

Ninepipe Audubon Christmas Bird Count – Dec 16, 2012

National Bison Range Section

Observers – Pat Jamieson, Dan Sharps, Dave Fitzpatrick, Beth Trosello

Start 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Weather: start at 28 degrees Fahrenheit, end 38 degrees

Skies mostly clear, light wind at times

(basically a beautiful day)

Flyover – from Flathead River to Mountains (west to east)

Birds may or may not land elsewhere in circle (or even in Bison Range section)

Mallards = 57

Canada Goose = 494

NBR section of Count circle

6.25 hours on 29 miles of road

0.75 hour at feeders/yard

Bird	Numbers	Bird	Numbers
Mallard (a conservative number – we were flushing them up one way and all the eagles were flushing them back....)	5491	Bohemian Waxwing (in one VERY large flock)	250
Common Goldeneye	5	American Robin	1
Goldeneye spp	1	Townsend's Solitaire	10
Cinnamon Teal	2	Black capped Chickadee	21
Canada Goose	64	Red breasted Nuthatch	2
Trumpeter Swan	1	Brown Creeper	1
Red Tail Hawk (3 of which are Harlan's)	13	Northern Shrike (chasing a Tree sparrow – didn't catch)	1
Rough Legged Hawk	20	House Sparrow	40
Northern Harrier	9	Chipping Sparrow	10
Cooper's Hawk	1	Vesper Sparrow	5
American Kestrel	5	American Tree Sparrow	22
Golden Eagle	2	House Finch	1
Bald Eagle (4 ad, 3 imm) (again conservative as we had eagles flying back and forth and up and down and.....)	7	Dark eyed Junco (Oregon type)	3
Ring necked Pheasant	5	European starling	25
Northern Flicker	12		
Belted Kingfisher	2	Two large herd elk	
Collared Dove	2	A few bison	
Black billed Magpie	38	Tons of White tail deer	
Stellar's Jay	2	Heard Coyotes	
Common Raven	3		