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## Juneau Christmas Bird Count Results are in!

The 46th Juneau Christmas Bird Count took place Saturday, December 15. Twenty-nine volunteers reported 59 species and 7,180 individual birds. A few feeder watchers also contributed their observations to the count. Ten additional species were seen during count week, for a total of 69.

The weather was overcast, with temperatures in the upper teens to upper twenties, zero precipitation, and calm winds in all areas except downtown and Douglas, which were windy. Most ponds and lakes were frozen.

Highlights include Sanderling, Spotted Towhee, White-Throated Sparrow, Anna's Hummingbird, and Red-Winged Blackbird on count day and Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black Turnstone, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Short-eared Owl, Wilson's Warbler, and Harris's Sparrow during count week. Those species have been seen on fewer than 20 previous counts.



*Wilson's Warbler courtesy pixnio.com*

The count resulted in two new highs, one new low, and a new species. Counts of 873 American Wigeon and 345 Dunlin are new high counts for those species. A count of 112 Surf Scoters is a new low for that species. Additionally, Wilson's Warbler, which was seen during count week, is a new species for the Juneau count.

The 23 species that have been seen on each of the other 45 counts were seen on count day. The five most numerous species were Mallard (2,049), American Wigeon (873), Canada Goose (724), Glaucous-winged Gull (714), and Common Raven (274). **See pg 3 for a detailed list of species counted.**

### Upcoming Juneau Audubon Society Events:

**JAS Monthly Meeting**

**Jan 10**

*Antarctica at Solstice with Jack Kreinhelder*

## January Program Update

With the Federal government still shut down, Juneau Audubon Society regrets to report that US Fish and Wildlife Service researcher Steve Lewis will no longer be able to make his previous scheduled program about Golden Eagles in Alaska. A new program has been organized featuring Jack Kreinhelder speaking about his experiences in Antarctica at the Solstice. Join us January 10th at 7pm in UAS Egan Lecture hall room 112. Our thanks to Jack for the last minute schedule change. As always, we hope to see you there!



*Chinstrap Penguin by Jack Kreinhelder*

## 2018 Review

By Gwen Baluss

The JAS president submits answers to a long questionnaire to National Audubon every year. Here are some interesting numbers from this report, which covers the period between July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

- Estimated volunteer hours (including our all-volunteer board): 1000
- Number of volunteers: at least 38
- People directly engaged in programs/ field trips/ citizen science and other outreach: about 600
- Important Bird Areas that we "watchdog" and promote awareness of: 3 (Berners Bay, Stephens Passage and Mendenhall Wetlands)

I was proud of the work we did in the following areas:

- Assisting Audubon Alaska with the Southeast Alaska Birding Trail and bring

attention to the latest Alaska Watchlist of vulnerable bird species with a presentation and a series about some of the species that occur in Southeast AK.

- Updating and improving our image with the unveiling of a new logo.
- Gathering even more data from our over 50 Tree Swallow nest boxes
- Fundraising with successful Berners Bay cruises and jam sellout at the Juneau Public Market.

What will be the emphasis for this year?

I hope to focus on improving diversity in our membership, volunteers and board, and to build bridges to other organizations, including those outside of traditional conservation groups.

And as always, we need to build capacity. Have some time to help? Give us a shout at [info@juneau-audubon-society.org](mailto:info@juneau-audubon-society.org)

Thanks to all for your support and wishing you the best in the coming year.

# Christmas Bird Count Species List

- Canada Goose - 724
- Gadwall - 12
- American Wigeon - 873
- Mallard - 2,049
- Northern Pintail - 18
- Green-winged Teal - 1
- Greater Scaup - 14
- Lesser Scaup - 3
- Unidentified Scaup - 105
- Harlequin Duck - 47
- Surf Scoter - 112
- White-winged Scoter - 26
- Unidentified Scoter - 12
- Long-tailed Duck - 2
- Bufflehead - 134
- Common Goldeneye - 71
- Barrow's Goldeneye - 210
- Unidentified Goldeneye - 9
- Common Merganser - 41
- Red-breasted Merganser - 53
- Unidentified Mergansers - 4
- Pacific Loon - 5
- Common Loon - 3
- Horned Grebe - 11
- Red-necked Grebe - 12
- Pelagic Cormorant - 12
- Great Blue Heron - 1
- Bald Eagle - 124
- Sharp-shinned Hawk - count week
- Killdeer - 12
- Black Turnstone - count week
- Sanderling - 2
- Rock Sandpiper - count week
- Dunlin - 345
- Wilson's Snipe - 1
- Unidentified Sandpipers - 230
- Pigeon Guillemot - 1
- Marbled Murrelet - 24
- Mew Gull - 133
- Herring Gull - 3
- Glaucous-winged Gull - 714
- Glaucous-winged Gull x Herring Gull - 7
- Unidentified Gulls - 7
- Eurasian Collared-Dove - count week
- Rock Pigeon - 102
- Northern Pygmy-Owl - 1
- Short-eared Owl - count week
- Anna's Hummingbird - 1
- Belted Kingfisher - 5
- Hairy Woodpecker - 1
- Northern Shrike - 2
- Steller's Jay - 35
- Black-billed Magpie - 16
- Northwestern Crow - 259
- Common Raven - 274
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee - 43
- Brown Creeper - 1
- Pacific Wren - 4
- American Dipper - 5
- Golden-crowned Kinglet - 54
- Varied Thrush - count week
- European Starling - 64
- Snow Bunting - count week

- Wilson's Warbler - count week
- Spotted Towhee - 1
- American Tree Sparrow - 3
- Song Sparrow - 28
- White-throated Sparrow - 1
- Harris's Sparrow - count week
- White-crowned Sparrow - 5
- Golden-crowned Sparrow - 1
- Dark-eyed Junco - 73
- Red-winged Blackbird - 8
- Red Crossbill - 3
- White-winged Crossbill - count week
- Pine Siskin - 23

**Count Day Species - 59**  
**Count Week Species - 10**  
**Total Species - 69**  
**Total Individual Birds - 7,180**  
**Volunteers: 29**



*Thank You  
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