



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
January 22, 2015

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on January 22, 2015 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and Student Conservation Association Intern Sara Prussing with 29 species recorded. Ice cover on Refuge wetlands ranged from 70 to 100%, with most units having 95% or more ice cover. Waterfowl numbers were relatively high for mid to late January. The highlight of the survey was the rare winter sighting of a great egret – a harbinger of spring, perhaps? The sighting of eared grebes on the Refuge in January is also uncommon.

Tundra swan	2,747	Ring-necked duck	2
Canada goose	690	Ruddy duck	1,097
Mallard	383	Unknown ducks	157
Northern pintail	3	Pied-billed grebe	21
American green-winged Teal	105	Eared grebe	3
Northern shoveler	546	Great blue heron	6
Gadwall	11	Great egret	1
American wigeon	31	Killdeer	3
Canvasback	619	Ring-billed gull	202
Redhead	25	American coot	597
Lesser scaup	20	Bald eagle	21
Common goldeneye	109	Northern harrier	30
Bufflehead	3	Red-tailed hawk	1
Common merganser	5	Rough-legged hawk	15
Red-breasted merganser	1	American kestrel	3

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