



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Count
3/21/08

Migration is now in full swing. Total waterfowl around 235,000. This is about double the average 131,000 for this week in March. Total shorebirds around 1300, average for this week is about 2600. All units are open and ice free. Very good observation around the tour loop of tundra swans and waterfowl. Oh, and gulls!

March high counts of American Wigeon, redhead, ruddy duck, bufflehead, great blue heron, and Bonaparte's gull. First spring observations of Bonaparte's gull, tree swallow, red-shafted flicker, yellow-headed blackbird, savannah sparrow, American avocet, Baird's sandpiper, Caspian Tern, golden eagle, dowitcher, western and Clark's grebes.

About 30% of all birds tallied were observed from units around the tour loop viewing area.

Tundra Swan	11545
Snow Goose	1200
Canada Goose	503
Mallard	8805
N. Pintail	49952
GW Teal	26464
Cinnamon Teal	55
Northern Shoveler	27165
Gadwall	11710
Am. Wigeon	27740
Eurasian Wigeon	2
Long-tailed Duck	1
Canvasback	19170
Redhead	10045
Scaup	15758
Common Goldeneye	10884
Barrow's Goldeneye	2
Bufflehead	7762
Comm. Merganser	6
Red-breast. Merganser	6
Ring-necked Duck	15
Ruddy Duck	8023
Western Grebe	8
Clark's Grebe	10
A.W. Pelican	45
DC Cormorant	225
Great Blue Heron	114
Killdeer	9
Am. Avocet	1252
Baird's Sandpiper	3
Dowitcher spp.	7
Franklin's Gull	5

Bonaparte's Gull	11
Ring billed Gull	1725
California Gull	4744
Caspian Tern	3
Am. coot	8838
Sandhill Crane	2
Bald Eagle	33
Golden Eagle	1
Northern Harrier	4
Rough-legged Hawk	2

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