

2012 Christmas Bird Count

Shown below is a summary of the total birds counted on December 20th. We had a total of 40 species this year which breaks the record of 38 set in 2007. Pine grosbeaks were found at headquarters, two miles east of the state 80 and northwest of the sandhills picnic site. There were record numbers of snow buntings, snowy owls, shrikes, juncos, white-winged crossbills, common redpolls (over 2,000) and rock doves. In addition we had 3 birds new to our count – 8 euro-collared doves, 1 white-throated sparrow and 1 screech owl. The team effort no doubt helped to break the record count. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this count a success.

Christmas Bird Count – J. Clark Salyer NWR – December 20, 2012 – Species Count

| Species | Number | Species | Number |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Bald Eagle | 1 | Red-breasted Nuthatch | 5 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 8 | White-breasted Nuthatch | 3 |
| Golden Eagle | 2 | European Starling | 3 |
| Eagle sp. | 1 | Bohemian Waxwing | 38 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 1 | Cedar Waxwing | 1 |
| Gray Partridge | 23 | American Tree Sparrow | 18 |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 67 | White-throated Sparrow | 1 |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse | 45 | Dark-eyed Junco | 21 |
| Rock Dove | 148 | Oregon Junco | 1 |
| Euro-collared Dove | 8 | Snow Bunting | 707 |
| Great Horned Owl | 4 | Red-winged Blackbird | 6 |
| Snowy Owl | 7 | Rusty Blackbird | 1 |
| Eastern Screech Owl | 1 | Pine Grosbeak | 22 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 5 | Purple Finch | 5 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 3 | House Finch | 1 |
| Northern Shrike | 7 | White-winged Crossbill | 3 |
| Black-billed Magpie | 21 | Common Redpoll | 2,010 |
| American Crow | 2 | Hoary Redpoll | 11 |
| Common Raven | 6 | American Goldfinch | 3 |
| Horned Lark | 9 | House Sparrow | 301 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 33 | | |

Total Individuals Counted: 3,563

Total Species Reported: 40

Temperature 4 to 11 degrees, fog to 11 am then clear, wind southeast less than 5 mph, 7 to 9 inches of snow on the ground. Total miles on foot were 3.8 in 4.75 hours and 30.25 hours and 453 miles by car.