

2022 Cottage Grove Christmas Bird Count

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The weather was comfortable during this, our sixth, recent Christmas Bird Count. We surpassed our previous CBC high of 89 species by 9 birds for a total of 97 species on Count Day, and 2 during Count Week. Our 16 teams were made up of 46 participants, down from last year's 51.

Two new species made appearances: an Orange-Crowned Warbler spotted by Tim Griffith and a Tree Sparrow seen by Anne and Dan Heyerly with Noah Strycker. This threesome also recorded an Evening Grosbeak, the first seen since our Count resumed in 2017.

Thank you to all the participants. It was great seeing everyone in person and being able to have a meal together. Love my birding buddies.