



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Waterbird/Raptor Count 10/02/09

Total waterfowl around 104,000. This compares to the long-term average of 75,000 for the first week of October. Total number of shorebirds around 7,000. Long-term average is only about 2,800. Notable sightings include a likely Trumpeter Swan still on the northeast island in Unit 4C. Monthly record high count of white-faced ibis, sandhill crane and Turkey vulture, and a record late spotted sandpiper. Several pairs of Clark's Grebe still feeding downy young. Observed about 1300 dead and sick waterfowl.

Trumpeter Swan (?)	1
Canada Goose	1918
Mallard	9206
Northern Pintail	26146
Green-winged Teal	7896
Northern Shoveler	17012
Gadwall	9690
Wigeon	10385
Canvasback	7201
Redhead	1537
Ring-necked duck	40
Ruddy duck	13000
Pied-billed Grebe	4
Eared Grebe	37
Western Grebe	169
Clark's Grebe	220
A.W. Pelican	393
DC Cormorant	501
Great Blue Heron	60
Great Egret	10
Snowy Egret	18
Blk. Crown. N. Heron	17
White Faced Ibis	60
Killdeer	3
American Avocet	961
Spotted Sandpiper	1
Greater Yellowlegs	4
Lesser Yellowlegs	4
Marbled Godwit	505
Dowitcher spp.	5314
Red necked Phalarope	8
Franklin's Gull	266
Ring Billed Gull	2689
California Gull	57
Virginia Rail	1
Am. coot	10079
Sandhill Crane	3
Turkey Vulture	6
Northern Harrier	7
Peregrine Falcon	1

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