

New Brunswick Christmas Mammal Count

Name of Area: New Jersey / Neguac [all coverage within a 24 km (15 mi.) diameter circle]

Count Date: December 30, 2018; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Sky & Precipitation: 5% wispy, high cloud and no precipitation at start; 10% cloud and no precipitation at end;

Ground & Water Conditions: 30 cm snow cover; Miramichi Bay, brooks and ponds 100% frozen; Church River frozen except for 200 m stretch above and below Burnt Church Reserve bridge at entry to Miramichi Bay;

Temp.: -13°C at start; -14°C at end;

Wind Direction and Speed: NW 20 km/hr. at start; NW 10 km/hr. at end;

Total Participants: 28 (12 field observers in 5 field parties, plus 16 persons at 9 feeders);

Total Party-hours: 29.5 (3.25 on foot, 26.25 by car);

Total Party-km: 407 (8 on foot, 399 by car);

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.... .Masked shrewAmerican marten
.... .American water shrewFisher
.... .Arctic shrewShort-tailed weasel
.... .Pygmy shrew	.... .American mink
.... (O) 1 Short-tailed shrew	.... .Striped skunk
.... .Star-nosed mole	.... .River otter
...1, (T) 1 Snowshoe hare	.... .Lynx
.... .10 Red squirrel	.... .Bobcat
.... .Northern flying squirrel	.... . Domestic cat (feral)
..... .Grey squirrel	.... (T) 1 White-tailed deer
.... .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:
... (O,T) 1 Eastern coyote	.... .
.... ..(T) 1 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.

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Totals: 11 individuals of **2** species seen, and 3 tracks of 3 species on count day, plus **2** additional species (1 seen and 1 track) during count period.

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