

Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results, 2022

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The 50th Juneau Christmas Bird Count took place Saturday, December 17, 2022. Thirty-six volunteers reported 55 species on count day. An additional 10 species were reported during count week, for a total of 65 species. The total number of individual birds counted was 6,650.

Low temperatures and high winds during count week likely contributed to the relatively low number of count-day species. On count day, observers reported clear skies and temperatures ranging from 12 degrees in the glacier forelands to the mid-twenties in coastal areas. Most of the area was windy. Standing water was frozen, and snow was not reported.

Highlights on count day included a Cackling Goose at Fish Creek on North Douglas and a Eurasian Collared-dove at an Auke Bay residence. A Spotted Towhee was seen at a Mendenhall Valley residence during count week. Also seen during count week but not on count day were Hooded Merganser, Common Loon, Killdeer, Pigeon Guillemot, Northern Shrike, Brown Creeper, Bohemian Waxwing, Rusty Blackbird, and Pine Grosbeak.

Twenty-two species have been seen on each of the previous 49 counts and were seen on this count. The five most numerous species were Mallard (1,221), Glaucous-winged Gull (961), Canada Goose (661), American Wigeon (456), and Barrow's Goldeneye (451). This year, we recorded new high counts of Lesser Scaup (30), Iceland Gull (Thayer's) (34), and Anna's Hummingbird (5) and a new low count of Black-billed Magpie (5).

Thanks to those who volunteered!

Cackling goose - 1	Common Merganser - 60
Canada Goose - 593	Red-breasted Merganser - 47
Gadwall - 18	Unidentified Mergansers - 1
American Wigeon - 456	Pacific Loon - 6
Mallard - 1221	Common Loon - count week
Northern Pintail - 5	Yellow-billed Loon - 1
Green-winged Teal - 15	Horned Grebe - 17
Greater Scaup - 12	Red-necked Grebe - 7
Lesser Scaup - 30	Pelagic Cormorant - 6
Unidentified Scaup - 40	Great Blue Heron - 1
Harlequin Duck - 19	Bald Eagle - 184
Surf Scoter - 661	Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
White-winged Scoter - 30	Killdeer - count week
Unidentified Scoters - 5	Dunlin - 252
Long-tailed Duck - 18	Unidentified Sandpipers - 2
Bufflehead - 108	Wilson's Snipe - 1
Common Goldeneye - 84	Pigeon Guillemot - count week
Barrow's Goldeneye - 451	Marbled Murrelet - 83
Unidentified Goldeneyes - 48	Mew Gull (Short-billed Gull) - 104
Hooded Merganser - count week	Iceland Gull (Thayer's Gull) - 34

Glaucous-winged Gull - 961
GWGUxHEGU hybrid - 3
Unidentified Gulls - 21
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1
Rock Pigeon - 68
Anna's Hummingbird - 5
Belted Kingfisher - 6
Downy Woodpecker - 1
Hairy Woodpecker - 1
Northern Shrike - count week
Steller's Jay - 18
Black-billed Magpie - 5
Northwestern Crow (American Crow) - 236
Common Raven - 367
Chestnut-backed Chickadee - 82
Brown Creeper - count week

Pacific Wren - 3
American Dipper - 9
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 21
American Robin - 2
Varied Thrush - 1
European Starling - 91
Bohemian Waxwing - count week
Spotted Towhee - count week
Fox Sparrow - 1
Song Sparrow - 5
White-crowned Sparrow - 1
Dark-eyed Junco - 82
Rusty Blackbird - count week
Pine Grosbeak - count week
Red Crossbill - 26
White-winged Crossbill - 11