

# 2021 Christmas Bird Count Summary



Photo by Laura Mae (Chesapeake Sector)

Note: 2020 data in parentheses for comparison

- Total Species: 115 (126)
  - Total Birds: 20,104 (20,849)
  - Observers In Field: 40 (32)
  - Feeder-watchers: 4 (9)
  - Number of Field Parties: 16 (15)
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- Weather: Relatively warm with light winds, morning fog, light rain in afternoon.
  - Sea ducks were generally few in number, particularly those species that tend to stay offshore and don't enter bays/rivers (e.g., Northern Gannet). This was likely due to the fog in the morning hours, which greatly limited offshore visibility.
  - Birds not observed that are normally present: Northern Gannet, Fox Sparrow.

## 2021 notable observations

- First ever Black-throated Blue Warbler (Marc Nichols/Harpersville)
- 1 Black-Crowned Night Heron (Chesapeake)
- 4 Brown Creepers--on the same tree! (Fort Monroe)
- 2 Tree Swallows, Saltmarsh Sparrow, 9 American Pipits (Grandview)
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Phyllis Simonetta's feeder)
- All-time high numbers observed for Bald Eagle, Clapper Rail, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches, Eastern Bluebird, and Black-and-white Warbler.



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## 2021 (2020) Bird Count—Effort

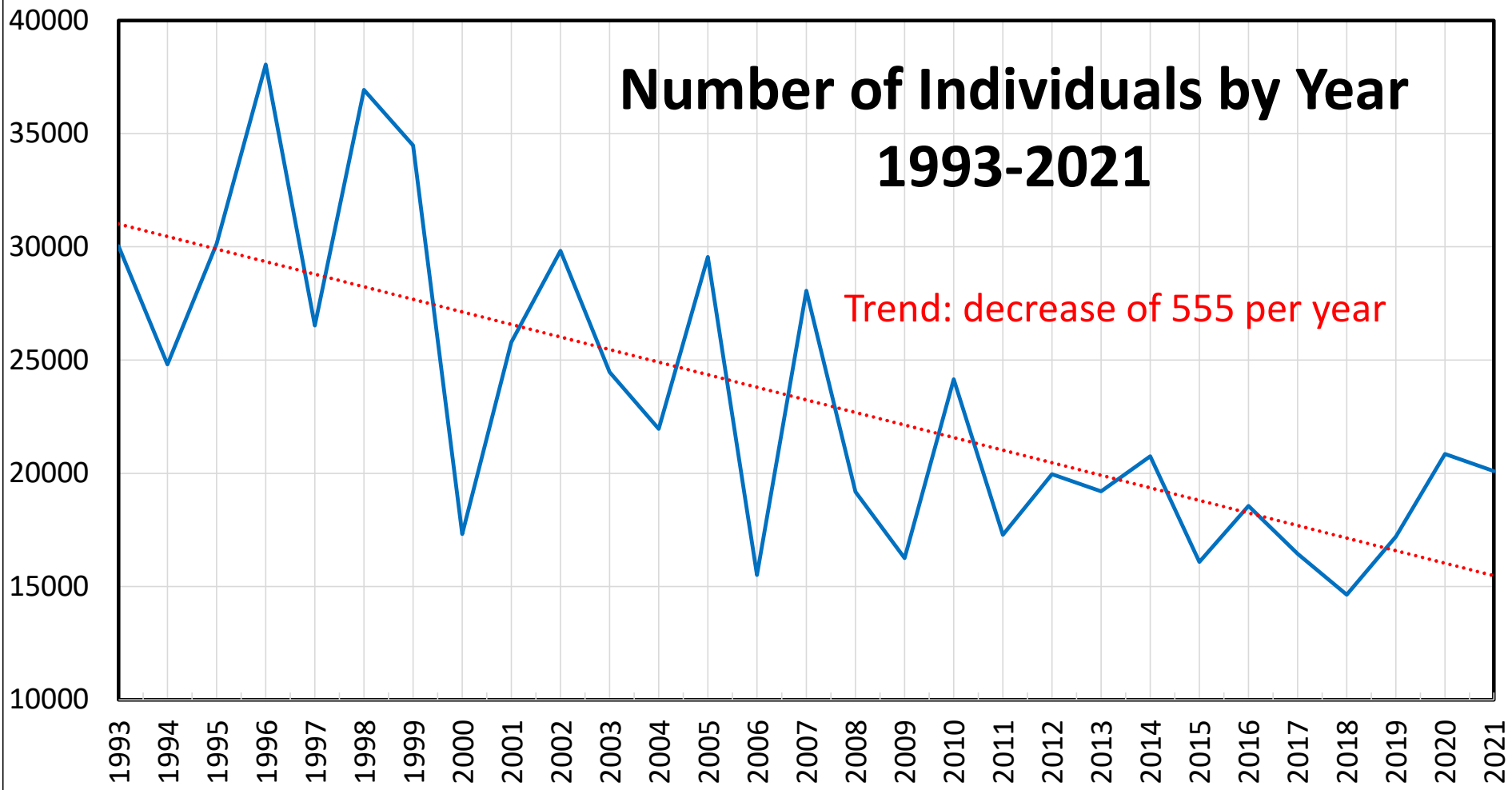
<b>Means</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Distance (Miles)</b>
<b>On Foot</b>	82.0 (70.4)	51.0 (49.5)
<b>By Car</b>	35.2 (39.3)	230.6 (280.8)
<b>At feeders</b>	8.4 (37.0)	N/A
<b>Owling</b>	0 (1.3)	0 (2.3)
<b>Totals</b>	125.6 (148.0)	281.6 (332.6)

# 2021 Christmas Bird Count Participants (44 total; 31 club members)

<b>Airport</b>	<b>Harry Colestock</b> Rochelle Colestock Rex Holmlin*	<b>Harpersville</b>	<b>Jane Frigo</b> Caroline Herath* Marc Nichols Hannah Montalvo	<b>Poquoson</b>	<b>Betsy Garrett</b> Andrew Horton Holly Horton Wally Horton April Solitro Marjorie Schenck
<b>Chesapeake</b>	<b>Ellis Maxey</b> Wendy Maxey Laura Mae*	<b>Harwoods Mill</b>	<b>Meredith Bell</b> John Adair Marilyn Adair	<b>Tabb</b>	<b>Andy Hawkins</b> Cory Davis*
<b>Ft. Monroe</b>	<b>Bryan Barmore</b> Sharon Burton Melody Avery*	<b>Langley</b>	Mark Sopko Alicia Garcia	<b>Feeder Watchers</b>	Barb Abraham Tom Charlock Shawn Dash Phyllis Simonetta
<b>Grandview</b>	<b>Nick Flanders</b> Cary Koronas Pete Peterman Stuart Sweetman Bill Williams	<b>Mariner's Museum</b>	<b>Peggy Waterfield</b> Elisa Enders Angela Herring	<b>Bold</b> denotes Sector Leader/co- Leader * - New participant	
<b>Hampton</b>	<b>Heidi Young*</b> <b>William Boeh</b>	<b>Mercury North</b>	<b>Dave Youker</b> Tracy Tate		
		<b>Newport News</b>	<b>Michael Meyer</b> Cindy Schulz		Note: Dave Brown was scheduled to lead Hampton, but was unable due to illness.

# Number of Individuals by Year 1993-2021

Trend: decrease of 555 per year



# Number of Species by Year 1993-2021

