

**Spruce Creek Park [Rockfish Valley Trail] - MTJ05-A**

**Observation date:** 1/2/10 [Tim Hodge]

**Notes:** Waynesboro CBC

**Number of species:** 42

Black Vulture 11  
Turkey Vulture 11  
Red-tailed Hawk 4  
American Kestrel 1  
Rock Pigeon 3  
Mourning Dove 3  
Eastern Screech-Owl 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 8  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3  
Downy Woodpecker 5  
Hairy Woodpecker 1  
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 3  
Pileated Woodpecker 4  
Blue Jay 9  
American Crow 42  
Carolina Chickadee 11  
Tufted Titmouse 30  
White-breasted Nuthatch 2  
Brown Creeper 1  
Carolina Wren 5  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 12  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2  
Eastern Bluebird 27  
Hermit Thrush 2  
Northern Mockingbird 3  
European Starling 59  
Cedar Waxwing 34  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 37  
Pine Warbler 1  
Chipping Sparrow 3 They are around I don't know why they are considered rare,  
uncommon yes but not rare.  
Field Sparrow 61  
Fox Sparrow 3  
Song Sparrow 41  
Swamp Sparrow 1  
White-throated Sparrow 73  
White-crowned Sparrow 1  
Dark-eyed Junco 138  
Northern Cardinal 23  
House Finch 21  
White-winged Crossbill 1 White-winged Crossbill

Location: Spruce Creek Road just south of Nellysford, VA.

Date: 1/2/10 11:50 a.m.

Description: Flew across the road into some White Pines, I got a very clear look at it as it flew across the road, maybe 15 feet high, 10-15 feet in front of me, but unfortunately it perched for only a second mostly hidden by branches and then flew off again. Sadly I was not able to relocate it. It was about Cardinal sized with uniform pinkish red below; pale undertail coverts and vent; very dark tail; I noted flashes of white on the wing, nearer the base; the wings were somewhat long, narrow, and somewhat pointed wings. My first thought was Crossbill, and then I saw the white on the

wings. I personally don't remember what the tail was shaped like, but I drew a notched tail shortly after the observation.

Notes: I identified the bird almost immediately.

This report was written from field notes taken immediately after the observation and partially from memory the day after the observation.

I looked at the Sibley after the field notes were written but before I wrote this report.

I have never seen the White-winged Crossbill before but I have had numerous past experiences with the Red Crossbill.

American Goldfinch 2

House Sparrow 2