



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
November 19-20, 2012

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on November 19-20 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers recording 39 species. Water conditions on the refuge were good with most units being full. Weather conditions were mild with no ice cover. Waterfowl numbers, especially tundra swans, were below average for this time of year. However, more diving ducks have been arriving. Highlights included a horned grebe which is still around since it was first sighted in October, a very late black-necked stilt and Wilson's phalarope (all 3 of these species were seen along the auto tour route). Stilts and phalaropes both usually leave the refuge in September - sightings of either of these 2 species on the refuge in November are very rare.

Tundra swan	5,085	Western grebe	3
Canada goose	3,366	American white pelican	3
Mallard	6,740	Great blue heron	45
Northern pintail	20,398	Black-crowned night heron	11
Green-winged teal	20,038	Killdeer	31
Northern shoveler	7,531	Black-necked stilt	1
Gadwall	5,047	American avocet	413
American wigeon	12,447	Greater yellowlegs	44
Canvasback	5,092	Marbled godwit	107
Redhead	593	Wilson's phalarope	1
Lesser scaup	296	Bonaparte's gull	697
Common goldeneye	634	Ring-billed gull	522
Bufflehead	460	California gull	1
Common merganser	300	American coot	2,078
Red-breasted merganser	85	Bald eagle	7
Ruddy duck	7,227	Northern harrier	20
Unknown ducks	1,935	Rough-legged hawk	9
Pied-billed grebe	25	Great horned owl	1
Horned grebe	1	Short-eared owl	1
Eared grebe	241	Loggerhead shrike	2

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