

Juneau's 2011 Christmas Bird Count

The Juneau Christmas Bird Count for 2010 was held on December 17. We lucked out on the weather, but birding was rather quiet, with a paucity of passerines making for a rather uneventful count. Thirty field observers found 66 species and 10,973 individual birds on count day, plus an additional five species were located during the other days of our count week. All the common species that have been seen on the previous 38 counts were found once again. Highlights included a Rock Ptarmigan and Rough-legged Hawk during count week; a record count for Pacific Loons, as many birds continued to linger around the Auke Bay harbor facilities; and a new high count for Mew Gull. We also nabbed the Black-capped Chickadee that had been regularly visiting Patty Rose's feeder, and had six Lapland Longspurs on the wetlands. This species had never been found on count day before and had only been found during one prior count week, in 1997. Finally, Gus van Vliet, Molly McCafferty, and Mary McCafferty located a Hoary Redpoll on count day. This was a new species for our cumulative count list. See the table for all the results. Species in bold face are unusual or rare; numbers in bold face but not the species indicate new high counts.

As usual, the tally of birds was led by Gus after the potluck at Mark and Debi's home. The food contributions were again terrific and it was a fun way to end the day. Thanks to all who participated. The results of our count will be entered online to National Audubon in early January.

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Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results December 17, 2011

<u>Species</u>	<u>2011 Count</u>		
Canada Goose	665	Common Goldeneye	212
Gadwall	29	Barrow's Goldeneye	239
American Wigeon	68	Unidentified Goldeneyes	132
Mallard	1,860	Hooded Merganser	6
Northern Pintail	2	Common Merganser	67
Green-winged Teal	40	Red-breasted Merganser	71
Greater Scaup	272	Unidentified Mergansers	2
Lesser Scaup	1	Rock Ptarmigan	cw
Unidentified Scaup	52	Red-throated Loon	4
Harlequin Duck	46	Pacific Loon	218
Surf Scoter	1,624	Common Loon	2
White-winged Scoter	97	Yellow-billed Loon	1
Black Scoter	8	Unidentified Loons	8
Unidentified Scoters	243	Horned Grebe	45
Long-tailed Duck	142	Red-necked Grebe	17
Bufflehead	136	Unidentified Grebes	1
		Pelagic Cormorant	23
		Great Blue Heron	5
		Bald Eagle	152
		Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
		Northern Goshawk	1
		Rough-legged Hawk	cw
		Black Turnstone	8

Dunlin	62
Unidentified Sandpipers	158
Wilson's Snipe	2
Mew Gull	399
Herring Gull	4
Glaucous-winged Gull	2,309
Unidentified Gulls	37
Common Murre	78
Marbled Murrelet	104
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1
Rock Pigeon	134
Northern Pygmy-owl	3
Belted Kingfisher	2
Downy Woodpecker	cw
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	1
Unidentified Woodpeckers	1
Northern Shrike	4
Steller's Jay	38
Black-billed Magpie	34
Northwestern Crow	263
Common Raven	308
Black-capped Chickadee	1
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	95
Brown Creeper	2
Pacific Wren	1
American Dipper	7
Golden-crowned Kinglet	39
Unidentified Kinglets	2
European Starling	cw
American Tree Sparrow	18
Fox Sparrow	cw
Song Sparrow	21
White-crowned Sparrow	1
Dark-eyed Junco	150
Lapland Longspur	6
Snow Bunting	94
Red-winged Blackbird	24
Pine Grosbeak	11
Common Redpoll	14
Hoary Redpoll	1
Pine Siskin	43
Count Day Species	66
Total Individuals	10,973
Additional CW Species	5