birds.

Top 10 numerous species

1	White-crowned Sparrow	587
2	Dark-eyed Junco	512
3	Brewer's Sparrow	365
4	Gambel's Quail	357
5	Western Bluebird	267
6	House Sparrow	267
7	House Finch	249
8	Bushtit	244
9	Brewer's Blackbird	210
10	Chipping Sparrow	199

Rare / Unusual Birds <10% of Counts

1	Peregrine Falcon	1	4 th record
2	Prairie Falcon	1	6 th record
3	Rufous Hummingbird	1	6 th record
4	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	7 th record
5	Tennessee Warbler	1	First for SC CBC
6	Rufous-backed Robin	1	First for SC CBC
7	Canyon Wren	1	5 th record
8	Black-chinned Hummingbird	1	4 th record

Odd balls

Species	2023	Average	Notes
Phainopepla	80	19	Record High
Vesper sparrow	73	8	Record high
Scaled Quail	60	9	Record high
White-breasted Nuthatch	46	11	Record High
Cactus Wren	21	5	Record High
Hermit Thrush	12	2	Record High
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8	<1	Ties Record High
Great Blue Heron	5	1	Ties Record High
Wilson's Snipe	4	<1	Ties Record High
Black-chinned Sparrow	2	<1	Ties Record High

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Below Average

Species	Count in 2023	Historic Average
American Crow	1	1.8
American Goldfinch	3	4.7
American Wigeon	79	82.8
Black Phoebe	1	1.5
Common Raven	106	130.3
Dark-eyed Junco	512	583.2
European Starling	4	119.9
Gambel's Quail	257	235.6
House Finch	249	315.4
Northern Harrier	2	3.1
Northern Shoveler	3	37.6
Pine Siskin	52	71.0
Pinyon Jay	40	142.7
Ring-necked Duck	13	17.0
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	48	68.9
Song Sparrow	13	14.6
Townsend's Solitaire	2	8.7
Western Bluebird	267	343.8
White-crowned Sparrow	587	450.5

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[species in CAPS considered rare for time of year/location]

SNOW GOOSE	0
Canada Goose	0
Wood Duck	0
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	0
Northern Shoveler	3
Gadwall	0
American Wigeon	79
Mallard	42
Mexican Duck	9
Northern Pintail	0
Green-winged Teal	20
Canvasback	10
Redhead	0
Ring-necked Duck	13
Lesser Scaup	6
Bufflehead	14
COMMON GOLDENEYE	0

HOODED MERGANSER	0
Common Merganser	0
Ruddy Duck	0
Scaled Quail	60
Gambel's Quail	357
Montezuma Quail	2
Wild Turkey	30
Pied-billed Grebe	2
Eared Grebe	0
Rock Pigeon	48
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	0
Eurasian Collared-Dove	38
Inca Dove	0
COMMON GROUND-DOVE	0
White-winged Dove	127
Mourning Dove	97
Greater Roadrunner	7

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Rivoli's Hummingbird	0
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD	1
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	0
COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD	0
RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD	1
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD	1
BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD	0
<i>hummingbird sp.</i>	0
SORA	0
American Coot	3
SANDHILL CRANE	4
Killdeer	0
WILSON'S SNIPE	4
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	0
Ring-billed Gull	0
Great Blue Heron	5
GREEN HERON	0
Northern Harrier	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	7
Cooper's Hawk	7
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	0
<i>accipiter sp.</i>	0
Golden Eagle	0
BALD EAGLE	0
Red-tailed Hawk	36
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	0
Ferruginous Hawk	0
<i>buteo sp.</i>	0
BARN OWL	0
Western Screech-Owl	2
Great Horned Owl	6
NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL	0
Long-eared Owl	0
Belted Kingfisher	2
Lewis's Woodpecker	0
Acorn Woodpecker	36
Williamson's Sapsucker	6
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0
Red-naped Sapsucker	24
Downy Woodpecker	1

Ladder-backed Woodpecker	19
Hairy Woodpecker	13
Northern Flicker	101
American Kestrel	14
Merlin	3
PEREGRINE FALCON	1
PRAIRIE FALCON	1
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD	0
WESTERN KINGBIRD	0
Black Phoebe	1
EASTERN PHOEBE	0
Say's Phoebe	21
VERMILLION FLYCATCHER	0
HUTTON'S VIREO	0
Loggerhead Shrike	2
Pinyon Jay	40
Steller's Jay	31
BLUE JAY	0
Woodhouse (Western) Scrub-Jay	182
Mexican Jay	133
CLARK'S NUTCRACKER	0
American Crow	1
Chihuahuan Raven	38
Common Raven	106
<i>raven sp.</i>	77
VERDIN	0
Mountain Chickadee	20
Bridled Titmouse	39
Juniper Titmouse	26
Horned Lark	35
Bushtit	244
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	66
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	0
Cedar Waxwing	12
Phainopepla	80
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8
White-breasted Nuthatch	46
Pygmy Nuthatch	20
Brown Creeper	1
Rock Wren	8

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CANYON WREN	1
Cactus Wren	21
Bewick's Wren	21
House Wren	2
PACIFIC WREN	0
Marsh Wren	1
<i>wren sp.</i>	0
Curve-billed Thrasher	60
BROWN THRASHER	0
BENDIRE'S THRASHER	0
Crissal Thrasher	2
Sage Thrasher	5
Northern Mockingbird	3
European Starling	4
Eastern Bluebird	0
Western Bluebird	267
Mountain Bluebird	0
Townsend's Solitaire	2
Hermit Thrush	12
American Robin	82
OLIVE WARBLER	0
House Sparrow	267
American Pipit	0
Evening Grosbeak	8
House Finch	249
Cassin's Finch	21
RED CROSSBILL	20
Pine Siskin	52
Lesser Goldfinch	20
LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH	0
American Goldfinch	3
Chestnut-collard Longspur	45
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW	0
Black-throated Sparrow	115
Lark Sparrow	0
Lark Bunting	0
Chipping Sparrow	199
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW	0
Black-Chinned Sparrow	2
Brewer's Sparrow	365

FOX SPARROW	1
Dark-eyed Junco	512
YELLOW-EYED JUNCO	0
White-crowned Sparrow	587
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	0
HARRIS'S SPARROW	0
White-throated Sparrow	51
Sagebrush Sparrow	0
Vesper Sparrow	73
Savannah Sparrow	15
Song Sparrow	13
Lincoln's Sparrow	8
Swamp Sparrow	0
Canyon Towhee	133
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	5
Green-tailed Towhee	0
Spotted Towhee	62
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD	0
Chihuahuan Meadowlark	16
Western Meadowlark	61
Meadowlark sp.	38
Red-winged Blackbird	62
Brown-Headed Cowbird	0
Brewer's Blackbird	210
Great-tailed Grackle	33
<i>blackbird sp.</i>	51
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	0
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT	0
Yellow-rumped Warbler	51
WILSON'S WARBLER	0
HEPATIC TANAGER	0
NORTHERN CARDINAL	0
Pyrrhuloxia	1
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK	0
RUFIOUS-BACKED ROBIN	1
TENNESSEE WARBLER	1