

2018 Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results

The 46th Juneau Christmas Bird Count took place Saturday, December 15, 2018. Twenty-nine volunteers reported 59 species and 7,180 individual birds. A few feeder watchers also contributed their observations to the count. Ten additional species were seen during count week, for a total of 69.

The weather was overcast, with temperatures in the upper teens to upper twenties, zero precipitation, and calm winds in all areas except downtown and Douglas, which were windy. Most ponds and lakes were frozen.

Highlights include Sanderling, Spotted Towhee, White-Throated Sparrow, Anna's Hummingbird, and Red-Winged Blackbird on count day and Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black Turnstone, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Short-eared Owl, Wilson's Warbler, and Harris's Sparrow during count week. Those species have been seen on fewer than 20 previous counts.

The count resulted in two new highs, one new low, and a new species. Counts of 873 American Wigeons and 345 Dunlin are new high counts for those species. A count of 112 Surf Scoters is a new low for that species. Additionally, Wilson's Warbler, which was seen during count week, is a new species for the Juneau count.

The 23 species that have been seen on each of the other 45 counts were seen on count day. The five most numerous species were Mallard (2,049), American Wigeon (873), Canada Goose (724), Glaucous-winged Gull (714), and Common Raven (274). A detailed list follows.

Canada Goose - 724	Horned Grebe - 11
Gadwall - 12	Red-necked Grebe - 12
American Wigeon - 873	Pelagic Cormorant - 12
Mallard - 2,049	Great Blue Heron - 1
Northern Pintail - 18	Bald Eagle - 124
Green-winged Teal - 1	Sharp-shinned Hawk - count week
Greater Scaup - 14	Killdeer - 12
Lesser Scaup - 3	Black Turnstone - count week
Unidentified Scaup - 105	Sanderling - 2
Harlequin Duck - 47	Rock Sandpiper - count week
Surf Scoter - 112	Dunlin - 345
White-winged Scoter - 26	Wilson's Snipe - 1
Unidentified Scoter - 12	Unidentified Sandpipers - 230
Long-tailed Duck - 2	Pigeon Guillemot - 1
Bufflehead - 134	Marbled Murrelet - 24
Common Goldeneye - 71	Mew Gull - 133
Barrow's Goldeneye - 210	Herring Gull - 3
Unidentified Goldeneye - 9	Glaucous-winged Gull - 714
Common Merganser - 41	Glaucous-winged Gull x Herring Gull - 7
Red-breasted Merganser - 53	Unidentified Gulls - 7
Unidentified Mergansers - 4	Eurasian Collared-Dove - count week
Pacific Loon - 5	Rock Pigeon - 102
Common Loon - 3	Northern Pygmy-Owl - 1

Short-eared Owl - count week

Anna's Hummingbird - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 5

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Shrike - 2

Steller's Jay - 35

Black-billed Magpie - 16

Northwestern Crow - 259

Common Raven - 274

Chestnut-backed Chickadee - 43

Brown Creeper - 1

Pacific Wren - 4

American Dipper - 5

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 54

Varied Thrush - count week

European Starling - 64

Snow Bunting - count week

Wilson's Warbler - count week

Spotted Towhee - 1

American Tree Sparrow - 3

Song Sparrow - 28

White-throated Sparrow - 1

Harris's Sparrow - count week

White-crowned Sparrow - 5

Golden-crowned Sparrow - 1

Dark-eyed Junco - 73

Red-winged Blackbird - 8

Red Crossbill - 3

White-winged Crossbill - count week

Pine Siskin - 23

Count Day Species - 59

Count Week Species - 10

Total Species - 69

Total Individual Birds - 7,180

Volunteers: 29