



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
09/18/09

Total waterfowl around 174,000, this compares to 215,000 which is long-term average for this week in September. Total number of shorebirds around 20,000 compared to the long-term average of 17,000 for this week. Only thing about count that was noteworthy was just how "average" everything was. No record monthly high counts or even low counts set. All species observed well within their "normal" ranges. Avocet and stilt numbers starting to decline along with number of white-faced ibis. Increase of about 20,000 waterfowl since count 2 weeks ago. Raptor numbers on the increase. Observed 2 golden eagles picking on a live Canada Goose that couldn't fly.

29% of birds observed were from the tour-loop, with 13% within the hunt units.

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| Canada Goose | 2815 |
| Mallard | 9823 |
| Northern Pintail | 41973 |
| Green-winged Teal | 12301 |
| Cinnamon Teal | 422 |
| Northern Shoveler | 47241 |
| Gadwall | 25674 |
| American Wigeon | 20507 |
| Canvasback | 878 |
| Redhead | 426 |
| Ruddy duck | 11686 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 3 |
| Eared Grebe | 64 |
| Western Grebe | 140 |
| Clark's Grebe | 130 |
| Am. White Pelican | 1284 |
| DC Cormorant | 705 |
| Great Blue Heron | 178 |
| Great Egret | 16 |
| Snowy Egret | 72 |
| BC Night Heron | 16 |
| White Faced Ibis | 113 |
| Killdeer | 26 |
| Black Necked Stilt | 206 |
| Am. Avocet | 693 |
| Willet | 1 |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 4 |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 18 |

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| Marbled Godwit | 6255 |
| Least Sandpiper | 25 |
| Dowitcher spp. | 12212 |
| Franklin's gull | 416 |
| Ring Billed gull | 2242 |
| California Gull | 115 |
| Forster's Tern | 14 |
| Sora | 1 |
| Am. coot | 14287 |
| Turkey vulture | 7 |
| Northern Harrier | 3 |

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