Summary Report of 2018 Christmas Bird Count

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* 26 brave and hardy participants
* 57 species in 2018.  Compared to 58 in 2017.  Not bad at all given the rainy weather.  Might be due to a bit more birding pressure (for example, we had a driving group) and one more property (Fannon)
* We had 8 new species in 2018 compared to last year:
  + Wild Turkey
  + Great Blue Heron
  + Trumpeter Swan
  + Barn Owl
  + Red-breasted nuthatch
  + Red-winged blackbird
  + House finch
  + Purple finch

Some of those are a bit odd to have missed in 2017.  Could be a data compilation glitch?

* We missed  9 species in 2018 that we saw in 2017
  + Rock Pidgeon
  + Sharp-shinned hawk
  + Coopers hawk
  + Barred Owl
  + Winter Wren
  + Savannah Sparrow
  + Brown-headed cowbird
  + Yellow-rumped warbler
  + Pine warbler

Some of those might be due to data glitches or questionable sightings in 2017.

Taking the 2 years together, we've had 65 species and 3,902 individuals.

Great work by one and all!