

# Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results

December 18, 2010

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>
Canada Goose	806
Gadwall	<b>57</b>
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>	1
American Wigeon	305
Mallard	1,456
Northern Pintail	cw
Green-winged Teal	46
<b>Canvasback</b>	cw
Ring-necked Duck	cw
Greater Scaup	33
Lesser Scaup	2
Unidentified Scaup	216
Harlequin Duck	55
Surf Scoter	<b>157</b>
White-winged Scoter	25
Long-tailed Duck	2
Bufflehead	85
Common Goldeneye	147
Barrow's Goldeneye	<b>68</b>
<b>Common X Barrow's Goldeneye hybrid</b>	<b>1</b>
Unidentified Goldeneyes	53
Hooded Merganser	7
Common Merganser	97
Red-breasted Merganser	41
Unidentified Mergansers	1
Red-throated Loon	2
Pacific Loon	2
Common Loon	6
Yellow-billed Loon	1
Horned Grebe	10
Red-necked Grebe	18
Unidentified Grebes	1
Pelagic Cormorant	11
Great Blue Heron	9
Bald Eagle (112 adults; 6 immatures)	118
Sharp-shinned Hawk	cw
Merlin	cw
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	cw
Killdeer	cw
Black Turnstone	35
Dunlin	cw
Wilson's Snipe	cw
Mew Gull	145
Herring Gull	7
Glaucous-winged Gull	1,332
Gl.-winged x Herring Gull hyb.	1
Unidentified Gulls	11
Common Murre	cw
Pigeon Guillemot	cw
Marbled Murrelet	58
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Eurasian Collared-Dove</b>	<b>9</b>
Rock Pigeon	122
<b>Northern Hawk Owl</b>	cw
<b>Anna's Hummingbird</b>	1
Belted Kingfisher	4
Downy Woodpecker	cw
Hairy Woodpecker	3
American Three-toed Woodpecker	cw
<b>Northern Flicker</b>	1
Unidentified Woodpeckers	1
Northern Shrike	2
Steller's Jay	77
Black-billed Magpie	62
Northwestern Crow	311
Common Raven	409
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	95
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2
Brown Creeper	3
Pacific Wren	12
American Dipper	12
Golden-crowned Kinglet	75
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
American Robin	<b>24</b>
Varied Thrush	<b>11</b>
European Starling	3
<b>American Pipit</b>	cw
Bohemian Waxwing	116
<b>Spotted Towhee</b>	1
American Tree Sparrow	21
Fox Sparrow	4
Song Sparrow	13
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>	1
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Harris's Sparrow</b>	cw
White-crowned Sparrow	3
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1
Dark-eyed Junco (280 Ore; 59 SI; 82 unk)	421
Snow Bunting	4
Rusty Blackbird	16
Pine Grosbeak	10
Red Crossbill	89
White-winged Crossbill	cw
Common Redpoll	8
Pine Siskin	573
TOTAL SPECIES (count day)	70
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	7,952

Cw = Count Week only (Dec. 15-21) but not seen on the count day- **17 species**, which is a record.

Total species for count week was 87

## Juneau's 2010 Christmas Bird Count

The Juneau Christmas Bird Count for 2010 was held on December 18. Weather was cold, with temperatures ranging from the high teens to low 20s. The day saw blue skies, dry, icy conditions, and light breezes in much of the area but with stronger winds and rough water in portions of Stephens Passage, which affected the counts of water birds off of Outer Point. We had 34 participants in the field and several feeder watchers, with a number of field observers also doubling up to catch birds at their feeders. We had one intrepid observer (Merrill Jensen) doing kayak duty and Jeff Sauer led a search team for ptarmigan near the Mendenhall Glacier.

Preliminary results show 70 species for the count day and an extraordinary 17 additional species found during count week. The total count of birds on count day, 7,952, was below average, and was likely driven by low counts of certain marine species due in part to poor conditions in Stephens Passage, and the persistent cold weather leading up to our count period. All the common species that have been seen on the 37 previous counts were found once again, and there were many interesting birds present through our count week, although not all could be found on our count day.

Highlights included the Spotted Towhee which continued to be present at Paul Suchanek's feeder, the Anna's Hummingbird that continued to survive at Patty Rose's feeder due to her heroic efforts to keep the sugar water thawed, two White-throated Sparrows, and 9 Eurasian Collared Doves. A Mourning Dove was reported with details by Larry West, which is a new species to our cumulative CBC list. The Northern Hawk Owl, present in our area for a month, was seen during the week, and the Harris's Sparrow at Sandy Beach, found by Patty Rose well before the count, continued to be present through the count week but went missing on count day. Deborah Rudis reported a Peregrine Falcon in the valley early in the count week. The Barrow's X Common Goldeneye hybrid, a most unusual bird found previously by Paul Suchanek, was seen on count day. We had new high counts for Gadwall, American Robin, Varied Thrush, and White-throated Sparrow. New low counts were had for Barrow's Goldeneye and Surf Scoter, likely for reasons stated above..

As usual, the tally of birds and potluck was held at Mark Schwan and Debi Ballam's home. The food contributions were tremendous and it was a great way to end the day. Thanks to all who participated. The results of our count will be entered online to National Audubon sometime in early January.

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