



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
November 17-18, 2014

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted November 17-18, 2014 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers, SCA intern Jen Christopherson and volunteers Nicaela Haig and Rosalie Winard with 38 species recorded. Refuge waters are 85 to 100% ice covered due to an early cold snap. Except for swans and Canada geese, waterfowl numbers were well below average due to ice conditions. Highlights included 1 greater scaup which is rare for the refuge, 1 confused snow goose hanging with some Canada geese, and 2 rather late long-billed dowitchers. American avocets are not unusual for late November, however it was interesting to watch them feeding while walking across the ice.

Tundra swan	11,646	Pied-billed grebe	84
Snow goose	1	Eared grebe	5
Canada goose	6,661	American white pelican	7
Mallard	7,348	Double-crested cormorant	1
Northern pintail	13,434	Great blue heron	55
American green-winged teal	18,242	Killdeer	13
Northern shoveler	6,707	American avocet	57
Gadwall	3,262	Long-billed curlew	1
American wigeon	6,458	Marbled godwit	5
Canvasback	859	Long-billed dowitcher	2
Redhead	19	Ring-billed gull	88
Lesser scaup	259	California gull	5
Greater scaup	1	Herring gull	1
Common goldeneye	953	Virginia rail	1
Bufflehead	61	American coot	2,731
Common merganser	22	Bald eagle	5
Red-breasted merganser	12	Northern harrier	31
Ring-necked duck	232	Rough-legged hawk	6
Ruddy duck	2,578	Peregrine falcon	1
Unknown ducks	2,300		

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