



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
April 1-2, 2013

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on April 1-2, 2013 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and Park Ranger Jason St. Sauver, with 47 species recorded. Overall waterfowl numbers of nearly 87,000 is right about average for early April. Tundra swans have mostly left the refuge. Other winter species such as bald eagle and rough-legged hawk were sighted. Individual bald eagles can be sighted well into April; however April sightings of rough-legged hawks are rare. Recent arrivals include black-necked stilt, marbled godwit, and Caspian tern. Highlights included a horned grebe, a golden eagle, a cattle egret, and a Virginia rail, all of which are uncommon on the refuge

Tundra swan	73	Clark's grebe	38
Snow goose	1	American white pelican	56
Canada goose	544	Double-crested cormorant	718
Mallard	2,690	Great blue heron	98
Northern pintail	6,705	Cattle egret	1
American green-winged teal	10,786	Black-crowned night heron	7
Cinnamon teal	2,403	Killdeer	42
Northern shoveler	27,098	Black-necked stilt	199
Gadwall	7,060	American avocet	3,159
American wigeon	5,551	Greater yellowlegs	2
Canvasback	4,069	Long-billed curlew	9
Redhead	2,954	Marbled godwit	110
Lesser scaup	10,426	Franklin's gull	1,061
Common goldeneye	2,547	Bonaparte's gull	11
Bufflehead	1,026	Ring-billed gull	983
Common merganser	36	California gull	10,955
Red-breasted merganser	10	Caspian tern	51
Ring-necked duck	103	Virginia rail	1
Ruddy duck	2,461	American coot	10,014
Unknown ducks	407	Sandhill crane	10
Pied-billed grebe	7	Bald eagle	3
Horned grebe	1	Golden eagle	1
Eared grebe	3,642	Northern harrier	10
Western grebe	54	Rough-legged hawk	1

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