

New Brunswick Christmas Mammal Count

Count circle: Red Bank / Sunny Corner

Count date: Dec. 15, 2012 (8:20 to 16:45 hours)

Sky & precipitation: ca. 50% cloud cover at start and ca. 25% at end; no precipitation all day.

Ground & water conditions: 40% snow cover with maximum 5 cm with 90% ice cover on Northwest and Little Southwest Miramichi Rivers, brooks with 50 % ice cover, and ponds with 100% ice cover.

Temp.: -8°C to -6°C

Wind direction and speed: NW 10 km/hr to 20 km/hr

Total participants: 13 (6 field observers in 2 field parties, plus 7 persons at 6 feeders)

Total party-hours: 15.5 (0.0 on foot, 15.5 by car)

Total party-km: 281.0 (0.0 on foot, 281.0 by car)

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.... .. .Masked shrewAmerican marten
.... .. .American water shrewFisher
.... .. .Arctic shrewShort-tailed weasel
.... .. .Pygmy shrew	.... .. .American mink
.... .. .Short-tailed shrew	.... .. .Striped skunk
.... .. .Star-nosed mole	.... .. .River otter
.... .. .Snowshoe hare	.... .. .Lynx
.... .. 8 Red squirrel	.... .. .Bobcat
.... .. .Northern flying squirrel	.... .. 1 Domestic cat (feral)
.... .. .Grey squirrel	.... .. 3 White-tailed deer
(L,O) 1 Beaver	.... .. .Moose
.... .. .Deer mouse	.... .. .Harbour seal
.... .. .Gapper's red-backed vole	.... .. .Grey seal
.... .. .Meadow vole	.... .. .Harp seal
.... .. .Muskrat	.... .. .Hooded seal
.... .. .Norway rat	.... .. .Harbour porpoise
.... .. .House mouse	
.... .. .American porcupine	Others:
.... .. .Eastern coyote	.... .. .
.... .. .Red fox	.... .. .
.... .. .Domestic dog (feral)	.... .. .
.... .. .Black bear	.... .. .
.... .. .Raccoon	

Please note that this list is just a guide.

Legend:

T	Tracks	H	Animal heard
L	Active lodge	E	Scat or excrement
D	Dead animal found.	O	Present during the count period
F	Fresh diggings (scratches) found		(Dec. 14 th to Jan. 5 th) but not on count day.
S	Scent (odour) of animal		

Instructions:

The mammal count can and should be done at the same time as the Xmas Bird Count in a circle 24 ms (15 mi) in diameter and should be conducted on one day between December 14th and January 5th.

Examples on how to fill out the sheet:

2, (T) 3 Snowshoe hare = this means that 2 snowshoe hares have been seen but also 3 different set of tracks during the count day.

4, (E) 1, (H) 1 Eastern coyote means that 4 coyotes were seen but also 1 excrement and one was heard.

Please send all reports using one of the means at the bottom of page 2.

Totals: 12 individuals of 3 species on count day plus 1 additional species during count period.

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