

Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results By Mark Schwan

January 4, 2014

We were very fortunate with the weather, after postponing on the 14th of December due to horrible conditions. We had mild temperatures, in the mid 30s, little wind, and no precipitation until late in the afternoon. There was some fog to deal with but it didn't have any significant impacts. Forty four people



participated in the field and four additional people reported in from homes watching feeders and areas adjacent to their property. This was a nice turn out of volunteers for us.

Our species list for count day stands at 69, a count day total which is about average for us. Our total birds counted on count day was 10,784, (major contributors were, as usual, **Canada Goose, Glaucous-winged Gull, and Mallard**) which is just a bit above average. We had no real shockers or any new species for our cumulative

local CBC list. We had new, high or record counts for two species, **Canada Goose** and **Chestnut-backed Chickadee**. Our **Canada Goose** count was 2,140, and doubled our previous high count. We were concerned there could have been some double-counting of birds due to movements of flocks during the day to different areas, but we seem to think that this was not a problem. This is the first time we have held a count after hunting season ended; perhaps with hunting season over for the last few days, more birds returned to the wetlands. We don't know. The 191 Chestnut-backed Chickadees dramatically surpassed our previous high of 152. Scoter counts continued to be down, and our jay count of 16 has only been lower on four of our previous forty counts, all many years ago.



Rare birds included a continuing **Western Grebe** in Auke Bay, two **Anna's Hummingbirds** continuing at local feeders, two continuing **White-throated Sparrows** visiting local feeders, and **9 Red-winged Blackbirds** continuing to visit a feeder near Lemon Creek. Birds that we found which aren't considered rare but many times are missed included **Red-throated Loon, Yellow-billed Loon, Northern Pygmy Owl, and Hairy Woodpecker**. We had six additional count week species: **Rough-legged Hawk** (very rare-maybe only one or two previous winter records and seen on only one previous count), **Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black Turnstone, Great Horned Owl, Short-eared Owl (rare), and Fox Sparrow**. Thanks to all who participated

PHOTOS by Patty Rose: Above - Female Ann's Hummingbirds Right - Northern Pigmy Owl

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Species Seen	Count
Canada Goose	2,126
Gadwall	17
American Wigeon	173
Mallard	2702
Northern Pintail	16
Green-winged Teal	12
Greater Scaup	91
Lesser Scaup	1
Unidentified Scaup	9
Harlequin Duck	75
Surf Scoter	353
White-winged Scoter	101
Unidentified Scoters	4
Long-tailed Duck	14
Bufflehead	117
Common Goldeneye	130
Barrow's Goldeneye	168
Unidentified Goldeneyes	3
Hooded Merganser	3
Common Merganser	90
Red-breasted Merganser	36
Unidentified Mergansers	11
Red-throated Loon	cw
Pacific Loon	80
Common Loon	7
Yellow-billed Loon	1
Horned Grebe	10
Red-necked Grebe	15
Western Grebe	1
Pelagic	20

Cormorant	
Unidentified	2
Cormorants	
Great Blue Heron	3
Bald Eagle	151
Sharp-shinned Hawk	cw
Northern Goshawk	2
Rough-legged Hawk	cw
Killdeer	4
Black Turnstone	cw
Rock Sandpiper	29
Dunlin	275
Wilson's Snipe	1
Mew Gull	160
Herring Gull	1