The 67th consecutive Roan Mtn CBC was held Sunday, 16 Dec 2018. Fifteen observers in three parties found 47 species. The recent 30-year average is 45 species. The all-time high was 55 species in 1987.

Weather conditions were very sloppy this year, with heavy overcast, fog, and near-steady mist all day. Winds were strong at the highest elevations.

Few highlights:

Am. Black Duck (7), Hooded Merganser (4), Pied-billed Grebe (1), Great Blue Heron (7, most ever), White-crowned Sparrow (4), Red-wg. Blackbird (1).

No Purple Finches or Pine Siskins.

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