



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge  
Brigham City, UT  
Waterbird/Raptor Survey  
October 30-31, 2012

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on October 30-31 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and Student Conservation Association Intern Bethanie Rogers recording 39 species. Water conditions on the refuge are good with most units being full. Migrant species that have recently arrived include bald eagle, rough-legged hawk, tundra swan, bufflehead, common goldeneye, and common and red-breasted merganser. Other highlights include the sighting of a horned grebe and a male surf scoter, both of which are uncommon to rare on the refuge.

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|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Tundra swan            | 4,326  | Clark's grebe            | 2     |
| Canada goose           | 6,759  | American white pelican   | 34    |
| Mallard                | 4,934  | Double-crested cormorant | 438   |
| Northern pintail       | 29,385 | Great blue heron         | 94    |
| Green-winged teal      | 14,213 | Snowy egret              | 2     |
| Northern shoveler      | 4,277  | Killdeer                 | 82    |
| Gadwall                | 7,363  | American avocet          | 1,831 |
| American wigeon        | 16,754 | Greater yellowlegs       | 34    |
| Canvasback             | 5,232  | Lesser yellowlegs        | 12    |
| Redhead                | 286    | Least sandpiper          | 20    |
| Surf scoter            | 1      | Bonaparte's gull         | 1,997 |
| Common goldeneye       | 3      | Ring-billed gull         | 2,682 |
| Bufflehead             | 317    | American coot            | 4,493 |
| Common merganser       | 60     | Bald eagle               | 3     |
| Red-breasted merganser | 55     | Northern harrier         | 19    |
| Ruddy duck             | 5,314  | Rough-legged hawk        | 4     |
| Unknown ducks          | 685    | American kestrel         | 1     |
| Pied-billed grebe      | 12     | Short-eared owl          | 1     |
| Horned grebe           | 1      | Loggerhead shrike        | 2     |
| Eared grebe            | 978    |                          |       |
| Western grebe          | 11     |                          |       |

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