



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
December 11-12, 2014

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted December 11-12, 2014 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers, SCA interns Jen Christopherson and Alyssa Stegmaier with 27 species recorded. Refuge waters were 99% open due to the well above average temperatures of the last few weeks. What a difference from the last survey done in mid-November when the region experienced an early cold spell and refuge wetlands were over 90% ice covered. Waterfowl numbers were well above average for this time in December. Highlights were some rather late Bonaparte's gulls.

Tundra swan	9,700	Ruddy duck	4,856
Canada goose	7,000	Unknown ducks	2,600
Mallard	7,488	Pied-billed grebe	17
Northern pintail	16,056	Eared grebe	27
American green-winged teal	18,973	Great blue heron	40
Northern shoveler	17,323	Bonaparte's gull	17
Gadwall	4,806	Ring-billed gull	1,709
American wigeon	5,462	California gull	1
Canvasback	8,650	American coot	2,079
Redhead	890	Bald eagle	13
Lesser scaup	1,076	Northern harrier	27
Common goldeneye	1,623	Rough-legged hawk	9
Bufflehead	18	Peregrine falcon	1
Common merganser	9	Loggerhead shrike	1

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