

8 May 2010 PORTER CO. MAY DAY COUNT RESULTS

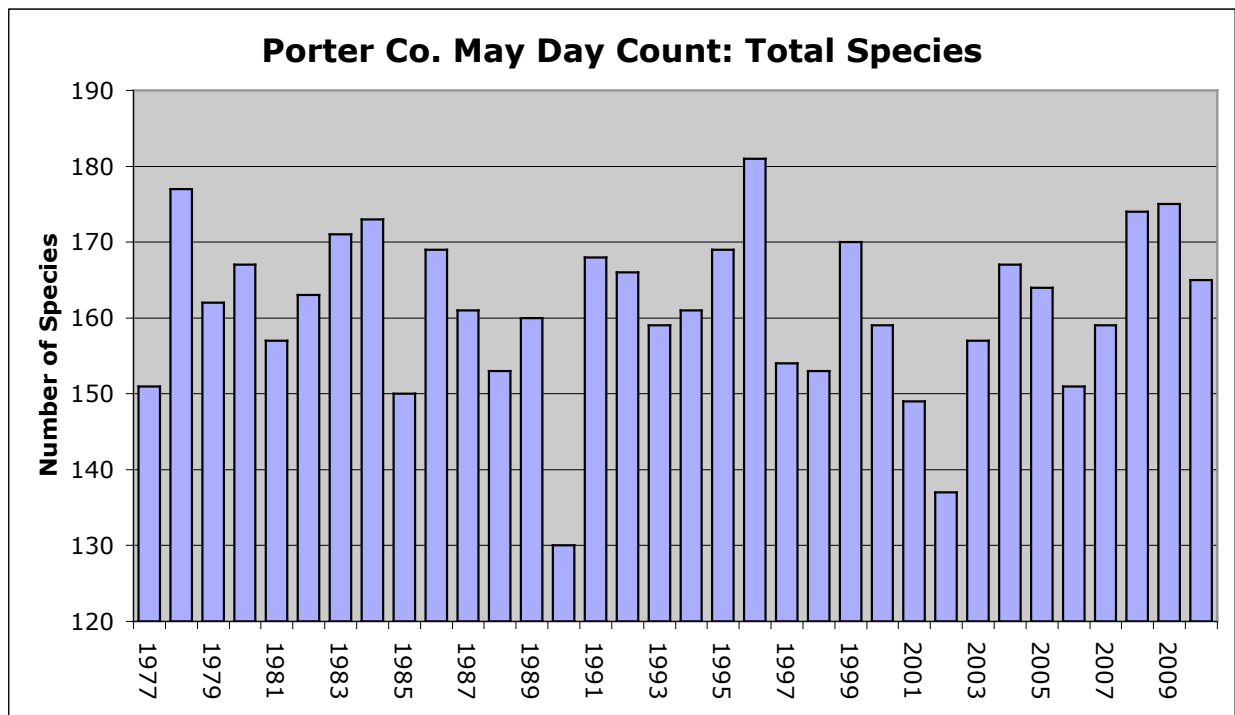
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On the morning of 8 May, 30 intrepid May Count participants in eleven parties were greeted by brutal 15-25 knot winds (gusts exceeded 30 knots), low temperatures, and a dark, gloomy overcast. There was even a light rain in early morning. These conditions severely limited bird activity and stifled virtually all singing. Although roaring winds continued, the overcast broke in late morning, stimulating a few birds to make feeble attempts at song. This helped a lot.

Despite these dreadful atmospheric conditions, diligent Porter County birders parlayed this terrible weather day into an above average May count. Our final total was 165 species and 9967 individuals (The Porter County count average is 161.2 species). In view of the inclement weather and early count date, this result is quite remarkable.

Every field party contributed to the species list. In south county the Grubes added a first-ever Eurasian Collared-Dove to the composite Porter County list. Other noteworthy sightings included a Black-bellied Plover found by Dick Knutson's group, a pre-dawn Whip-poor-Will heard by Brad Bumgardner, and Lynea Hinchman's team contributed the unexpected Winter Wren. John Kendall's effort at the mudflats generated Porter County's best shorebird lists in two decades and Randy Pals' party fleshed-out the shorebird list. Surprisingly Red-headed Woodpeckers could not be found in the Dunes, but the Bettie Haller and Bernie Konrady parties filled this void.

The graph below reveals how the 2010 effort stacks up against previous Porter May Counts.



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216-Canada Goose	5-Belted Kingfisher	99-Yellow Warbler
3-Mute Swan	34-Red-hd. Woodpecker	20-Chestnut-sided Warbler
59-Wood Duck	44-Red-bell. Woodpecker	22-Magnolia Warbler
95-Mallard	20-Downy Woodpecker	3-Cape May Warbler
39-Blue-winged Teal	8-Hairy Woodpecker	8-Black-th. Blue Warbler
3-Northern Shoveler	25-Northern Flicker	357-Yellow-rump. Warbler
3-Green-winged Teal	3-Pileated Woodpecker	31-Blk-th. Green Warbler
31-Red-br. Merganser	4-Eastern Wood-Pewee	2-Blackburnian Warbler
3-Ring-necked Pheasant	3-Acadian Flycatcher	2-Yellow-throated Warbler
2-Wild Turkey	3-Least Flycatcher	3-Pine Warbler
3-Pied-billed Grebe	34-Eastern Phoebe	3-Prairie Warbler
34-Double-cr. Cormorant	34-Great Cr. Flycatcher	43-Palm Warbler
26-Great Blue Heron	31-Eastern Kingbird	4-Bay-breasted Warbler
2-Great Egret	5-White-eyed Vireo	5-Blackpoll Warbler
30-Green Heron	4-Blue-headed Vireo	34-Cerulean Warbler
4-Black-crn. Night-Heron	24-Yellow-throated Vireo	36-Black-and-white Warbler
56-Turkey Vulture	35-Warbbling Vireo	327-American Redstart
3-Northern Harrier	20-Red-eyed Vireo	42-Ovenbird
4-Sharp-shinned Hawk	48-Blue Jay	39-Northern Waterthrush
6-Cooper's Hawk	68-American Crow	3-Louisiana Waterthrush
4-Red-shouldered Hawk	7-Horned Lark	3-Connecticut Warbler
24-Red-tailed Hawk	3-Purple Martin	82-Common Yellowthroat
3-American Kestrel	672-Tree Swallow	8-Hooded Warbler
3-Merlin	47-N. Rough-winged Swallow	3-Canada Warbler
3-Peregrine Falcon	39-Bank Swallow	4-Summer Tanager
3-Virginia Rail	25-Cliff Swallow	25-Scarlet Tanager
7-Sora	385-Barn Swallow	36-Eastern Towhee
3-Sandhill Crane	29-Black-capped Chickadee	61-Chipping Sparrow
3-Black-bellied Plover	36-Tufted Titmouse	33-Field Sparrow
8-American Golden-Plover	3-Red-breasted Nuthatch	32-Vesper Sparrow
7-Semipalmated Plover	36-White-breasted Nuthatch	20-Savannah Sparrow
31-Killdeer	5-Brown Creeper	3-Fox Sparrow
39-Solitary Sandpiper	3-Carolina Wren	39-Song Sparrow
33-Spotted Sandpiper	81-House Wren	6-Lincoln's Sparrow
7-Greater Yellowlegs	2-Winter Wren	33-Swamp Sparrow
68-Lesser Yellowlegs	3-Marsh Wren	362-White-th. Sparrow
61-Least Sandpiper	31-Ruby-crowned Kinglet	81-White-crowned Sparrow
3-White-Rumped Sandpiper	91-Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	321-Northern Cardinal
57-Pectoral Sandpiper	34-Eastern Bluebird	71-Rose-breasted Grosbeak
35-Dunlin	39-Veery	39-Indigo Bunting
3-Short-billed Dowitcher	4-Gray-cheeked Thrush	4-Dickcissel
7-Long-billed Dowitcher	22-Swainson's Thrush	46-Bobolink
3-Wilson's Snipe	4-Hermit Thrush	445-Red-winged Blackbird
2841-Ring-billed Gull	21-Wood Thrush	34-Eastern Meadowlark
4-Herring Gull	661-American Robin	326-Common Grackle
32-Caspian Tern	313-Gray Catbird	361-Brown-headed Cowbird
8-Forster's Tern	5-Northern Mockingbird	6-Orchard Oriole
311-Rock Pigeon	26-Brown Thrasher	51-Baltimore Oriole
3-Eurasian Collared-Dove	346-European Starling	32-House Finch
322-Mourning Dove	85-American Pipit	346-American Goldfinch
2-Yellow-billed Cuckoo	36-Cedar Waxwing	61-House Sparrow
3-Eastern Screech-Owl	5-Blue-winged Warbler	
30-Barred Owl	9-Golden-winged Warbler	
3-Common Nighthawk	33-Tennessee Warbler	9967- Total Individuals
3-Whip-poor Will	3-Orange-crn. Warbler	165- Total Species
29-Chimney Swift	49-Nashville Warbler	
31-Ruby-th. Hummingbird	34-Northern Parula	