



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
March 15-16 2014

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on March 15-16, 2014 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and volunteers Rosalie Winard and Rebecca Browers with 34 species recorded. All ice and snow is gone from the refuge and nearly all wetlands were full or nearly full of water. In some years, some ice can still be present in mid-march as for example, 2013 when the refuge still had significant amounts of ice on some units. Numbers for nearly all species of waterfowl were well above average. Snow geese have continued to use the refuge for the past several weeks. New arrivals include cinnamon teal, American white pelican, American avocet, and eared, Western and Clark's grebe. Canada geese are mostly paired in anticipation of nesting and great blue herons have already begun nesting activities.

Tundra swan	13,290	Unknown ducks	650
Snow goose	5,000	Eared grebe	1
Canada goose	809	Western grebe	16
Mallard	3,376	Clark's grebe	4
Northern pintail	36,240	American white pelican	197
American green-winged teal	24,067	Double-crested cormorant	499
Cinnamon teal	192	Great blue heron	50
Northern shoveler	22,812	Killdeer	14
Gadwall	7,881	American avocet	263
American wigeon	10,457	Ring-billed gull	699
Canvasback	10,600	California gull	8,634
Redhead	6,329	American coot	6,070
Lesser scaup	5,952	Sandhill crane	20
Common goldeneye	1,920	Bald eagle	12
Bufflehead	956	Northern harrier	7
Common merganser	6	Red-tailed hawk	1
Ring-necked duck	4	Rough-legged hawk	1
Ruddy duck	3,322		

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