

2004 JUNEAU CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

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Juneau's Christmas Bird Count was held on Saturday, December 18. Forty volunteers braved the mild but very wet day to participate in the 32nd Christmas count in Juneau. Seventy-one species and a record high 14,210 birds were seen during the day.

The 23 common species seen on all previous 31 counts were seen again; these include mostly waterfowl that over-winter here, along with our most familiar resident species. New high counts were obtained for seven species (numbers in boldface in table): Canada Goose, Green-winged Teal, Gadwall, Lesser Scaup, Northwestern Crow, Dark-eyed Junco, and Pine Siskin. A Harris's Sparrow was seen the day before the count, so it can be included as a count week (cw) species. It has been 10 years since the last Harris's Sparrow was present during a Juneau Christmas Count. There were no exceptionally rare species found on count day, but owing to the open water at Twin Lakes and the marsh adjacent to the Pioneer's Home, several species were still lingering that are rarely seen during our local count. These included Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, and American Coot. There were six additional species located during our count week put the count week total at 77 species.

The CBC results will be viewable at: <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/> once they are entered online. Anyone with an internet connect can view all the current and historical counts. The database is becoming very impressive.

Thanks to all the volunteers that gave their day to the count, the group leaders for their efforts, and to Gus van Vliet for conducting the tally at the potluck and keeping track of count week birds.

Pacific Loon	1	Glaucous-winged Gull	2,632
Common Loon	2	Gl.-winged x Herring hyb.	2
Yellow-billed Loon	<i>cw</i>	Unidentified Gulls	77
Horned Grebe	31	Common Murre	8
Red-necked Grebe	20	Pigeon Guillemot	3
Pelagic Cormorant	9	Marbled Murrelet	64
Great Blue Heron	12	Rock Dove	66
Canada Goose	1,098	Northern Pygmy-owl	1
Green-winged Teal	125	Belted Kingfisher	5
Mallard	2,112	Downy Woodpecker	1
Northern Pintail	29	Hairy Woodpecker	1
Northern Shoveler	2	Unidentified Woodpeckers	1
Gadwall	29	Steller's Jay	44
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>cw</i>	Black-billed Magpie	50
American Wigeon	123	Northwestern Crow	1,814
Ring-necked Duck	2	Common Raven	382
Greater Scaup	32	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	91
Lesser Scaup	16	Unidentified Chickadees	15
Unidentified Scaup	72	Red-breasted Nuthatch	5
Harlequin Duck	97	Brown Creeper	4
Long-tailed Duck	9	Winter Wren	13
Black Scoter	1	American Dipper	12
Surf Scoter	680	Golden-crowned Kinglet	59
White-winged Scoter	108	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Unidentified Scoters	25	Unidentified Kinglets	7
Common Goldeneye	155	American Robin	3
Barrow's Goldeneye	285	Varied Thrush	5
Unidentified Goldeneyes	91	Bohemian Waxwing	80
Bufflehead	152	Northern Shrike	<i>cw</i>
Hooded Merganser	5	European Starling	<i>cw</i>
Common Merganser	206	American Tree Sparrow	1
Red-breasted Merganser	124	Fox Sparrow	5
Unidentified Mergansers	35	Song Sparrow	20
Bald Eagle (all)	140	White-crowned Sparrow	3
<i>immatures</i>	15	Harris' Sparrow	<i>cw</i>
<i>adults</i>	125	Unidentified Sparrows	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Dark-eyed Junco (all)	425
Northern Goshawk	<i>cw</i>	<i>Oregon form</i>	275
Merlin	1	<i>Slate form</i>	56
American Coot	1	<i>unknown form</i>	94
Killdeer	8	Snow Bunting	11
Rock Sandpiper	125	Pine Grosbeak	19
Common Snipe	2	Red Crossbill	111
Mew Gull	159	White-winged Crossbill	45
Herring Gull	7	Common Redpoll	22
Thayer's Gull	1	Pine Siskin	1,967