

Tuesday, December 31, 1968

15. American Goldfinch	12	0
16. S. C. Junco	20	0
17. Tree	7	0
18. Harris	2	0

Today was clear and cold but nice. The temperatures were low about 8° high about 23° . The year of 1958 wound up as a good year. I only hope that 1969 turns out as good.

The outstanding things that come to mind for me for 1968 were my two trips. One to Texas in April & May and the other trip to Colorado and Wyoming in Sept and October. The two local events that stand out are the sighting of the Whistling Swand and Ross Goose on Dec 8th and our playing hosts in the St Joseph area on May 8th & 19th to the Missouri State Audubon Society.

Sixty Ninth Xmas Bird Count

St. Joseph, Missouri

39° 47' N, 94° 51' W (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center picnic area in Krug Park, to include Brauning Lake, Lake Contrary, parts of Missouri River. Woodland 25%, open fields 25%, Water areas 20%, suburban 5% and roadsides 25%)
 December 29; 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Mostly cloudy all day, light shift of snow on frozen ground. Temperature 18° to 30°. Wind S.E. to N.E.

2 to 8 m.p.h., ponds, lakes + streams frozen.

Four observers in two parties. Total party hours 20 (on foot, by car); total party miles, (on foot, by car).

1. Canada Goose	4	-	0	4
2. Snow Goose	25	-	202	227
3. Blue Goose	19	-	113	132
4. Mallard	2500	-	289	2789
5. Red tailed Hawk	4	-	3	7
6. Bald Eagle	5 (3a-2im)	-	0	5
7. Marsh Hawk	2	-	0	2
8. Sparrow Hawk	2	-	3	5
9. Bob White	15	-	0	15
10. Ring-necked Pheasant	1	-	4	5
11. Mourning Dove	19	-	2	21
12. Yellow-shafted Flicker	20	-	36	56
13. Red-bellied Woodpecker	13	-	15	28
14. Red-headed Woodpecker	4	-	0	4
15. Hairy woodpecker	2	-	4	6
16. Downy Woodpecker	10	-	9	19
17. Horned Lark	123	-	14 (2N)	139
18. Blue Jay	42	-	22	64
19. Crow	352	-	521	873
20. Black-capped Chickadee	26	-	36	62

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21. Tufted Titmouse	1	-	6	7
22. White-breasted Nuthatch	1	-	7	8
23. Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	-	0	2
24. Brown Creeper	4	-	0	4
25. Carolina Wren	1	-	4	5
26. Mockingbird	4	-	0	4
27. Robin	2	-	1	3
28. Eastern Bluebird	5	-	14	19
29. Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	-	7	8
30. Loggerhead Shrike	2	-	1	3
31. Starling	317	-	401	718
32. Myrtle Warbler	1	-	11	12
33. House Sparrow	342	-	648	990
34. Meadowlark	1W - (98?)		16W (6-?)	17W (104?)
35. Red-wing Blackbird	21	-	1	22
36. Brown-headed Cowbird	1	-	0	1
37. Cardinal	102	-	48	150
38. Pine Siskin	1	-	0	1
39. American Goldfinch	23	-	7	30
40. Rufous-sided Towhee	3	-	3 spotted	6
41. Slate-colored Junco	410	-	144	554
42. Oregon Junco	1	-	2	3
43. Tree Sparrow	296	-	93	389
44. Horned Sparrow	33	-	14	47
45. White-throated Sparrow	5	-	13	18
46. Swamp Sparrow	2	-	17	19
47. Song Sparrow	28	-	34	62
48. Horned Owl	0	-	3	3
49. Brown Thrasher	0	-	2	2
50. Cedar Waxwing	0	-	4	4
51. Purple Finch	0	-	1	1

Total: 51 Species; about individuals.
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1. Canada Goose	4
2. Snow Goose	227
3. Blue Goose	132
4. Mallard	2789
5. Red tailed Hawk	7
6. Bald Eagle	5
7. Marsh Hawk	2
8. Sparrow Hawk	5
9. Bob White	15
10. Ring-necked Pheasant	5
11. Mourning Dove — Horned Owl	21
12. yellow Shafted Flicker	56
13. Red bellied Woodpecker	28
14. Red headed Woodpecker	4
15. Hairy Woodpecker	6
16. Noddy Woodpecker	19
17. Horned Lark	139
18. Blue Jay	64
19. Crow	873
20. Black capped Chickadee	62
(over)	

21. Tufted Titmouse	7
22. White breasted Nuthatch	8
23. Red breasted Nuthatch	2
24. Brown Creeper	4
25. Carolina Wren	5
26. Mockingbird — Thrasher	4
27. Robin	3
28. Eastern Bluebird	19
29. Golden crowned Kinglet — Waxwing	8
30. Loggerhead Shrike	3
31. Starling	718
32. Myrtle Warbler	12
33. House Sparrow	990
34. W. Meadowlark 17 (meadowlark specie P 104)	121
35. Red wing Blackbird	22
36. Brown headed Cowbird	1
37. Cardinal — P. Finch	150
38. Pine Siskin	1
39. American Goldfinch	30
40. Rufous sided Towhee	6
41. Slate colored Junco	554
42. Oregon Junco	3
43. Tree Sparrow	389
44. Harris Sparrow	47
45. White Throated Sparrow	18
46. Swamp Sparrow	19
47. Song Sparrow	62
48. Horned Owl *	3
49. Brown Thrasher *	2
50. Cedar Waxwing *	4
51. Purple Finch *	1

Total 51 species (2 additional races); a bout 7679 individuals. Seen in count area but not on count day
 Snipe, Red shafted Flicker, Solitaire, Ruby Crown,
 Lapland Loxgspur

Life Birds for Missouri

1. Common Loon	6-2-68
2. Horned Grebe	9-22-68
3. Eared Grebe	5-5-68
4. Western Grebe	10-3-68
5. Pied-billed Grebe	3-9-68
6. White Pelican	4-6-68
7. Double-crested Cormorant	5-20-68
8. Great Blue Heron	4-6-68
9. Green Heron	4-21-68
10. Little Blue Heron	7-7-68 4-22-68
11. Cattle Egret	6-16-68 4-22-68
12. Common Egret	4-14-68
13. Snowy Egret	4-24-68
14. Louisiana Heron	
15. Black-crowned Night Heron	5-20-68
16. Yellow-crowned Night Heron	7-28-68 4-22-68
17. Least Bittern	5-18-68
18. American Bittern	5-5-68 4-30-68
19. Glossy Ibis	
20. White-faced Ibis	4-14-68
21. White Ibis	
22. American Flamingo	
23. Canada Goose	1-14-68
24. Brant	
25. White fronted Goose	3-9-68
26. Snow Goose	1-14-68
27. Blue Goose	1-14-68
28. Mallard	2-24-68
29. Black Duck	2-25-68 ~~2-25-68~~
30. Gadwall	3-9-68
31. Pintail	2-24-68
32. Green-winged Teal	2-25-68
33. Blue-winged Teal	3-30-68
34. Cinnamon Teal	

Missouri Life Birds

35. American Widgeon	3-9-68
36. Shoveller	3-9-68
37. Wood Duck	3-30-68
38. Red head	3-17-68
39. Ring-necked Duck	3-10-68
40. Canvasback	3-17-68
41. Greater Scaup	
42. Lesser Scaup	3-10-67
43. Common Goldeneye	2-25-68
44. Bufflehead	3-17-68
45. Oldsquaw	
46. White-winged Scoter	
47. Ruddy Duck	3-10-67
48. Hooded Merganser	3-17-68
49. Common Merganser	2-25-68
50. Red-breasted Merganser	
51. Turkey Vulture	3-28-68
52. Black Vulture	4-21-68
53. Mississippi Kite	4-24-68
54. Goshawk	
55. Sharp-shinned Hawk	1-21-68
56. Coopers Hawk	3-24-68
57. Redtailed Hawk	1-10-68
58. Harlans Hawk	3-2-68
59. Redshouldered Hawk	10-19-68 4-21-68
60. Broad-winged Hawk	5-12-68
61. Swainson's Hawk	4-6-68
62. Rough-legged Hawk	1-7-68
63. Golden Eagle	12-1-68
64. Bald Eagle	1-14-68
65. Marsh Hawk	1-18-68
66. Osprey	10-3-68
67. Peregrine Falcon	5-5-68
68. Pigeon Hawk	

Missouri Life Birds

69. Sparrow Hawk	1-4-68
70. Bob White	1-4-68
71. Ring-necked Pheasant	1-14-68
72. Whooping Crane	
73. Sandhill Crane	3-17-68
74. King Rail	5-12-68
75. Virginia Rail	5-12-68
76. Sora	5-12-68
77. Purple Gallinule	
78. Common Gallinule	9-22-68
79. American Coot	3-16-68
80. Semipalmated Plover	4-14-68
81. Piping Plover	4-14-68
82. Snowy Plover	7-7-68
83. Killdeer	3-7-68
84. American Golden Plover	3-24-68
85. Black-bellied plover	5-12-68
86. Ruddy Turnstone	5-19-68
87. American Woodcock	3-11-68
88. Common Snipe	3-27-68
89. Long-billed Curlew	
90. Whimbrel	
91. Upland Plover	4-21-68
92. Spotted Sandpiper	~~5-5-68~~ 4-23-68
93. Solitary Sandpiper	~~7-7-68~~ 4-22-68
94. Willet	5-4-68
95. Greater yellow legs	3-30-68
96. Lesser yellow legs	4-6-68
97. Knot	
98. Pectoral Sandpiper	3-24-68
99. White-rumped Sandpiper	5-12-68
100. Bairds Sandpiper	3-24-68
101. Least Sandpiper	5-12-68 4-22-68
102. Dunlin	5-12-68

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103. Short-billed Dowitcher	5-18-68
104. Long-billed ~~Dow~~ Dowitcher	4-6-68
105. Stilt Sandpiper	5-5-68
106. Semipalmated Sandpiper	4-6-68
107. Western Sandpiper	5-5-68
108. Buff-breasted Sandpiper	5-5-68
109. Marbled Godwit	4-14-68
110. Hudsonian Godwit	5-12-68
111. Sanderling	5-12-68
112. American Avocet	5-5-68
113. Black-necked Stilt	
114. Wilson's Phalarope	5-5-68
115. Northern Phalarope	5-18-68
116. Herring Gull	5-19-68
117. Ring-billed Gull	3-2-68
118. Franklin's Gull	4-6-68
119. Bonaparte's Gull	
120. Forster's Tern	8-4-68
121. Common Tern	9-14-68
122. Least Tern	
123. Caspian Tern	5-20-68
124. Black Tern	5-11-68
125. Rock Dove	1-1-68
126. Mourning Dove	1-3-68
127. Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6-2-68 4-24-68
128. Black-billed Cuckoo	5-20-68
129. Barn Owl	
130. Screech Owl	6-9-68
131. Great Horned Owl	1-28-68
132. Snowy Owl	
~~133. Burrowing Owl~~	
134. Battered Owl	1-8-68
135. Long-eared Owl	4-7-68
136. Short-eared Owl	3-3-68

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137. Saw-whet Owl	3-10-68
138. Chuck-will's Widow	5-12-68 4-29-68
139. Whip-poor-will	5-12-68
140. Common Nighthawk	5-5-68 4-22-68
141. Chimney Swift	4-14-68
142. Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5-12-68 4-22-68
143. Belted Kingfisher	1-3-68
144. Yellow-shafted Flicker	1-2-68
145. Red-shafted Flicker	9-20-68
146. Pileated Woodpecker	4-17-68
147. Red-bellied Woodpecker	1-2-68
148. Red-headed Woodpecker	1-4-68
149. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1-10-68
150. Hairy Woodpecker	1-18-68
151. Downy Woodpecker	1-1-68
152. Eastern Kingbird	4-17-68
153. Western Kingbird	5-20-68
154. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	4-21-68
155. Great-crested Flycatcher	5-5-68 4-22-68
156. Eastern Phoebe	3-19-68
157. ~~Acadian~~ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	
158. Acadian Flycatcher	6-16-68 4-22-68
159. Traill's Flycatcher	4-28-68
160. Least Flycatcher	5-12-68
161. Eastern Wood Pewee	5-12-68 4-30-68
162. Olive-sided Flycatcher	5-30-68
163. Horned Lark	1-2-68
164. Tree Swallow	5-4-68 4-26-68
165. Bank Swallow	5-12-68 4-24-68
166. Rough-winged Swallow	4-7-68
167. Barn Swallow	4-21-68
168. Cliff Swallow	5-19-68
169. Purple Martin	4-5-68
170. Blue Jay	1-2-68

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171. Common Crow	1-1-68
172. Black-capped Chickadee	1-3-68
173. Carolina Chickadee	10-6-68 4-22-68
174. Tufted Titmouse	1-10-68
175. White-breasted Nuthatch	1-10-68
176. Red-breasted Nuthatch	10-14-68
177. Brown Creeper	1-9-68
178. House Wren	4-12-68
179. ~~Carolina~~ Wren, Winter	3-10-68
180. Bewick's Wren	6-8-68
181. Carolina Wren	3-5-68
182. Long-billed Marsh Wren	5-12-68
183. Short-billed Marsh Wren	7-7-68
184. Mockingbird	1-2-68
185. Catbird	5-5-68 4-28-68
186. Brown Thrasher	4-10-68
187. Robin	1-9-68
188. Wood Thrush	5-12-68 4-26-68
189. Hermit Thrush	
190. Swainson's Thrush	5-6-68
191. Gray Cheeked Thrush	5-10-68
192. Veery	
193. Eastern Bluebird	1-5-68
194. Townsend's Solitaire	12-14-68
195. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4-11-68
196. Golden-crowned Kinglet	1-8-68
197. Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4-7-68
198. Water Pipit	3-15-68
199. Bohemian Waxwing	
200. Cedar Waxwing	1-6-68
201. Loggerhead Shrike	1-3-68
202. Starling	1-1-68
203. White-eyed Vireo	6-2-68 4-21-68
204. Bell's Vireo	5-5-68

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205. Yellow-throated Vireo	5-6-68	4-26-68
206. Solitary Vireo		5-18-68
207. Red-eyed Vireo	5-12-68	4-24-68
208. Philadelphia Vireo		5-23-68
209. Warbling Vireo	5-5-68	4-28-68
210. Black-and-white Warbler	5-18-68	5-2-68
211. Prothonotary Warbler	5-19-68	4-24-68
212. Worm-eating Warbler		
213. Golden-winged Warbler		4-28-68
214. Blue-winged Warbler		
215. Tennessee Warbler		5-5-68
216. Orange-crowned Warbler		5-10-68
217. Nashville Warbler		5-10-68
218. Parula Warbler	5-5-68	4-22-68
219. Yellow Warbler		5-5-68
220. Magnolia Warbler		5-18-68
221. Cape May Warbler		5-12-68
222. Black-throated ^{Blue} Warbler		
223. Myrtle Warbler		4-16-68
224. Black-throated ^{Green} Warbler		5-12-68
225. Cerulean Warbler		5-10-68
226. Blackburnian Warbler		5-10-68
227. Yellow-throated Warbler		4-23-68
228. Chestnut-sided Warbler	5-18-68	4-25-68
229. Bay-breasted Warbler		5-22-68
230. Blackpoll Warbler		5-10-68
231. Pine Warbler		4-30-68
232. Prairie Warbler		
233. Palm Warbler		
234. Ovenbird		5-23-68
235. Northern Waterthrush		
236. Louisiana Waterthrush		5-20-68
237. Kentucky Warbler	5-12-68	4-26-68
238. Connecticut Warbler		

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239. Mourning Warbler		5-18-68
240. Yellowthroat	5-5-68	4-25-68
241. Yellow-breasted Chat	5-5-68	4-24-68
242. Wilsons Warbler		5-19-68
243. Canada Warbler		5-27-68
244. American Redstart	5-5-68	4-25-68
245. House Sparrow		1-1-68
246. Bobolink		8-25-68
247. Eastern Meadowlark		1-14-68
248. Western Meadowlark		1-2-68
249. Yellow-headed Blackbird		4-7-68
250. Red-winged Blackbird		1-14-68
251. Orchard Oriole	5-5-68	4-22-68
252. Baltimore Oriole	5-4-68	4-22-68
253. Rusty Blackbird		3-11-68
254. Brewers Blackbird		3-11-68
255. Common Grackle		1-14-68
256. Brown-headed Cowbird		1-28-68
257. Scarlet Tanager	5-22-68	~~4-22-68~~
258. Summer Tanager	5-6-68	4-22-68
259. Cardinal		1-1-68
260. Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5-12-68	4-27-68
261. Blue Grosbeak		5-3-68
262. Indigo Bunting	5-4-68	4-28-68
263. Dickcissel		5-4-68
264. Evening Grosbeak		
265. Purple Finch		2-24-68
266. Pine Grosbeak		
267. Common Redpoll		
268. Pine Siskin		3-24-68
269. American Goldfinch		1-5-68
270. Red Crossbill		
271. White-winged Crossbill		
272. Rufous-sided Towhee		1-28-68

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273. Lark Bunting	
274. Savannah Sparrow	4-7-68
275. Grasshopper Sparrow	5-16-68
276. Bairds Sparrow	
277. Le Conte's Sparrow	9-15-68 ~~5-15-68~~
278. Henslow's Sparrow	
279. Sharp-tailed Sparrow	5-18-68
280. Vesper Sparrow	3-31-68
281. Lark Sparrow	5-5-68 4-21-68
282. Slate-colored Junco	1-1-68
283. Oregon Junco	1-28-68
284. Tree Sparrow	1-2-68
285. Chipping Sparrow	4-7-68
286. Clay-colored Sparrow	5-5-68
287. Field Sparrow	3-30-68
288. Harris' Sparrow	1-1-68
289. White-crowned Sparrow	1-2-68
290. White-throated Sparrow	2-19-68
291. Fox Sparrow	3-24-68
292. Lincoln's Sparrow	5-12-68
293. Swamp Sparrow	3-9-68
294. Song Sparrow	1-3-68
295. Lapland Longspur	3-16-68
~~295. 296.~~ Smiths Longspur	
296. Whistling Swan	12-8-68
297. Ross' Goose	12-8-68

Life Birds not seen in Missouri

1. Red-necked Grebe 4-30-68
2. Brown Pelican
3. Pelagic Cormorant
4. Anhinga 4-24-68
5. Magnificent Frigate-bird
6. Wood Ibis
7. Trumpeter Swan
8. Surf Scoter
9. Greater Prairie Chicken
10. ~~Barnard~~ Mountain Quail
11. American Oystercatcher
12. California Gull 9-30-68
13. Laughing Gull
14. Gull-billed Tern
15. Royal Tern
16. Ground Dove
17. Burrowing Owl
18. White-throated Swift
19. Lewis' Woodpecker
20. Black Phoebe
21. Say's Phoebe
22. Violet-green Swallow
23. Gray Jay
24. Steller's Jay
25. Scrub Jay
26. Black-billed Magpie 9-29-68
27. Yellow-billed Magpie
28. Common Raven
29. Fish Crow 4-23-68
30. Clark's Nutcracker
31. Western Bluebird
32. Mountain Bluebird 9-30-68
33. Audubon's Warbler
34. Boat-tailed Grackle

Life Birds not seen in Missouri

35. House Finch

Green tailed Towhee

37. Gray headed Junco

38. McCown's Longspur

9-30-68

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- 39. Roadrunner

4-21-68

- 40. Brown Headed Nuthatch ✓

4-22-68

- 41. Painted Bunting ✓

4-22-68

- 42. Hooded Warbler ✓

4-25-68

- 43. Prairie Falcon ✓

9-30-68

- 44. Sage Grouse ✓

9-30-68

45. Chestnut-collared Longspur

9-30-68

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~~Whistling Swallow~~

Subspecies & Hybrids

1. Northern Horned Lark

2. Hutchins Goose

3. Blue/Snow Hybrid

4. Western Red tail

Large Birds, etc. seen in morning

Mr. Jones's house
27. (some birds) seen
28. Mr. Jones's house

7-2-12
4-2-12
4-2-12
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29. Mr. Jones's house
30. (some birds) seen
31. (some birds) seen
32. (some birds) seen
33. (some birds) seen
34. (some birds) seen
35. (some birds) seen
36. (some birds) seen
37. (some birds) seen
38. (some birds) seen

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