

Juneau's Christmas Bird Count Overview By Mark Schwan

Thirty-six birders participated in this year's count, and birders were spread pretty thin in order to cover all areas. Given the cold weather leading up to the count, we had a respectable 72 species of birds during the day and counted more than 10,000 birds (see table for specifics). Several common species were relatively scarce, such as Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, and Steller's Jay. We had a new high count for one species, Ring-necked Duck. Two new species were added to our cumulative count-day list, Harlan's Redtailed Hawk and Willow Ptarmigan, and another species, the Eurasian Collared-

Dove, was new, but found only during the count week. This species is another story all unto itself this year. Other unusual species present included Gyrfalcon, American Kestrel, Eurasian Wigeon (cw), Long-billed Dowitcher (cw), Northern Flicker, American Pipit (cw), and Lincoln's Sparrow (cw). Moreover, a male Barrow's X Common Goldeneye hybrid was located on count day. This bird (presumed to be the



same) was first seen by Paul Suchanek in February 2007 and has been seen each winter since. Juneau birders found an additional eleven species during the official count week but which were not seen on our count day. The inclusion of these species with count day information certainly helps round out the description of our local avian diversity in early winter. These species are identified in the table with a "cw" in the count column. Thanks to all the volunteers for donating their day to the count effort and to those who birded during the count week. Thanks to Paul Suchanek for organizing the in-town groups, and to Gus van Vliet for tracking count-week birds and overseeing the evening tally (with help from Molly McCafferty). Finally, thanks to everyone for contributing all the absolutely tremendous food for the potluck.

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Juneau CBC Results, 12/19/2009

Species Count

Canada Goose 649

Gadwall 30

Eurasian Wigeon cw

American Wigeon 311

Mallard 2,413

Northern Pintail cw

Green-winged Teal 30

Ring-necked Duck **10**

Greater Scaup 76

Unidentified Scaup 55

Harlequin Duck 116
Surf Scoter 209
White-winged Scoter 36
Black Scoter 1
Unidentified Scoters 1
Long-tailed Duck 9
Bufflehead 121
Common Goldeneye 227
Barrow's Goldeneye 311
Common X Barrow's Hybrid 1
Unidentified Goldeneyes 9
Hooded Merganser 3
Common Merganser 204
Red-breasted Merganser 145
Unidentified Mergansers 9
Willow Ptarmigan 1
Red-throated Loon 1
Pacific Loon 4
Common Loon 8
Yellow-billed Loon 1
Horned Grebe 33
Red-necked Grebe 26
Pelagic Cormorant 34
Great Blue Heron 5
Bald Eagle 156
Sharp-shinned Hawk 3
Northern Goshawk 2
Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk 1
American Kestrel 1
Gyr Falcon 1
Killdeer cw
Black Turnstone 77
Dunlin 150
Unidentified Sandpipers 17
Long-billed Dowitcher cw
Wilson's Snipe cw
Mew Gull 65
Glaucous-winged Gull 1,416
Gl.-winged x Herring Gull hyb. 3
Glaucous Gull 2
Unidentified Gulls 521
Common Murre 14
Pigeon Guillemot 3
Marbled Murrelet 138
Eurasian Collared Dove cw
Rock Pigeon 85

Great Horned Owl 1
Northern Pygmy-owl 1
Belted Kingfisher 4
Hairy Woodpecker 1
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker cw
Northern Flicker 1
Unidentified Woodpeckers 1
Northern Shrike 1
Steller's Jay 20
Black-billed Magpie 29
Northwestern Crow 749
Common Raven 561
Chestnut-backed Chickadee 100
Red-breasted Nuthatch 4
Brown Creeper 4
Winter Wren 6
American Dipper 11
Golden-crowned Kinglet 13
Unidentified Kinglets 15
American Robin 6
Varied Thrush 6
European Starling cw
American Pipit cw
Bohemian Waxwing 1
American Tree Sparrow 7
Fox Sparrow 2
Song Sparrow 14
Lincoln's Sparrow cw
White-crowned Sparrow 1
Golden-crowned Sparrow 2
Unidentified Sparrows 1
Dark-eyed Junco 328
Snow Bunting 70
Rusty Blackbird cw
Pine Grosbeak 20
White-winged Crossbill 37
Common Redpoll 93
Pine Siskin 304
COUNT DAY SPECIES 72
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS 10,156
ADDITIONAL CW SPECIES 11