



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Refuge Waterbird/Raptor Survey 9/25/08

Total number of waterfowl around 188,000. This is just slightly below the long-term average for this week in September of 205,000. The number of American green-winged teal and gadwall were higher than average while northern shoveler and American wigeon were somewhat lower than average. Diving duck numbers were about three times higher than the average for this week in September. Unusually high concentrations of ruddy duck and ring-necked duck. All time high Refuge counts for both species. Canada Goose numbers right at average.

Total number shorebirds was about 13,000. This is just slightly above the long term average of 12,000. Monthly high count of Greater Yellowlegs and Dowitchers.

Just began filling the main auto-tour-loop wetland unit today (Oct. 1) as river flow has finally increased. All hunt units are either full or have begun to fill with the exception of Units 3H and 3I due to the on-going road construction project. Refuge Road is Open.

Canada Goose	1415
Mallard	16681
Pintail	36272
Green-winged Teal	33431
Cinnamon Teal	3005
Northern Shoveler	23228
Gadwall	33806
Wigeon	9768
Unk. Dabbling	600
Canvasback	865
Redhead	1727
Ring-necked Duck	4033
Ruddy Duck	23053
Eared Grebe	8
Western Grebe	7
Clark's Grebe	1
A.W. Pelican	189
DC Cormorant	238
Great Blue Heron	54
Snowy Egret	28
BC Night Heron	14
White-faced Ibis	281
Killdeer	13
Black-necked Stilt	37
Am. Avocet	302
Greater Yellowlegs	53
Long Billed Curlew	3
Marbled Godwit	220
Dowitcher spp.	12,970
Franklin's Gull	3379
Ring billed gull	2841
California gull	249
Coot	8624

Sandhill Crane	3
Turkey Vulture	2
Golden Eagle	2
Northern Harrier	10
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Peregrine Falcon	1

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