

2021 Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results

By Patty Rose

The 49th Juneau Christmas Bird Count took place Saturday, December 18. Thirty-nine volunteers reported 53 species and 7,239 individual birds on count day. Twelve additional species were seen during count week, for a total of 65 species.

Count day was clear and cold, with temperatures ranging from the single digits near the Mendenhall Glacier to the low twenties near the water. The ground was snow-covered, and ponds and lakes were frozen.

Highlights on count day included a Glaucous Gull at the landfill in the Lemon Creek area, and an Anna's Hummingbird at a residence near Twin Lakes.

Highlights during count week included two Trumpeter Swans, which were observed flying over the Back Loop and also seen on the Mendenhall River, a continuing American Coot at Statter Harbor, a Red-breasted Sapsucker at an Auke Bay residence, an American Three-toed Woodpecker at Fish Creek, and a Barred Owl at a Back Loop residence.

Twenty-two species have been seen on each of the previous 48 counts and were seen on this count. The five most numerous species were Mallard (2060), Glaucous-winged Gull (1418), Canada Goose (411), Barrow's Goldeneye (530), and Surf Scoter (378). A new low count of three White-winged Scoters was recorded this year. Thrushes evaded detection on count day and during count week. Four species of woodpeckers were recorded, including two Downy Woodpeckers and three Hairy Woodpeckers on count day and a Red-breasted Sapsucker and an American Three-toed Woodpecker during count week. A detailed list follows.

Thanks to those who volunteered! Please contact Patty Rose at p_rose_raven@yahoo.com if you have questions.

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Canada Goose - 411
Trumpeter Swan - count week
Gadwall - count week
American Wigeon - 26
Mallard - 2060
Northern Pintail - 4
Green-winged Teal - 1
Greater Scaup - count week
Unidentified Scaup - 17
Harlequin Duck - 43
Surf Scoter - 378
White-winged Scoter - 3
Black Scoter - 1
Unidentified Scoters - 1
Long-tailed Duck - 9
Bufflehead - 125
Common Goldeneye - 84
Barrow's Goldeneye - 539
Unidentified Goldeneyes - 11
Common Merganser - 122
Red-breasted Merganser - 60
Pacific Loon - 86
Common Loon - 8
Yellow-billed Loon - 1
Unidentified Loons - 4
Horned Grebe - 21
Red-necked Grebe - 1
Pelagic Cormorant - 24
Unidentified Cormorants - 1
Great Blue Heron - 3
Bald Eagle - 155
Sharp-shinned Hawk - count week
Northern Goshawk - 1
American Coot - count week
Killdeer - 6
Dunlin - 126
Pigeon Guillemot - 1
Marbled Murrelet - 35
Mew Gull - 125
Herring Gull - 1
Iceland Gull (Thayer's) - count week
Glaucous-winged Gull - 1418
Glaucous-winged Gull x Herring Gull Hybrid - 4
Glaucous Gull - 1
Unidentified Gulls - 153
Rock Pigeon - 141
Barred Owl - count week
Short-eared Owl - count week
Anna's Hummingbird - 1
Belted Kingfisher - 13
Red-breasted Sapsucker - count week
Downy Woodpecker - 2
Hairy Woodpecker - 3
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker - count week
Northern Shrike - 1
Steller's Jay - 11
Black-billed Magpie - 17
Northwestern Crow (American) - 326
Common Raven - 373
Chestnut-backed Chickadee - 38
Red-breasted Nuthatch - cw
Brown Creeper - 1
Pacific Wren - 6
American Dipper - 5
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 11
European Starling - 55
Song Sparrow - 20
Golden-crowned Sparrow - 1
Unidentified Sparrows - 1
Dark-eyed Junco - 138
Pine Grosbeak - 4
Common Redpoll - 1
Pine Siskin - count week