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OPAS Programs for January and February

January Program

“OPAS Members Photo Night”

Coordinated by Christina Heliker, January 18th at 7 p.m. In the Rainshadow Hall DRNC

Yay! After a two-year hiatus, you'll have a chance to see what our friends have been photographing during the pandemic. Christina Heliker has again generously agreed to organize the photos. She'll be our technical advisor, and assist in projecting images. If you wish to show off your best bird photos at our January 2023 meeting, please contact Christina at cheliker@olypen.com, and she will send you the guidelines for submitting your images. Note that the deadline for submissions will be January 11.



Burrowing Owl

This is NOT a contest. Photos will not be judged or critiqued. We ask that you submit no more than 8 photos each, to allow as many presenters as possible to participate. We prefer that your bird photos be from the Olympic Peninsula; however, this year we're also inviting bird photos from anywhere in the world our local photographers may have traveled. Be prepared to say a few words about your photos, identifying the bird, location, and time of year. **New this year**, we will be sending your photos and narration to folks attending via Zoom. We'll also be doing a video recording.

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Photo night has been one of our favorite programs, so even if you don't wish to submit photos, be sure to come and enjoy bird photos!

February Program

“Snowpack, Glaciers and the Future of Olympic Rivers”

Presented by Bill Baccus, Physical Science Technician, Olympic National Park, February 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m. In the Rainshadow Hall DRNC



Bill Baccus

The imperiled glaciers of the Olympic Mountains are still important reservoirs of cold, clean water for human use and critical habitat for salmon and trout. Healthy river corridors of course also provide indispensable habitat for birds, insects and other animals and are thus inextricably linked to the quality of life here on our peninsula.



*Blue Glacier, August 2022, at Olympic National Park
Photo by John Gussman*

Olympic National Park researcher Bill Baccus will present on the current state of Olympic glaciers and the long-term decline of our winter snowpack, with an eye to future expectations for river systems here on the North Olympic Peninsula.

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The *Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society* meets monthly (except July, August, and December) on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, 1943 West Hendrickson Road, Sequim, WA, (360) 681-4076. The public is welcome.

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President's Notes

by Ken Wiersema



Happy New Year to one and all. Hope you had a joyous, good birding Holiday season with your family and friends.

BirdSafe project at Peninsula College

For several years, Dee Renee Ericks documented the lethal threat that the expansive glass windows on Peninsula College's buildings present to birds. In 2021, as a project of our OPAS Conservation Committee, she applied to National Audubon for a competitive Collaborative Grant as "seed" money to document the extent of the threat and propose solutions. Working with the staff, faculty, and students of the College, she made steady progress with documentation of the threat, and also installed several test sets of window markings, demonstratively reducing window strikes. She prepared an additional grant application in 2022, and this December was awarded a second grant to continue the project into 2023. It's rare to be awarded two grants for multiyear projects. The demonstrated success of the test markings, cooperation and support from the College leaders, faculty, and students earned OPAS the resources to continue. Many thanks to Dee Renee, and to Barbara Blackie, her faculty leader, for their progress and commitment to the project. Your OPAS Board has also committed to match the Audubon Collaborative Grant for a second year. Well done !

Christmas Bird Counts 2022

Thanks go to Bob Boekelheide and Barb Blackie for organizing and compiling two successful CBCs for 2022. See Bob's results summarized in this HH edition. Barb led her PA count on 30 Dec; her results may be provided in a later HH edition. It takes a commitment of time, energy, and organizing skills to achieve successful bird counts. OPAS is very fortunate to have these two stalwart folks lead our counts.

2023 at the Dungeness River Nature Center

As 2022 marked the completion of construction and remodeling of the Center's facilities, 2023 will lead us into a new era of high quality programs and classes to leverage the quality of our improved venue. OPAS will again be promoting our Wednesday morning bird walks, and assist in program planning and presentation. A new education manager will be hired by the Center in January to plan and launch programs for our expanding memberships and community. Exciting times ahead. Watch for announcements in the Center's media releases and in our website and newsletter.

Stepping down from Audubon Washington's Board

Effective December, 2022, I completed my second term on the Audubon Washington's Advisory Board. Judy Willott from Kitsap Audubon will be the new representative from the NWII region of the Chapters in Washington. She will ably represent our region's Chapters, which include OPAS, Admiralty Audubon, and her home Chapter in Kitsap County. Judy is a past president of Kitsap Audubon; this will be her second term on the State Board.

OPAS Leaders

I'll again make this ask of you, our members, to step forward and assist in leading OPAS. Many of our current Board have served you for multiple

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Reminder!

**Time to renew your Annual
OPAS membership**

years, and would welcome your fresh ideas and energy. We have several open Board seats, and, will soon have officer vacancies. We have a regularly scheduled Board meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month [Except for July, Aug, and Dec] at 4 p.m. in the Raven Room of the Center. OPAS members are welcome to attend. Please contact me or another Board member to obtain a meeting agenda.

BirdFest 2023 registration opened on January 1, 2023. By 9 a.m. that day, 15 folks had registered. See poster in this edition for info. Mark your calendars !

And -- I hope to see many of you at our OPAS Members Photo Night program on the 18th of January. Always a fun evening!

OPAS Field Trips for January and February

by Marie Grad, Field Trip Coordinator



Now that the pandemic is moving into a new phase, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society would like to restart our Field Trip program. Unfortunately, we don't have volunteers to lead them. Winter trips normally are done along the water, looking at wintering waterfowl. Ediz Hook, Dungeness Landing, Three Crabs and Sequim Bay are typical locations for these trips.

Field trips typically last two to three hours, but can be longer depending on the location. Neah Bay trips are usually day long trips. Trips are organized through the OPAS website. The leader decides the location, hours, and the number of people permitted on the trip. Prospective trip leaders can look at back issues of the [Harlequin Happenings](#) to see the format that has been used for field trip descriptions. I would help do the write up for the trip and get it scheduled.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a field trip leader, please contact me at mlgrad53@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Bird Walks

Date and Time: Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a. m.

Meeting Place: Outside Dungeness River Nature Center

Features: Easy guided bird walk through Railroad Bridge Park to see birds of the Dungeness River riparian area and adjacent fields and open areas.

Bring: Binoculars, scope, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Cost: Free

Conservation Matters: Climate Watch Survey

by Joyce Volmut



Looks like the New Year is upon us and that means the Climate Watch Survey is fast approaching. The survey begins on January 15, 2023, and ends February 15, 2023. Yes, I am writing 2023 and it seems unbelievable.

The Climate Watch Survey focuses on target bird species: the bluebirds (Mountain, Western and Eastern), the towhees (Spotted and Eastern), the American and Lesser Goldfinch, the nuthatches (White-breasted, Red-breasted, Brown-headed, and Pygmy), and the Painted Bunting. These species have been selected by the National Audubon Climate Watch Program, because they are easily recognized and, except for the Painted Bunting, some variety of the species is located throughout the United States.

We are familiar with most of the target species. They are our backyard birds. The Spotted Towhee kicking up dirt and leaves to get to a tasty morsel is a special treat, and the Red-breasted Nuthatch with his quirky call always brings a smile.

The celebrity of the target birds has to be the American Goldfinch, the state bird in many states across the United States, including Washington, where it was designated as state bird in 1951. Like the summer sun, the American Goldfinch stands out as a sparkle of bright yellow after a dismal grey winter sky. Arriving in late spring, the Goldfinch is one of the latest nesters of the migrating birds. The Goldfinch remains throughout the summer months into late fall. I love to see it as it forages in my yard on the autumn hawk bit, a late fall dandelion look -alike.

Another one-time border species that is visiting our area more frequently, and you guessed it, one of my favorite songbirds, is the Western Bluebird. The winter Climate Watch Survey only tells us a little about this species. However, reviewing eBird tells us there are quite a few sightings during this time period that are never reported as part of the survey. These include the extra locations, such as Railroad Bridge Park, Hendrickson Rd, Taylor Ranch Rd, Olympic Discovery Trail, and Port Angeles Airport. During migration, several return to the site where they have nested, such as the Western Bluebirds pictured here. The male was nicknamed by the property owners as "Spot". (Continued on next page)

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Western Bluebirds; male named "Spot"
Photo by property owners

There remains a lot we don't know about the Western Bluebird in the Northwest. In 2013, the University of Victoria set out to improve the habitat on various campus sites to make them hospitable to the Western Bluebird. Bluebirds were common in southern Vancouver Island through the 1950s, but were gone by 1995. The University's project included restoring the Garry Oak ecosystem, developing a nest box plan, and reintroducing breeding pairs, similar to the plans developed for Western Bluebird restoration on the San Juan Islands. Both projects are monitored by volunteers, and have seen a return of Western Bluebirds to the area. The OPAS Western Bluebird Project attempts to place nest boxes in areas where there have been multiple sightings, such as the DNR clear cuts on River Road in Sequim, where four boxes have been placed, and on Thompson Rd. on the Miller Peninsula, where there are six boxes.

More volunteers are needed at these sites to give a more complete picture of the outcome. The Western Bluebird begins nest building in late March or early April. They generally have two broods during the nesting period, and three have been reported on at least one occasion.

For more information about volunteering for the Climate Watch Survey, or if you think your property is suitable for Western Bluebirds, or you simply would like more information about the Western Bluebird Project, please contact me at joyce.volmut@gmail.com.

As a reminder, the Climate Watch Survey begins January 15 and lasts until February 15. It is a one-time, five-minute survey that takes place any day throughout the survey period.

Backyard Birding Programs for January and February

by Rhonda Coats



January Program

"Birdscaping—Inviting Birds to Your Yard",

presented by Carolyn Wilcox,
Saturday, January 7, 2023; 10:00 a.m. to Noon, at Rainshadow Hall at DRNC



Our Backyard Birding series resumes on the first Saturday of 2023, with an information-packed presentation by wildlife guide and plant ecologist, Carolyn Wilcox. She will share her insights based on a decade of experience as an Olympic Peninsula guide, and as a Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary manager, who has met criteria set by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Please join us and learn about the relationship between native plants and native birds—and the ways *you* can turn your own yard into a wildlife sanctuary!

February Program

"Bird Nesting and the Great Backyard Bird Count"

presented by Bob Boekelheide & Ken Wiersema,
Saturday, February 4, 2023; 10:00 a.m. to Noon,
Rainshadow Hall at Dungeness River Nature Center



In February, the series continues with *Bird Nesting and the Great Backyard Bird Count*, presented by Bob Boekelheide and Ken Wiersema. With spring just over the horizon, we offer this always-popular class on bird nesting. Attendees will learn where, when, and how local bird species select and build nests, and how nesting plays an integral part in pair bonding. We will show sample nests, and we will provide "how to" walkthrough encouragement for birdwatchers of every age and skill level who wish to participate in the upcoming **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) on February 17-20, 2023**. We will also include instruction on using the *eBird* app for tallying the birds you report during GBBC.

Admission to each seminar will be free; however, we suggest a donation of \$5.00 per person to support our ongoing education programs. Please note that current COVID-19 safety precau-

tions as recommended by Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and Clallam County Public Health will be followed for the protection of our attendees and volunteer staff.

OPAS By-Laws Changes

The Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society has had a close partnership with the Dungeness River Nature Center, and its predecessor organizations since the 1990s. With the Center’s recent expansion and name change, the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society Board of Directors decided it was time to review our own By-Laws to reflect the changes. The changes your Board proposes better define our relationship with the renamed Center. As members of OPAS you will be asked to vote on these changes at our February 15th, 2023 meeting. We are required to provide OPAS members at least 30 days notice before voting on By-Laws changes.

[Click here](#) for a link to our current and proposed By-Laws for you to review prior to the February vote. Should you need to check your current membership status and the accuracy of your current email address in our membership file, please contact our OPAS Membership Chair, Audrey Gift, at ag-gift@gmail.com. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sequim-Dungeness Christmas Bird Count Results—2022

by Bob Boekelheide



Despite freezing temperatures, 135 intrepid Christmas Bird counters and feeder watchers did admirably well for the 47th Sequim-Dungeness CBC, held on December 19, 2022. We tallied 143 species this year, right about average for the last 25 years, but quite a bit lower than our all-time record of 154 species in 2015. The total number of individual birds this year was 60,048, much higher than last year’s 53,707, but still lower than the all-time high count of 85,777 individuals seen in 2011 (see attached table of this year’s CBC results).

As so often happens, Sequim weather came through on count day. Even though temperatures never rose above 30 degrees, north winds stayed light and lowland snow held off until late in the day. Just 24 hours later the count might have been impossible, after an Arctic air mass and several inches of snow fell on Sequim and Dungeness.

The most abundant species this year, as usual, was American Wigeon, with 12,347. You want to see some wigeons? Go to Carrie Blake Park, where Bob Iddins tallied over 4100 wigeons on count day, including 22 Eurasian Wigeons. Last

year, largely thanks to Bob Iddins and Carrie Blake Park, our SDCBC set the high count for Eurasian Wigeons in the whole United States. I suspect the same thing might happen this year.

Other abundant species, in decreasing order of abundance, were Mallard (5722), Dark-eyed Junco (3928), Northern Pintail (3414), American Robin (3231), Glaucous-winged/Olympic Gull (2512), Dunlin (2206), Ancient Murrelet (2165), Green-winged Teal (1529), and Bufflehead (1522). These top-ten species made up about 64 percent of all the birds tallied on our count.

I am most impressed by the numbers of juncos. Our count this year (3928) blew away our old record high count (2646), set just last year. Showing how abundant and widespread juncos were this year, fifteen different counting groups tallied more than 100 juncos on their individual lists. The highest count was at West Dungeness, where they recorded 623 juncos, followed by Diamond Point and Gardiner, where they recorded 494 juncos.

Species setting record or near-record high counts this year, in addition to juncos, included: Greater White-fronted Goose, Bald Eagle, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Black-capped Chickadee, Pacific Wren, Hermit Thrush, Varied Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow,



Varied Thrush
Photo by Robert Hutchison

and American Goldfinch.

There is a great deal of speculation that wintering ranges of birds might expand north as a result of global warming. Is that what we are seeing here? Several of these species, such as Hermit Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and White-crowned Sparrow, winter in greatest numbers not too far to our south, like in California and Oregon.

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The prediction says that these and other species may begin spending their winters further north, which may in turn increase their numbers on our CBCs. Average conditions might allow this, but the real test is whether they are able survive Arctic outbreaks and lots of snow as we experienced just after the CBC.

Varied Thrushes set a new all-time record with 525 this year, almost doubling their old record of 266 set in 2001. As seems to be the case, cold temperatures and mountain snows this year likely pushed Varied Thrushes downslope into the lowlands, not only here, but throughout western WA. The field party with the highest Varied Thrush count during our CBC was the East Sequim Bay party, who tallied 77 for the day.



American Goldfinch
Photo by Robert Hutchison

The American Goldfinch count this year was the second-highest ever, with 448 birds seen by 15 different parties. The area with the highest number of goldfinches was at Three Crabs, where they tallied 155 goldfinches.

By itself, that number (155) is greater than the number of goldfinches seen on all previous SDCBCs except for only two, this year and 2018. Coincidentally, in 2018 the SDCBC set the all-time record number for goldfinches, with 462.

Ancient Murrelets had their highest count since 2011, thanks to our offshore boat party. As is often the case, last year's SDCBC scored the highest count of Ancient Murrelets for all CBCs in the world, and I suspect we might do so again this year. The eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca, particularly the area between Protection Island and Dungeness Spit, appears to be a hotspot for these little alcids during

late fall and early winter.

At the other end of the abundance spectrum, some species showed very low numbers this year, including Black Scoter, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Western Grebe, Hutton's Vireo, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Siskin, and Brewer's Blackbird.

You may have noticed that Pine Siskins are virtually absent from the north Olympic Peninsula this fall. Our Pine Siskin count this year was the second-lowest ever, with only 45 birds. Actually, I'm surprised we tallied that many, because siskins have been so scarce this winter. Our lowest SDCBC siskin count ever was in 2013, when we recorded only 31 siskins. Of interest, Pine Siskin's record high count occurred only two years ago, when we counted a phenomenal 8966 in 2020. Talk about year-to-year variation!

Pine Siskins qualify as an "irruptive" finch, meaning they nomadically move around each year due to food availability. The Finch Research Network, which forecasts winter movements of irruptive finches, predicted that Pine Siskins will likely stay north in western Canada this winter, due to a bumper crop of spruce cones. My friend Andy Stepniewski says that Pine Siskins are also showing up in large numbers in the American Southwest this winter, at places like New Mexico. Regardless of where they are, Pine Siskins are very low on the north Olympic Peninsula so far this winter.

It is also very unusual for our CBC to record more goldfinches than siskins, which has only happened twice in 47 years. The only years when goldfinches outnumbered siskins occurred in 2013 and this year, both years when we had virtually zero siskins.

The disappearance of Western Grebes is particularly depressing. Our CBC set its all-time record for Western Grebes way



Cedar Waxwing
Photo by Robert Hutchison

back in 1984, with 533 Western Grebes. They have since precipitously declined in the Salish Sea, particularly over the last 20 years. This year we recorded only seven, the second lowest ever. The average count for the last five years is only 15 per year. Sooner or later, we will likely miss Western Grebes on our CBC. It will be a very sad day.

Another species missing from the north Olympic Peninsula this year is Cedar Waxwing. We now expect to see waxwings every year, but, in reality, waxwings were an unusual species in the early days of the SDCBC. During the first 25 years of the SDCBC, from 1975 to 2000, Cedar Waxwings only occurred in six years. In a remarkable turnaround, waxwings have occurred every year since 2001 except for only two, 2010 and 2022. Why the change? Are we better at finding waxwings, knowing where to look for them? Maybe. Are they genuinely increasing around here during winter? Maybe. Regardless, they are not here this winter.

Our count-week species, seen within three days of the CBC but not on count day, were Redhead and Band-tailed Pigeon. We



Swamp Sparrow
Photo by Bob Boekelheide

totally missed Western Screech-Owl, Canada Jay, Evening Grosbeak, and Orange-crowned and Townsend Warbler.

As always, several unusual species showed up for our CBC. The most unusual

species was a stake-out Northern Mockingbird that has been visiting a feeder in Sequim since November. This is the first mockingbird ever for our CBC. Next most unusual might be the Lesser Black-backed Gull here for its second winter, roosting with other gulls at Maple View Farm, near the mouth of Bell Creek. Other noteworthy species included a Spotted Sandpiper at Washington Harbor, only the eighth time this species occurred on the SDCBC; nine Yellow-billed Loons and a Bonaparte's Gull found by our boat party; one Canvasback swimming with scaup off Dungeness; one Sora at Three Crabs; one Harris's Sparrow at Jamestown; two Swamp Sparrows at Graysmarsh; and two Greater Yellowlegs and three Snow Buntings at Dungeness Spit.

Day lengths are getting longer, so it's time to go birding. Please become a member of eBird at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and post your bird sightings. Check eBird often to see what others are seeing. If you see something really unusual, please contact Bob Boekelheide at bboek@olympus.net. Thank you very much for your sightings.

Special thanks to property owners who allowed access for the count,

including USFWS, Olympic Game Farm, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Dungeness Farms and Habitat, Willits family, Graysmarsh, Maple View Farm, WA State Parks, WADNR, Clallam County Parks, and more. Great thanks particularly to Durkee Richards for providing the offshore boat. Other than our great observers, we can credit Durkee for our CBC leading the world in species like Pigeon Guillemot, Ancient Murrelet, and Yellow-billed Loon. To our esteemed observers who traveled long distances to help with the count, we particularly thank you. And of course, huge thanks to all the great cooks who provided food for the compilation dinner, and to the Dungeness River Nature Center for hosting the compilation. If I forgot anyone, sorry about that, and thank you very much!

Dungeness Spit-Jamie Acker, James Halsh; Dungeness Rec. Area-Ken Wiersema, Dow Lambert, Sue Nattinger, Coleman Byrnes, Alex Ayoub, Len Zeoli; West Dungeness-Denny Van Horn, Liam Hutcheson, Jacob Miller, Elizabeth McManus, Barb Boekelheide, Katja Bridwell; Three Crabs- Scott Gremel, Mandy Holmgren, Eric Guzman, Melissa Marshall, Dave Manson, Tom Butler, Lee Bowen, Kaye Edmiston; Jamestown-Brad, Dan, & Kevin Waggoner; Graysmarsh-Bob Boekelheide, Alex Scagliotti, Elisabeth Langski; Port Williams/WA Harbor- Ken & Mary Campbell; W. Sequim Bay-Steve Hampton, Barry McKenzie, Bruce & Carol Von Borstel; E. Sequim Bay-Judy Mullally, Dan McDougall-Treacy; Miller Peninsula-Powell Jones, Greg Voyles, Katherine & Otis Bush; Diamond Point/Gardiner-John Gatchet, Bob Bagwell, David Durham; Offshore Boat-Charlie & Linnaea Wright, Mike Crim, Durkee Richards; Protection Island-Sue Thomas, Lorenz Sollman, Janis Burger, Susan Savage, Bob Blush, Pat Willets, Rebecca Fernandez; Chicken Coop-Bob Steelquist; Palo Alto Rd- Kathy & Matt McCoy, Valerie Walcott, Eva Terry; Burnt Hill-John Bridge, Brian Berg; South Sequim-Kendra Donelson, Joyce Volmut; Happy Valley-John Acklen, Juanice Reyes, Audrey Gift, Margaret Levitan; W of Dungeness Riv./S of Hwy 101-Norrie & Barb Johnson, Ida Domazlicky, Penny Soares, Jane Nicholas, Sammy Catiis, Mary Morgan, Tim McNulty, Dave Shreffler, Pat and Michael DeMarco; Robin Hill Park/Solmar-Barb Blackie, Heidi Pedersen; McDonell Creek-Tom Guobis, Joan McDermott, Margie Palmer, Joodie Klinke, Debbie Turner, Barbara Vanderwerf, Sarah Bird, Laura Davis, Alan Smith; Carlsborg/W. Dungeness-Marie Grad, Rosemarie Leuke, Steve Koehler, Sharle Osborne, Jim Karr, Skip & Caroline Perkins; Sequim neighborhoods-Bob Iddins, Montel & Walt Livingston, Wayne & Margie Sladek, Gail Wilson, Patrick & Audrey Guilfoile, Helen Pilch, Doris Causey, John & Diana Anderson, Joy Bertman, Don & Sue Dryden, Jolene Sandborn, Ed Stege, Tom Backe, Syrene Forsman; North Sequim to Dungeness-Gary Bullock, Enid and Bob Phreaner, Kevin Froese, Marion Rutledge, Vince Thrutchley, Ron Wright, Ann Skillman, Michael Barry; Railroad Bridge Park- Pamela Jennings, Bill Baker, Kathy Jenkins, Siri Forsman-Sims, Karen Holtrop; Swans-Dee Renee Ericks, Dan Stephens, Rick Rodlend, Kathy Cooper.

RESULTS OF 2022 SEQUIM-DUNGENESS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SPECIES	TOTAL	SPECIES	TOTAL	SPECIES	TOTAL	SPECIES	TOTAL
Gr White-fronted Goose	<u>63</u>	Western Grebe	7 L	Eurasian Collar-Dove	155	Savannah Sparrow	9
Snow Goose	4	Brandt's Cormorant	12	Mourning Dove	257	Fox Sparrow	196
Brant	1414	Double-crstd Cormorant	355	Barn Owl	7	Song Sparrow	576
Cackling Goose	156	Pelagic Cormorant	88	Great-horned Owl	4	Lincoln's Sparrow	40
Canada Goose	792	Great Blue Heron	69	Northern Pygmy-Owl	2	Swamp Sparrow	2
Trumpeter Swan	118	Bald Eagle	<u>183</u>	Barred Owl	7	White-throated Sparrow	6
Tundra Swan	2	Northern Harrier	36	Short-eared Owl	4	White-crowned Sparrow	<u>380</u>
Wood Duck	4	Sharp-shinned Hawk	9	Northern Saw-whet Owl	2	Golden-crowned Spar.	1106
Gadwall	85	Cooper's Hawk	25	Anna's Hummingbird	351	<u>Harris's Sparrow</u>	1
Eurasian Wigeon	39	accipiter sp.	1	Belted Kingfisher	24	sparrow sp.	5
American Wigeon	12347	Red-tailed Hawk	61	Red-breasted Sapsucker	12	Dark-eyed Junco (Or)	<u>3928</u>
Eur X Am Wigeon	1	Virginia Rail	8	Downy Woodpecker	58	Dark-eyed Junco (SI-col)	1
Mallard	5722	Sora	1	Hairy Woodpecker	23	Red-winged Blackbird	1318
Northern Shoveler	293	American Coot	77	No. Flicker (unk type)	179	Western Meadowlark	32
Northern Pintail	3414	Black Oystercatcher	6	Red-shafted Flicker	63	Brewer's Blackbird	334 L
Green-winged Teal	1529	Black-bellied Plover	188	Pileated Woodpecker	7	Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Canvasback	1	Killdeer	108	American Kestrel	8	blackbird sp.	122
Redhead	cw	Marbled Godwit	3	Merlin	11	Purple Finch	78
Ring-necked Duck	58	Black Turnstone	12	Peregrine Falcon	10	House Finch	762
Greater Scaup	228	Sanderling	115	Northern Shrike	3	finch sp.	14
Lesser Scaup	35	Dunlin	2206	Hutton's Vireo	3 L	Red Crossbill	7 L
scaup sp.	15	Least Sandpiper	<u>29</u>	Steller's Jay	234	Pine Siskin	45 L
Harlequin Duck	119	Long-billed Dowitcher	3	American Crow	672	American Goldfinch	<u>448</u>
Surf Scoter	377	Wilson's Snipe	20	Common Raven	228	Snow Bunting	3
White-winged Scoter	90	Spotted Sandpiper	1	Black-capped Chickadee	<u>421</u>	House Sparrow	211
Black Scoter	2 L	Greater Yellowlegs	2	Chestnut-bckd Chickadee	394		
Long-tailed Duck	296	sandpiper sp.	36	chickadee sp.	10		
Bufflehead	1522	Common Murre	317	Bushtit	285	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	60048
Common Goldeneye	326	Pigeon Guillemot	92	Red-breasted Nuthatch	176	NO. OF SPECIES	143
Barrow's Goldeneye	22	Marbled Murrelet	77	Brown Creeper	30		
goldeneye sp.	1	Ancient Murrelet	2165	Bewick's Wren	20	Number of Observers	108
Hooded Merganser	47	Rhinoceros Auklet	11	Pacific Wren	<u>198</u>	No. Feeder Watchers	27
Common Merganser	22	alcid sp.	7	Marsh Wren	53	Number of Parties	48 to 55
Red-breastd Merganser	783	Bonaparte's Gull	1	wren sp	11	Miles on foot	136.2
Ruddy Duck	6	Short-billed Gull	204	American Dipper	13	Hours on foot	153.3
duck sp.	17	Ring-billed Gull	4	Golden-crownd Kinglet	687	Miles by car	448.9
Ruffed Grouse	3	California Gull	5	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	113	Hours by car	84.0
California Quail	160	Herring Gull	4	Hermit Thrush	<u>13</u>	Miles by boat	29.3
Red-throated Loon	5 L	Iceland (Thayer's) Gull	2	American Robin	3231	Hrs by boat	4.3
Pacific Loon	120	<u>Lesser Blk-backed Gull</u>	1	Varied Thrush	525	Miles bicycle	26.0
Common Loon	20 L	Western Gull	14	European Starling	1221	Hours bicycle	8.3
Yellow-billed Loon	9	Glaucous-winged Gull	629	American Pipit	3	Hours owling	9.3
loon sp.	1	W. X Glauc-wing Gull	1883	Cedar Waxwing	0 L	Miles owling	54.0
Pied-Billed Grebe	7	gull sp.	238	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>83</u>	Feeder Hours	61.3
Horned Grebe	90	Rock Pigeon	432	<u>Northern Mockingbird</u>	1	Total Field Party-Hours	249.9
Red-necked Grebe	28	Band-tailed Pigeon	cw	Spotted Towhee	470		

cw = Count Week (seen within three days before or after the count, but not on count day)

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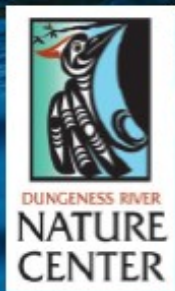
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