

74TH ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - 2015

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The Counts

The number of counts conducted rebounded from 88 to 93 this year. Three counts missed last year were revived while five new counts were added, more than compensating for a loss of three other counts. Perhaps encouraged by the balmy weather, party hours in the field (as opposed to feeder hours) rebounded from last year's 20-year low to about average; feeder hours remained about average.

The Weather

Average minimum and maximum count temperatures this past count period (with 2014-15 records in brackets) were -13 to -9 C (-16 to -12 C), wind speeds 7 to 14 km/h (7 to 15 km/h), and snow depths 6 to 13 cm (9 to 21 cm).

As can be seen, winter temperatures were higher and snowfall lower compared to last year (winds speeds were about the same). There has been much debate as to how much of this change was due to El Niño and how much due to climate change – only time will tell. In either event, the warmer, drier weather had a profound effect on count results.

The Birds

The number of birds counted more than doubled over last year's 84,702 to 177,799, and is the highest total since the 2001 record high of 188,086 birds. Some of this increase is attributable to revival of the Coronach Count that contributed almost 34,000 birds, mostly waterfowl, but the rest is a result of the marked increase in the numbers of several species (see Population Trends).

The average number of species per count at 18.7 was slightly above the

1995-2013 average of 17.5, while the overall number of species (108 on count day plus seven count period species) was the second highest ever, eclipsed only by 116 species plus five count period species in 1997.

For the first time in 14 years, Saskatoon lost the crown for the most species on a count, albeit on a technicality. Both cities had 45 species on count day but Regina had seven as opposed to two additional species during the count period, so Regina wins the tie breaker.

Population Trends

The lack of snow is probably a major reason for the marked increase in several species (Table 7). The revived Coronach count notwithstanding, field-feeding waterfowl, namely the mallard and especially Canada geese, increased substantially. Perhaps in response to increased scavenging opportunities provided by the waterfowl, bald eagles were up 54 per cent over last year. Likewise, numbers of open-country horned larks and snow buntings were up 524 and 99 per cent respectively.

Other species on the increase include a few of the finches whose populations are by nature cyclical. These include the pine grosbeak, both species of crossbills, and both redpolls.

The expansion of the Eurasian collared-dove seems to have resumed after seeming to stall last year. Four new localities were added: Duval, Grenfell, Last Mountain Lake NWA and Shamrock. After a steady decline, the number of house finches returned to those enjoyed 10 years earlier. Six new localities were added for the species including Endeavor and

Nipawin, extending its winter range over 100 km to the northeast.

New Species

An astounding three new species were added to the all-time list: A king eider on the Ft. Qu'Appelle Count, a pine warbler on the Saskatoon Count (first seen on December 7, 2015 and still present March 15 of this year!), and a scarlet tanager during the count period at Regina. The CBC list now stands at an amazing 191 species.

Other Rarities

A Pacific wren during the count period on the Cypress Hills P.P. count. This bird is assumed to be a Pacific wren as it was seen very close to the first confirmed provincial record of the species on June 24, 2015. The previous record was a bird also assumed to be a Pacific wren on the Ft. Walsh Count on December 18, 1999.

A golden-crowned sparrow on the Morse count was the second of its kind for the provincial CBC – the previous record was of a bird seen during the count period at Broadview. The Morse bird was still present on March 10 of this year. A gray catbird also at Morse was only the third ever to be recorded on a Saskatchewan CBC.

Count areas and participants

(Names of compilers are in italics).

1. ARCHERWILL. Gerald Hiron, Susan Hiron, Audrey Hnetka, Perry Hnetka, *Elaine Hughes*, Dorothy Klettberg, Willie Klettberg, Judy Revoy, Stan Revoy.
2. AVONLEA. *Alan Smith*, Blaine Sudom.
3. BALGONIE. Jared Clarke, Ryan Dudragne, Bob Ewart, Fran Kerbs, Laurie Koepke, Maureen Lee, Jeannette Luther, *Brett Quiring*, Dan Sawatzky, Wendy Woodard, Mary Worel.

4. BIGGAR. Mary-Jo Danychuk, Tammy Danychuk, Lorrie Sielski, Larry Sutherland, *Guy Wapple*, Marguerite Wapple, Rob Wapple, Sandra Wapple.
5. BIRCH HILLS. Margaret Mareschal, *Maurice Mareschal*.
6. BORDEN-RADISSON. Heather Giroux, Kyron Giroux, Ron Jensen, Jennipher Karst, *Stan Shadick*, Phil Taylor.
7. BRIERCREST-DRINKWATER. Randi Edmonds, *Alan Smith*.
8. BROADVIEW. Doug Boivin, Barb Weidl, *Don Weidl*.
9. CATER. Beverly Beland, *Orval Beland*.
10. CHATSWORTH S.D. Charles Dyck, Donna Dyck, Lisa Herminston, Robert Mess, Wionna Mess, *George Murray*, Laurie Murray, Marcel Pelletier, Kerri Rooke, Stewart Rooke, Carol Tangedal, Rudy Tangedal.
11. CHRISTOPHER LAKE. *Jeannie Walker*.
12. CHURCHBRIDGE B. Bernard Petracek, *Dennis Petracek*.
13. CLARK'S CROSSING. Dave Cook, Louise Cook, Lorne Duczek, Shelly Fisher, May Haga, Marilyn Haskins, Jeff Jensen, Ron Jensen, Gwen Klypak, Heney Klypak, Gordon Koshinsky, Margaret Koshinsky, Sylvia Raginski, Stan Shadick, Valerie Stacey, Marten Stoffel, Mary Toews, Guy Wapple, Trent Watts, *Michael Williams*.
14. CORONACH. *Ryan Dudragne*, Chris Harris, Bob Luterbach, Dan Sawatzky.
15. CRAVEN. Karl Beaulieu, Dave Cameron, Stephane Canévet, Rhonda Chartrand, Jim Cummings, Ryan Dudragne, Chris Harris, *Trevor Herriot*, Aoki Hiroyuki, Dale Hjertaas, Louise Holloway, Phil Holloway, Cheryl Kelln, Fran Kerbs, Laurie Koepke, Bob Luterbach, Kent Lynn, Barbara Mader, Kim Mann, Val Mann, Amelia McDonald, Jarrod McDonald, Barry Mitschke, Dave Phillips, Curtis Pollock, Beatriz Prieto, Ed Rodger, Jim Rollins, Nicholas Selinger, Brian Sterenberg, Jeanette Taylor, Robb Taylor, Mary Worel.
16. CREIGHTON. Karen Prokopetz, *Brenda Schmidt*, Harvey Schmidt, Terry Smith.
17. CROOKED LAKE. Jaxon Finkas, *Boyd Metzler*.
18. CROOKED RIVER. *Margaret Mehler*, Morley Mehler.
19. CYPRESS HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK (Centre Block). Dwight Dobson, Nancy Dobson, Angela Litke, Wayne Litke, Brynne Martin, Mimi Martin, *Melody Nagel-Hisey*, Jenny Thompson, Duncan Willis, Sam Willis.
20. DENHOLM. Beverly Beland, Gerard Beland, Linda Beland, *Orval Beland*.
21. DORINTOSH. Vicky Prior, *Joe Twidale*, Lorraine Twidale, Tim Wahl.
22. DUVAL. Ryan Dudragne, Linda Euteneier, Merv Hey, *Lloyd Saul*, Dan Sawatzky.
23. EASTEND. Roxie Binkley, Dwane Bristow, Kevin Bristow, Betty Davis, *Robert Gebhardt*, Allan Gorrier, Sherry Gorrie, June Higgins, Joan Hodgson, Harvey Johnson, Ed Sanford, Lorne Scott, Mary Thomson, Claire Topham, Heidi Topham, Jane Topham, Jack Wilkinson, Jan Wilkinson.
24. EBENEZER A. Nancy Bird, Ivanna Kozie, *Kenn Wood*, Sarah wood
25. EBENEZER B. *Harvey Wegner*.
26. ENDEAVOUR. Ed Harris, *Norman Harris*.
27. ESTEVAN. Barry Dies, Marilyn Dies, Craig Palmer, Larry Preddy, Reid Walton, Rose Walton, *Guy Wapple*.
28. ESTUARY NORTH. Cathy Cocks, *Dean Francis*.
29. FENTON. *Carman Dodge*.
30. FLORAL. Nick Saunders, *Guy Wapple*.
31. FORT QU'APPELLE. Jean Ashcroft, Peter Ashcroft, Shawn Baldock, Linda Banman, Ryan Dudragne, Mark Geremia, Alice Isfan, Jack Lowe, Bob Luterbach, Jean McKenna, Alan Mlazgar, Denise Mlazgar, Paul Paulhus, Wendy Paquin, Florence Pearpoint, Dan Sawatzky, *Keith Stephens*, Colette Stushnoff, Jean Vindevoghel, Marcel Vindevoghel.
32. GARDINER DAM. Ryan Dudragne, Greg Fenty, Jennifer Fenty, Jeff Jensen, Ron Jensen, Nick Saunders, Marten Stoffel, Phil Taylor, *Guy Wapple*.
33. GOOD SPIRIT LAKE. *Bill Anaka and Joyce Anaka (non-participating compilers)*, Dorothy Riesz, Ray Riesz, Lloyd Wilson, Marg Wilson.
34. GRASSLANDS NATIONAL PARK. Diana Charbros, Heather Facette, Dena Fischer, *Samantha Fischer*, Danielle Grant, Kathy Grant, Stepahno Liccioli, Kevin Moore, Joseph Naytowhow, Heather Olson, Nathan Young.
35. GRAYSON. Carina Helm, *Charles Helm*, Daniel Helm, Linda Helm, Jeanette Zimmer, Karl Zimmer.
36. GREENWATER. Bill Gudjuonson, Birdie Krzak, *Brian Shuya*, Helen Toovey.
37. GRENFELL. Ethel Reiger, Barb Weidl, *Don Weidl*.
38. HARRIS. Bev Barker, Russ Barker, Ron Jensen, Nick Saunders, Phil Taylor, *Guy Wapple*.
39. HAZLET. Laurent Dudragne, *Ryan Dudragne*.
40. HUDSON BAY. Judy Block, *John Daisley*, Agnes Lewellin, Dennis Reimer, Elvina Rumak, Bev Soules, Nancy Steinbachs John Zolkavich.
41. INDIAN HEAD. Kay Dixon, *Irv Escott*, David Gehl, Roberta Gehl, Sharon Hearn, Jim Jinks, Linda Jinks, Greta Kort, John Kort, Linda Kort, Peter Kort, Dan Loran, Dora Nichols, Raymond Schaeffer, Conrad Schreiner, Brian Scott, Glenn Scott, Lorne Scott, Chris Skinner, Fred Skinner, Donna Thompson, Sandra Vanderschaff, Shirley Vandershaaf, David Yakimoski.

42. KENASTON. *P. Lawrence Beckie*.
43. KENOSEE LAKE. Jaxon Finkas, Boyd Metzler, *John Pollock*.
44. KITCHEN NORTH. *Dallas Fairburn*.
45. KINDERSLEY NORTH. Carla Harris, *Jean Harris*, Keith Harris.
46. KINLOCH. *Don Forbes*, Doreen Forbes, Carter Haroldson, Robert Haroldson, Clifford Logan, Doreen Wickstrom.
47. KUTAWAGAN LAKE. *Valeriana Harris*, Sheila Lamont.
48. KYLE. Glen Pederson, Marten Stoffel, *Dan Zazelenchuk*.
49. LA RONGE. Sid Robinson, *John Schisler*, Jan Shewchuk.
50. LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE NWA. *Valeriana Harris*, Sheila Lamont.
51. LEADER NORTH. *Daisy Meyers*.
52. LOVE - TORCH RIVER. Theresa Belliveau, Hal Birkett, Joan Birkett, *Bert Dalziel*, Joan Dalziel, Kari Dalziel, Nora Dalziel, Sara Dalziel, Scott Edwards, Elaine Inskster, Roseanne Kirkpatrick, Eilene L'Heureux, Lynn Matthews, Lillian Nessel, Audrey Schrader, Eric Schrader, Josh Turtle, Leonard Turtle.
53. LUSELAND. Estelle Finley, Graeme Finley, *Kim Finley*, Liam Finley, Valerie Finley.
54. MEADOW LAKE. Bill Caldwell, *Bob Wilson*, Ian Wilson.
55. MOOSE JAW. Jeff Mander, *Alan Smith*.
56. MOOSE MOUNTAIN. Tanis Dionne, Doyle Thomas, *Val Thomas*.
57. MORSE. Ryan Dudragne, Noel Enns, Stella Enns, Joel Priebe, Ken Priebe, *Myrna Priebe*, Randy McColloch, Lori Wilson.
58. NIPAWIN. Carol Blenkin, Vi Budd, Joyce Christiansen, Bert Dalziel, Joan Dalziel, Sara Dalziel, *Rick Douslin*, Jennette LeCuyer, George Lidster, Jeri McCleary, Peter McCleary, Fred Olfert, Doug Phillips, Shirley Phillips, Jazzlyn Wales, Bill Walter, Elaine Walter.
59. NISBET FOREST, NORTHWEST. *Sandra Jewell*.
60. NISBET FOREST, WEST. *Kim Clark*.
61. ODESSA. *Arden Curts*, Denise Curts, Denny Curts.
62. OUTLOOK. *Graham Thomson*.
63. PIERCE LAKE. Marsha Hayward, *Ted Hindmarch*, Phil Shore.
64. PIKE LAKE. Adele Bittner, Donna Bruce, Dave Cook, Louise Cook, Yvonne Cuttle, Elsbeth Dormuth, Lorne Duczek, Bob Girvan, Bob Godwin, Rhea Gooding, Mike Grisdale, May Haga, Alice Hiller, Kodi Hiller, Greg Hutchings, Jeff Jensen, Ron Jensen, Joan Kohn, Rolf Kohn, Audrey MacKenzie, Bill MacKenzie, *Murray Morgan*, Keith Paul, Sylvia Raginski, Brant Remenda, Naomi Remenda, Marc Sabourin, Beverley Schmidt, Ljubica Stuglin, Phil Taylor, Michael Williams, Dwight Young, Nancy Young.
65. PONTEIX. *Ryan Dudragne*.
66. PRINCE ALBERT. Jim Bahr, Doug Braaten, Marie Braaten, Kim Clark, *Carman Dodge*, Hamilton Greenwood, Ron Jensen, Sandra Jewel, Gwen Klebek, Justine Lofstrom, Laurel Lofstrom, Randell Lofstrom, Elizabeth Moar, John Rye, Vicki St Germain, Warren St Germaine, Phil Taylor.
67. QU'APPELLE. Jean Ashcroft, Peter Ashcroft, Melanie Beattie, Cory Bennett, *Christine Blair*, Lillian Longpre, Paul Paulhus, Colette Strushnoff, Richard Strushnoff, Frank Veresh.
68. QU'APPELLE VALLEY DAM. May Haga, Stan Shadick, Carl Siemens, Hollyce Seimens, Marten Stoffel, Guy Wapple, *Michael Williams*.
69. RAYMORE. *Valeriana Harris*, Sheila Lamont.
70. REGINA. Don Bjerkie, Maryanne Bjerkie, Lionel Bonneville, Stéphane Bonneville, Jared Clarke, Lolamae Crawley, Ron Crawley, Jim Elliot, Ruth Englund, Bob Ewart, Jackie Fauth, Phil Fauth, Terry Ford, Shirley Friel, Chris Harris, Mark Harrison, Trevor Herriot, Dale Hjertaas, Dean Johnson, Fran Kerbs, Laurie Koepke, Rhéal Laroche, Linda Langenbacher, Maureen Lee, Kaitlin Lindblad, Luciel Lipka, Mike Lipka, Gabrielle Logan, Sarah Ludlow, Bob Luterbach, Kim Mann, Val Mann, Kris Mutafov, Carolyn Pepper, Wayne Pepper, *Brett Quiring*, Chris Ratch, Ed Rodger, Daniel Sawatzky, Chris Selinger, Ken Selinger, Nick Selinger, Joanne Shurvin-Martin, Brian Sterenberg, Frank Switzer. Mary Switzer, George Wang, Bradley Yee.
71. ROKEBY. Clarence Bishop, Lloyd Liebracht, Eona Lockhart, Morley Maier, S. Newsham, Lorne Niebergal, Fred Phillips, *Martin Phillips*, Kirk Screpnick, Ray Thies, Lorne Tullvek. Allan Wheeler.
72. ROSCOMMON S.D. Bernice Althouse, Kate Althouse, Ruby Finnie, Brian Irving, Joan Lillibo, Peggy Olson, *Dianne Sloan*, Graham Sloan, Marguerite Sloan.
73. ROULEAU. Allen McGratten, Noreen McGratten, *Patricia Sterzuk*.
74. ROUND LAKE (Prince Albert Area). *Crystal Frenette*.
75. ROUND LAKE (Qu'Appelle Valley). *Boyd Metzler*, Mary Ward, Pat Ward.
76. SALTCOATS. *Arden Bradford*, Donna Brygider, M. Easton, Walter Farquharson, Dave Herron, Ron Knudsen, Fern Mckay, B. McLaren, D. Westburg.
77. SASKATCHEWAN LANDING PROVINCIAL PARK. Glen Pederson, Marten Stoffel, *Dan Zazelenchuk*.
78. SASKATCHEWAN RIVER FORKS. Carman Dodge, *Don Weidl* (*non-participating compiler*).
79. SASKATOON. Alexander Acton, Bruce Acton, Allison Baudru, Lou Baudru, Neva Bayliss, Jim Beveridge, Bruce Boldt, Jacquie Christensen, Louise Cook, Ewen Coxworth, Yvonne Cuttle, Laurel Duczek, Lorne Duczek, Anne Dzus, Marlene Dzus, Melanie Elliott, Joshua Erickson, Joan Feather, Lesley Fell, David Forbes, Cathy Fry,

Heather Giroux, Kyron Giroux, Bob Godwin, Mike Gollop, May Haga, Audrey Hall, Helen Hanbidge, John Hanbidge, Alice Hiller, Kodi Hiller, Kathy Holtslander, Mary Houston, Stuart Houston, Marlene Kalanack, Arlene Karpan, Robin Karpan, Gordon Koshinsky, Margaret Koshinsky, Don Loren, Janet Loren, Audrey MacKenzie, Bill MacKenzie, Priscilla Mah, Colleen Meldrum, Scott Mitchell, Tracey Mitchell, Hilda Noton, Ken Nyeste, John Patterson, Alison Phillips, Dorothy Riemer, Marella Rosta, Marc Sabourin, Craig Salisbury, Lorriene Salisbury, Trish Santo, Nick Saunders, Bob Scharf, Margie Scharf, Maureen Scharf, Doug Schmeiser, Irene Schmeiser, Laurie Slinger, Jan Solem, Jennifer Solem, Marten Stoffel, Margot Taylor, Phil Taylor, Lillian Thorpe, Mary Toews, Don Torrie, Guy Wapple, George West, *Michael Williams*, Jim Wood, Judy Wood, Sandy Woynarski, Stan Woynarski, Dianne Young, Norman Zlotkin.

80. SAWYER LAKE. Maureen Blight, *David Weiman*.

81. SHAMROCK. *Hugh Henry*, Milton Knudsen, Iris McNeill, Darwin Menke, Ken Priebe, Myrna Priebe.

82. SNOWDEN. Esther Chamberlin, Gus Fomradas, Don Friesen, Ed Hagel, *Irene Hagel*, Lillian Kuzniar, Linda Patton, George Pickett, Jack Pickett, Bill Thompson, Tim Thompson, Irene White.

83. SPINNEY HILL. *Ed Driver*.

84. SPRUCE HOME. *Keith Walters*.

85. SQUAW RAPIDS. Ryan Dudragne, Shelly Fisher, *Valeriana Harris*, Sheila Lamont.

86. SWIFT CURRENT. Karl Bazin, Sara Bazin, Jacquie Bolton, Stacy Bolton, Eunice Cammell, Norris Currie, Laurent Dudragne, Mary Ann Dudragne, Ryan Dudragne, *Arnie Ens*, Lorna Fast, Dave Green, Esther Green, Katie Hagman, Norma Hain, Hugh Henry, Kim Houghtaling, Vincent Houghtaling, Leonard Howes,

Lois Howes, Stephanie Kadduck, Tommy Kirk, Verna Lynn Knipfel, Dot Letkeman, Rita McLaughlin, Kevin Moore, Janet Payne, Harold Steppuhn, Sue Steppuhn, Irene Stinson, Lloyd Thiessen, Sharlane Toole, Kae Walters.

87. THICKWOOD HILLS-SPIRITWOOD. Margie Fast, Kay Willson, *Philip Wilson*.

88. TOGO. Betty Burback, Del Burback, Donna Dewores, Barb Elsasser, *Doug Elsasser*, Amanda Harper, Lyle Harper, Ed King, Louise King, William Koreliuk, Karen Leis, Barb Leppky, Jim Leppky, Phil Rezansoff, Mabel Skinner, Marty Skinner, Zane Woodworth, Zoria Woodworth.

89. WEYBURN. Cecile Burr, Tanis Dionne, John Ferrier, Dale Huff, Sandi Huff, Cyril Marcotte, Charlotte Payak, Don Payak, Joe Stephaniuk, Doyle Thomas, *Val Thomas*, Kim Thorson, Myrt Thorson, Dorothy Whitell, John Whitell.

90. WHITE BEAR. Glen Pederson, *Dan Zazelenchuk*.

91. WHITEWOOD. Ken Aldous, Carole Armstrong, Cindy Ashfield, Joe Ashfield, Paul Ashfield, Grant Erickson, Joyce Kydd, Florence Luhtala, Sarah Manbourg, *Boyd Metzler*, Harry Michell, Marilyn Mitchell, Donna Mohr, Margaret Nieminen, Paul Nieminen, John Pollock, Tony Saltasuk, Carol Sawatzki, Doug Shepherd, Dawn Vennard, Diane Veresh.

92. WINGARD. Elizabeth Beam, John Beam, *Rebecca Beam*.

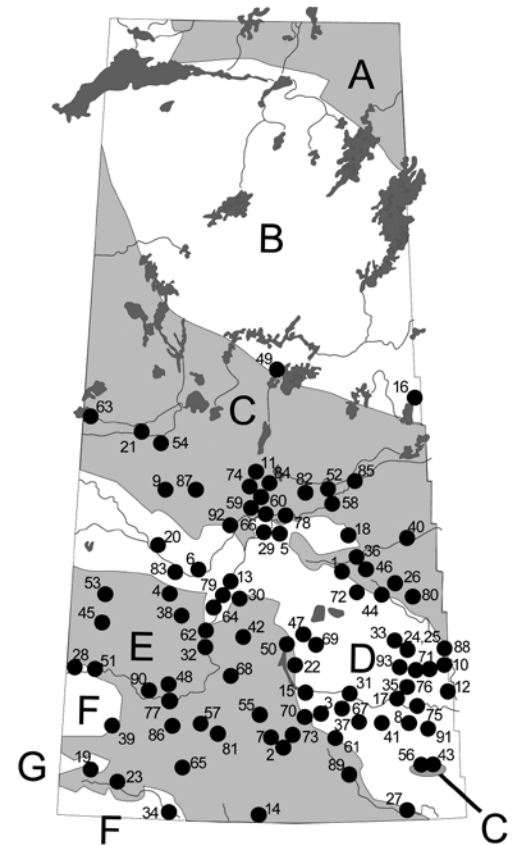
93. YORKTON. Allan Bailey, Crystal Bailey, Brian Beck, Lorna Bright, Vern Brown, Mae Ann Chilman, Warren Crossman, Jim Dicker, Gordon Flett, Joyce Gardner, Bob Graham, Lance Irvine, Sheldon Knoll, George Maben, Matt Montain, Gloria Rathgeber, Dorothy Riesz, Ray Riesz, Don Ruf, *Geoff Rushowick*, Dale Sharpe, Dorothy Skene, Stan Williams.



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Figure 1.
Location of 2015 counts

(numbers correspond to those in text under Count Areas and participants).



Natural Vegetation zones*

- A. Subarctic Woodland
- B. Northern Boreal forest
- C. Southern Boreal Forest
- D. Aspen Parkland
- E. Mixed Prairie
- F. Dry Mixed Prairie
- G. Cypress Hills

* Adapted from: Thorpe, J. 1999. Natural Vegetation. P. 133 in Atlas of Saskatchewan (K. Fung, ed). Univ. of Sask., Saskatoon

Table 1.1. Weather and Snow Cover.

LOCALITY	DATE	MIN TEMP (C)	MAX TEMP (OC)	MIN WIND (KM/HR)	MAX WIND (KM/HR)	MIN SMOOW (CM)	MAX SNOW (CM)	SKY AM	SKY PM
Archerwill	30 Dec 2015	-20	-12	11	14	10	10	partly cloudy	partly cloudy
Avonlea	28 Dec 2015	-12	-9	0	2	4	4	overcast	cloudy
Balgonie	3 Jan 2016	-11	-3	5	15	0	5	clear	clear
Biggar	27 Dec 2015	-20	-15	10	20	0	15	overcast	overcast
Birch Hills	2 Jan 2016	-7	-3	5	10	10	15	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Borden-Radisson	16 Dec 2015	-7	-6	22	40	1	3	cloudy	partly cloudy
Briercrest-Drinkwater	2 Jan 2016	-5	-5	2	2	0	5	clear	clear
Broadview	24 Dec 2015	-13	-10	2	5	4	4	partly cloudy	cloudy
Cater	1 Jan 2016	-17	-5	0	15	5	10	clear	clear
Chatsworth S.D.	4 Jan 2016	-14	-5	10	15	10	20	partly cloudy	partly cloudy
Christopher Lake	23 Dec 2015	-13	-10	0	0	5	7	mostly clear	partly cloudy
Churchbridge B	31 Dec 2015	-15		10	15	15	20	mostly clear	mostly clear
Clark's Crossing	19 Dec 2015	-12	-10	5	22	2	15	cloudy	cloudy
Coronach	20 Dec 2015	-17	-4	0	15	0	5	mod. fog	light fog
Craven	19 Dec 2015	-11	-7	12	19	0	5	cloudy	mostly clear
Creighton	2 Jan 2016	-3	-1	18	29	55	60	mostly clear	partly cloudy
Crooked Lake	21 Dec 2015	-7	-3	2	5	1	5	light fog	overcast
Crooked River	29 Dec 2015	-11	-7	2	5	10	15	clear	clear
Cypress Hills P.P.	30 Dec 2015	-3	0	5	8	3	5	light fog	partly cloudy
Denholm	25 Dec 2015	-22	-16	0	5	0	2	clear	clear
Dorintosh	23 Dec 2015	-15	-9	0	3	1	5	cloudy	mod. snow
Duval	3 Jan 2016	-8	-12	0	15	3	35	clear	mostly clear
Eastend	4 Jan 2016	-9	0	0	0	0	11	partly cloudy	partly cloudy
Ebenezer A	30 Dec 2015	-18	-10	5	13			clear	clear
Ebenezer B	31 Dec 2015	-8	-6	15	20	20		clear	clear
Endeavour	21 Dec 2015	-13	-8	2	5	20	25	partly cloudy	overcast
Estevan	1 Jan 2016	-8	-2	15	22	0	10	clear	partly cloudy
Estuary North	4 Jan 2016	-2		0		10		mostly clear	mostly clear
Fenton	5 Jan 2016	-17	-13	2		6	10	clear	clear
Floral	15 Dec 2015	-6	-5	10	18	0	10	overcast	overcast
Fort Qu'Appelle	18 Dec 2015	-15	-12	13	16	2	6	overcast	cloudy
Gardiner Dam	21 Dec 2015	-6	-6	10	15	0	10	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Good Spirit Lake	31 Dec 2015	-4	-4	2	25	15	25	mostly clear	mostly clear
Grasslands N.P.	17 Dec 2015	-14	-7	3	9	0	10	overcast	overcast
Grayson	27 Dec 2015	-23	-12	0	15	1	10	mostly clear	overcast
Greenwater	3 Jan 2016	-14	-6	4	4	25	30	clear	clear
Grenfell	29 Dec 2015	-17	-15	2	2	4	4	overcast	partly cloudy
Harris	14 Dec 2015	-3	-2	10	20	0	10	overcast	overcast
Hazlet	26 Dec 2015	-20	-18	5	10	2	15	partly cloudy	overcast
Hudson Bay	27 Dec 2015	-14	-7	5	10	15	20		cloudy
Indian Head	28 Dec 2015	-11	-6	0	0	2	2	cloudy	cloudy
Kenaston	14 Dec 2015	-5	-3	2	2	8	8	heavy fog	mod fog
Kenosee Lake	22 Dec 2015	-10	-6	0	5	2	10	overcast	overcast
Ketchen North	26 Dec 2015	-27	-17	2	5	17	22	overcast	light snow
Kindersley North		-26	-21	2	2	3	10	clear	clear
Kinloch	30 Dec 2015	-18	-9	12	15	15	17	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Kutawagan Lake	27 Dec 2015	-14	-11	20	30	10	20	overcast	overcast

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Kyle	17 Dec 2015	-15	-9	6	19	0	4	overcast	clear
La Ronge	28 Dec 2015	-18	-16	0	5	10	10	overcast	light snow
LMLNWA	29 Dec 2015	-14	-12	6	20	10	20	light snow	overcast
Leader North	29 Dec 2015	-13	-10	0	15	2	5	partly cloudy	
Love-Torch River	27 Dec 2015	-31	-21	10	15	15	20	clear	partly cloudy
Luseland	26 Dec 2015	-27	-18	0	10	2	10	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Meadow Lake	26 Dec 2015	-21	-15	5	2				clear
Moose Jaw	16 Dec 2015	-7	-5	30	30	5	5	overcast	mostly clear
Moose Mountain	4 Jan 2016	-9	-2	2	5	2	4	partly cloudy	partly cloudy
Morse	23 Dec 2015	-12	-9	2	5	5	30	mod. fog	light fog
Nipawin	23 Dec 2015	-16	-12	2	5	20	20	clear	clear
Nisbet Forest NW	26 Dec 2015	-18	-18	5	20	0	9	light snow	mostly clear
Nisbet Forest West	1 Jan 2016	0	-3	0	8	2	10	clear	clear
Odessa	28 Dec 2015	-10	-3	20	30	5	8	light fog	cloudy
Outlook	1 Jan 2016	-6	-4	20	27	0	5		
Pierce Lake	30 Dec 2015	-18	-11	6	13	10	20	clear	clear
Pike Lake	2 Jan 2016	-13	-2	0	20	2	20	clear	clear
Ponteix	28 Dec 2015	-12	-7	10	20	0	5	cloudy	partly cloudy
Prince Albert	20 Dec 2015	-15	-12			10	10	overcast	overcast
Qu'Appelle	30 Dec 2015	-14	-11	6	11	4	6	overcast	partly cloudy
Qu'Appelle Dam	20 Dec 2015	-14	-8	5	15	2	15	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Raymore	25 Dec 2015	-29	-23	25	35	10	15	mostly clear	overcast
Regina	27 Dec 2015	-21	-12	30	40	0	4	partly cloudy	cloudy
Rokeby	20 Dec 2015	-10	-15	15	15	5	10	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Roscommon S.D.	28 Dec 2015	-16	-12	20	25	15	20	cloudy	overcast
Rouleau	28 Dec 2015	-12	-9	2	5	1	5	overcast	partly cloudy
Round Lake (PA)	5 Jan 2016	-7		4				mostly clear	
Round Lake (Q.V.)	14 Dec 2015	-6	-2	0	5	2	8	heavy fog	light fog
Saltcoats	26 Dec 2015	-29	-14	30	30	12	16	mostly clear	
Sask. Landing P.P.	4 Jan 2016	-9	-2	2	5	0	4	mostly clear	partly cloudy
Sask. River Forks	3 Jan 2016	-13	-10	2	5	10	10	mostly clear	partly cloudy
Saskatoon	26 Dec 2015	-25	-18	12	17	5	15	mostly clear	clear
Sawyer Lake	26 Dec 2015	-23	-17	15	35	20			partly cloudy
Shamrock	28 Dec 2015	-14	-14	2	22	4	8	overcast	overcast
Snowden	4 Jan 2016	-10	-5	2	5	1	18	clear	clear
Spinney Hill	21 Dec 2015	-10	-8	5	20	0	20	overcast	partly cloudy
Spruce Home	17 Dec 2015	-12	-10	2	5	5	7	cloudy	cloudy
Squaw Rapids	31 Dec 2015	-11	-6	15	30	10	30	mostly clear	partly cloudy
Swift Current	19 Dec 2015	-4	-2	10	20	5	10	partly cloudy	mostly clear
Thickwood-Spiritwood	18 Dec 2015	-14	-14	12	15	5	8	overcast	overcast
Togo	5 Jan 2016	-11		10	15	15	20	clear	clear
Weyburn	19 Dec 2015	-14	-11	8	10	2	4	cloudy	light snow
White Bear	31 Dec 2015	-17	-6	5	35	0	4	mostly clear	mostly clear
Whitewood	28 Dec 2015	-16	-15	20	29	6	14	overcast	overcast
Wingard	4 Jan 2016								
Yorkton	29 Dec 2015	-14	-14	10	13	5	30	overcast	cloudy
AVERAGES		-13	-9	7	14	6	13		

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Archerwill	9	4.5	2.0	32	0.5	30.0		25						50	25					p
Avonlea	2	13.0	4.5	102	2.0	0.5			20				5	30	10	35				
Balgonie	11	20.0	7.9	485	15.0	2.0				15				50	10	25				f
Biggar	8	12.0	6.8	376	10.3	4.0				19				43	10	28				f
Birch Hills	2	1.0	0.5	94	8.7	1.5			5	40			5	35	5	5		5		f
Borden-Radisson	6	2.0	4.0	279	10.0	0.0				55						40	5			e
Briercrest-Drinkwater	2	2.0	0.5	135	4.5	0.0								80		20				
Broadview	3	2.0	1.0	145	6.5	2.0			20	35		5		25	5	10				p
Cater	2	0.0	0.0	190	7.5	2.0	5	10	5	15			5	50	5	5				g
Chatsworth S.D.	12	3.0	9.0	80	3.0	2.0				80		10	5		5					
Christopher Lake	1	15.0	3.0	0	0.0	0.0		60		30						10				p
Churchbridge B	2	0.0	0.0	3	0.5	8.5						5			95					p
Clark's Crossing	20	26.0	14.5	574	30.5	4.0			1	16	7	3	2	18	23	25	1	4		g
Coronach	4	4.5	2.8	222	6.7	0.0						15	15	55	5	5	5			e
Craven	33	23.0	12.0	654	23.0	13.5				25		5	5	15	20	25	5			g
Creighton	4	7.0	3.0	230	12.0	3.0	20	10								40			30	f
Crooked Lake	2	2.0	1.0	140	3.5	0.0			5	20					5	50	20			f
Crooked River	2	3.0	1.0	0	0.0	6.0		40						40	20					f
Cypress Hills P.P.	10	8.0	5.0	15	1.0	0.0	40	40	8			10			2					f
Denholm	4	0.0	0.0	234	7.0	1.5				10	5		5	70	5	5				g
Dorintosh	4	20.0	6.0	60	2.0	2.0		60						40						g
Duval	5	9.5	5.0	288	10.8	0.0				30	15		5	30	10	10				e
Eastend	18	15.0	15.8	238	10.5	2.0		5		20	50		5	5		15	<1			p
Ebenezer A	4	10.0	8.0	30	6.0	8.0					60				5			35		f
Ebenezer B	1	0.0	0.0	38	3.0	4.0		15			20	30	30		5					
Endeavour	2	1.0	0.5	66	3.5	3.0				60					30	10				p
Estevan	7	10.0	5.8	173	5.0	5.0								15	8	23	21	33		f
Estuary North	2	4.0	2.0	4	3.0	0.0			50			30			20					p
Fenton	1	0.0	0.0	88	3.0	0.0				10	10			65		15				p
Floral	2	7.0	3.8	197	5.8	0.0				29				43	10	18				g
Fort Qu'Appelle	20		22.5	200						25	20		10	20	5	20	<1			e
Gardiner Dam	10	30.0	18.5	413	14.5	0.0				5				41	10	11	30	3		p
Good Spirit Lake	4	0.0	0.0	145	6.8	5.0				30			40		5	25				f
Grasslands N.P.	11	0.0	0.0	496	14.8	0.0						70	5	15		5		5		
Grayson	6	7.0	2.0	110	4.0	3.0			5	35	5		5	10	15	5	10	10		p
Greenwater	4	3.0	2.0	95	5.5	10.5	5	27	7	12				40	5	4				e
Grenfell	3	1.0	0.5	135	6.0	2.0			15	15		5	15	25	10	15				p
Harris	6	17.0	9.8	180	7.0	2.0				21				39	10	30				f
Hazlet	2	1.0	0.8	221	6.5	0.0					>1	10		80	5	5				f
Hudson Bay	8	3.0	1.0	0	0.0	8.0		40							20	40				f
Indian Head	24	34.0	6.0	246	8.0	24.0	5	9						75	5	5	1			f
Kenaston	1	0.0	0.0	169		0.0								75		25				
Kenosee Lake	3	2.0	1.5	149	3.0	1.0			30	10	5		5			50				f
Ketchen North	1	1.0	1.5	50	2.5	5.0				30			20	20	20	10				
Kindersley North	3																			
Kinloch	6	3.0	4.0	84	4.0	0.0	10	30	30	10					20					g
Kutawagan Lake	2	0.5	0.3	196.7	7.0	0.5				10	5	5		60	10	10				f

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Kyle	3	4.0	2.0	242	6.6	0.0					5	5	5	35	35	10		5		f
La Ronge	3	3.5	3.5	47	4.5	1.5	10	40								40	10			p
LMLNWA	2	1.0	0.5	198	8.5	0.5				10		10	5	45	5	25				p
Leader North	1	4.0	3.0	20	2.0	2.0						50		40	5		5			p
Love-Torch River	17	2.0	2.0	302	12.0	33.0	20	10		50					10	10				f
Luseland	5	9.0	4.0	347	10.5	2.0				50	10	5	5	20	5	5				f
Meadow Lake	3	5.0		121		4.0		50						30		20				g
Moose Jaw	2	11.0	4.3	145	25.0	0.2						5	5	20		55	10	5		
Moose Mountain	3	0.0	0.0	85	5.0	0.0		60				2		29	3	6				f
Morse	9	4.0	1.5	576	2.5	2.0							3	90	7					f
Nipawin	17	2.0	1.0	151	6.0	28.5	15	5		15				20	10	30	5			g
Nisbet Forest NW	1	2.0	2.0	0	0.0	1.0		20		30					50					f
Nisbet Forest West	1	2.0	2.0	110	2.5	2.0	10	30		10				40		10				
Odessa	3	0.0	0.0		15.0	3.0				10	10	30	30	10	10					f
Outlook	1	2.0	1.0	70	3.0	0.5														
Pierce Lake	3	1.0	1.0	80	5.0	0.0	10	35	30	10				10			5			g
Pike Lake	33	28.2	28.8	408	30.9	4.0														f
Ponteix	1	2.0	1.0	275	7.0	0.0				<1		10	20	60	5	5	<1	<1		p
Prince Albert	18	22.1	10.7	384	18.2	9.5														p
Qu'Appelle	10	6.0	3.0	316	9.5	3.5				60	5		5	20	5	5				f
Qu'Appelle Dam	7	7.0	6.2	347	11.3	4.0				44				7	10	27	6	6		f
Raymore	2	0.5	0.3	174	9.1	0.8				25			5	30	15	25				f
Regina	47	105.2	45.7	772	29.3	10.0			3	10	8		7	20	5	45		2		f
Rokeby	12	0.0	0.0	120	6.0	15.0		2						95	3					
Roscommon S.D.	9	0.5	1.0	82	6.0	28.0				30				60	10					g
Rouleau	3	0.0	0.0	175	7.0	0.0								90	5	5				
Round Lake (PA)	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	3.0		50					20					30		p
Round Lake (Q.V.)	3	1.0	2.0	188	5.0	3.0				15				5	60	20				f
Saltcoats	9	4.0	2.0	6	3.0	0.0				100										f
Sask. Landing P.P.	3	5.0	1.5	374	7.5	0.0				5		10		45	15			25		f
Sask. River Forks	1	1.0	0.5	72	3.0	0.0	15	20	20	15			5	20	5					p
Saskatoon	81	77.6	45.7	746	49.4	109.0		1		6	3	2	1	6	4	70	3	4		f
Sawyer Lake	2	0.0	0.0	24	4.0	1.0		10		50				30	10					f
Shamrock	6	2.0	1.5	331	15.0	1.0						3	5	80	7	5				
Snowden	12		2.0	124		4.5		10						30	50	10				p
Spinney Hill	1	1.0		146		0.0														p
Spruce Home	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	2.0		90						10						
Squaw Rapids	4	2.5	2.3	248	11.4	0.2		70						5	5		20			p
Swift Current	33	53.5	30.5	453	27.5	8.0							20	10	68			2		
Thickwood-Spiritwood	3	2.8	1.1	146	4.6	2.0		20		15			25	25	5	5		5		p
Togo	19	0.0	0.0	70	1.8	0.0	5	15	15			5	20	40						p
Weyburn	15	0.0	0.0	306	12.0	3.0			2		2	5	6	60	10	15				p
White Bear	2	3.0	1.5	190	7.3							15	5	50	30					f
Whitewood	21	5.5	5.0	465	15.0	36.0				10				5	15	70				p
Wingard	3																			
Yorkton	23	4.5	1.5	122	7.5	17.0				50						50				g

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Canada Goose						35							920	22790	5		698							(1)	
Mallard														9741	8		96								
Redhead															1										
Lesser Scaup															4										
Common Goldeneye													58	10	32										
Common Merganser														3											
Gray Partridge			21	24		6							29	12						1					
Ring-necked Pheasant														2										26	
Ruffed Grouse	1				4			3	3	8		1			1			2	(1)						
Sharp-tailed Grouse	(1)	2	25	35		15		11					34	19	24	5			5				35	31	1
Bald Eagle	(1)					2		(1)					8	1	2		2		3	(1)					3
Northern Goshawk																			1					(1)	
Rough-legged Hawk			1					1							2		7		(2)	(1)					
Golden Eagle		1		1										1	1		2		1	1				1	
Rock Pigeon	5	29	144	131	42	129	26	44	6				368	10	104	33				56		91	6	45	
Eurasian Collared-Dove		16		35			6						1	57	3							5	27		
Mourning Dove	2		1					2					1	1									1		
Great Horned Owl		1	3	2					1			1	9	2	2				(1)	1		1	3	1	
Snowy Owl	(1)	2	(1)				2						2	7						1		1	2		
Downy Woodpecker		(1)	7	2	5	3		3	4	9		2	10	1	9		4	2	3	1	1	4	7		
Hairy Woodpecker	3	1	1	5	8	1		4	2	10	1	2	7		10	2	2	3	(1)	3	2	2	2	3	
Northern Flicker				1		2							2		1							(1)			
Pileated Woodpecker	(1)										1														
Merlin														1											
Northern Shrike	1			(1)		2				1					1		1					3	1		
Gray Jay	5								1							10					2				
Blue Jay	13		(1)		1	3		2	10	12	2		4		48		1	3			8		1		
Black-billed Magpie	8	19	134	101	37	95	10	31	33	20		5	221	1	103	44	8	5	5	83	2	46	98	13	
American Crow															3							(2)			
Common Raven	9		41	53	14	157		23	49	10	2	1	191		59	192	19	2	4	17	1	14	5	10	
Horned Lark		4	3	1			72							428									6	4	
Black-capped Chickadee	18	1	93	20	18	12		14	24	44	30	28	136		170	22	45	10	50	8	24	16	17	12	
Boreal Chickadee	(1)															5									
Red-breasted Nuthatch				11		3							3		1					20				8	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	4	1	2			1	3	6	(4)	1	3		23			1				1		4	
Brown Creeper			1	1		1																			
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1					3																	
American Robin				1				1	1				1	1	22								2	(1)	
European Starling		56	121	3		30	2	20	20				183	32	205				18			11			
Bohemian Waxwing		1	13	(25)	44	44		85					67		134				(10)			148	50		
Snow Bunting	(1000)		225	1		2		200	4	25			24		2								412	12	
Dark-eyed Junco		3	5	1		1		5		3			2		14							(1)	3		
Pine Grosbeak	95	(4)	7	3	18	14		5	51		17		21		5	135		7	5		27	30	3	5	
House Finch		2	53	61				(2)					52	5	3									28	
Red Crossbill			24	18				(4)						21											
White-winged Crossbill				4		5			15					31										25	
Common Redpoll	174	8	385	766	137	611	50	714	216	219	56	36	555	168	750	125	139	8	2	611	30	277	22	36	
Hoary Redpoll	4			5	2	14		(3)	6				5				26			(1)					
Pine Siskin	6											12			5				9				4		
Evening Grosbeak	47								28		22						33		7				1		
House Sparrow	6	325	652	349	175	525	125	230	83	171			1305	361	296	83	15		(7)	76		502	290	48	
TOTAL BIRDS COUNT DAY	398	475	1975	1638	507	1714	293	1402	560	544	133	89	4283	33676	2091	740	1039	59	100	878	97	1621	673	181	
TOTAL BIRDS ONLY IN CP	1006	5	2	26	0	0	0	12	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	4	0	4	3	0	
TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY	17	19	25	28	14	25	8	21	20	14	9	10	34	30	38	16	14	12	12	14	9	24	25	12	
TOTAL SPECIES ONLY IN CP	7	2	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	3	3	0	

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SPECIES	EBENEZER B 31 DEC 2015	ENDEAVOUR 21 DEC 2015	ESTEVAN 1 JAN 2016	ESTUARY NORTH 4 JAN 2016	FENTON 5 JAN 2016	FLORAL 15 DEC 2015	FORT OU'APPELLE 18 DEC 2015	GARDINER DAM 21 DEC 2015	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE 31 DEC 2015	GRASSLANDS N.P. 17 DEC 2015	GRAYSON 27 DEC 2015	GREENWATER 3 JAN 2016	GRENFELL 29 DEC 2015	HARRIS 14 DEC 2015	HAZLET 26 DEC 2015	HUDSON BAY 27 DEC 2015	INDIAN HEAD 28 DEC 2015	KENASTON 14 DEC 2015	KENOSEE LAKE 22 DEC 2015	KETCHEN 26 DEC 2015	KINDERSLEY NORTH 26 DEC 2015	KINLOCH 30 DEC 2015	KUTAWAGAN LAKE 27 DEC 2015	KYLE 17 DEC 2015	
Canada Goose			9615			6	1737	1667			110						12								
Mallard			617				89	3545		4	57						150								
Redhead							4	5									1								
Lesser Scaup			2				5	10									5								
Common Goldeneye			62				145	311									7								
Common Merganser			3					118																	
Gray Partridge							(1)	37		67				12	65		8	11				75	(1)	11	67
Ring-necked Pheasant			96	8						62															
Ruffed Grouse		2					(1)		3		2	5				(6)	3			10			5		
Sharp-tailed Grouse		4	102				24	1	66		2			42	49		21		1				8	109	
Bald Eagle		3	1	1			11	63		3	1			3		(1)	6		1			(2)			
Northern Goshawk												1													1
Rough-legged Hawk							2																		
Golden Eagle				1				2		1				1	2							1			1
Rock Pigeon	2	8	107		5	263	19	197		7	25		71	62	88		153	4	7	1	60		25	83	
Eurasian Collared-Dove			30	2			8	7		(4)			10	10			6								12
Mourning Dove																									(1)
Great Horned Owl			1	2		2	(1)	6		1	1		1	1	2		2	1				2	3	8	
Snowy Owl				1				6						6	2							4			8
Downy Woodpecker		3	8	1	1	6	24	6	3		2	5	2	4		3	22		1	4		2	2	1	
Hairy Woodpecker		1	5	2		2	6	1	4			5		2		5	19		5	3		4		(1)	
Northern Flicker			2	3										1										(1)	
Pileated Woodpecker				1					(1)		2					(1)								(1)	
Merlin			1																					(1)	
Northern Shrike						1					1	(1)	1	2											
Gray Jay		2										4					1						(1)		
Blue Jay	1	7	3	7	2	2	15		6		2	22	1			35	19		12	11		16			
Black-billed Magpie	7	19	20	29	33	53	103	145	29	30	36	55	15	55	40	(1)	54	8	30	24	35	17	36	85	
American Crow	2																								
Common Raven	21	41	6	1	6	27	136	61	16		24	27	21	17	4	191	125	1	20	97	1	32	13	11	
Horned Lark						17	2	6		27				8	426		8						5	6	
Black-capped Chickadee	6	28	17	8	10	37	148	16	76		30	34	10	18		43	147		60	9		29		4	
Boreal Chickadee																2									
Red-breasted Nuthatch			4	1		2			1					3			22		1						
White-breasted Nuthatch		8	5		1		23		3		1	3	2	2		8	13		3	(2)		3		1	
Brown Creeper								1																	
Golden-crowned Kinglet								6																	
American Robin			3	2			2							1		(1)						(2)			(1)
European Starling		6	55	84	2		64	158			30		32	10	13		47	(2)					6	3	
Bohemian Waxwing				5	40	25	354	96					7								(17)				
Snow Bunting	12	(30)	91	50	5	4	(30)	2496		68		55		307	6045	100	15	900		250	(50)	335	410	790	
Dark-eyed Junco		2	5				16						2	3			18		4				11		
Pine Grosbeak		33			10	4	21	10	7		35	112	7			172	6		8	35		41			
House Finch		2	2				9	55		6							14							4	
Red Crossbill						2	5																		
White-winged Crossbill			5			1		2																	
Common Redpoll		26	252		19	58	1125	195	94	40	1181	153	266	109	98	546	287	300	157	189	25	52	339	150	
Hoary Redpoll		10	3			1							1							13					
Pine Siskin		7												2		10	7								
Evening Grosbeak		43										63				149			2				9		
House Sparrow		4	227	300	40	396	50	304	28	126	190		260	281	377	57	362	26	91	2	50	8	237	660	
TOTAL BIRDS COUNT DAY	66	256	11397	611	174	918	4221	9525	271	508	1730	544	709	963	7223	1322	1570	1251	404	648	254	564	1096	2005	
TOTAL BIRDS ONLY IN CP	0	31	2	0	0	0	40	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	2	0	1	68	4	0	5	
TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY	9	21	35	21	13	21	38	39	13	14	18	14	17	26	14	14	35	8	17	13	10	14	13	20	
TOTAL SPECIES ONLY IN CP	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	3	3	0	5	

Table 3.3. Species found on 6 or more counts; () = seen during count period (CP).

SPECIES	LA RONGE 28 DEC 2015	LAST MTN LAKE NWA 29 DEC 2015	LEADER NORTH 29 DEC 2015	LOVE-TORCH RIVER 27 DEC 2015	LUSELAND 26 DEC 2015	MEADOW LAKE 26 DEC 2015	MOOSE JAW 16 DEC 2015	MOOSE MTN. P.P. 4 JAN 2016	MORSE 23 DEC 2015	NIPAWIN 23 DEC 2015	NISBET FOREST NW 26 DEC 2015	NISBET FOREST W 1 JAN 2016	ODESSA 28 DEC 2015	OUTLOOK 1 JAN 2016	PIERCE LAKE 30 DEC 2015	PIKE LAKE 2 JAN 2016	PONTEIX 28 DEC 2015	PRINCE ALBERT 20 DEC 2015	QU'APPELLE 30 DEC 2015	QU'APPELLE DAM 20 DEC 2015	RAYMORE 25 DEC 2015	REGINA 27 DEC 2015	ROXBURY 20 DEC 2015	ROSCOMMON S.D. 28 DEC 2015
Canada Goose	2		2				500							40	85				150	815		2023		
Mallard							200													633		261		
Redhead																						1		
Lesser Scaup																						(1)		
Common Goldeneye															12	2				23		1		
Common Merganser															13					10		1		
Gray Partridge				6	21		(3)		105								9			20	6	101	32	21
Ring-necked Pheasant			4						1															
Ruffed Grouse				4						(2)	(1)		4			1		6	3				1	9
Sharp-tailed Grouse		4	5	4					24				15			80	44		17	37		11		
Bald Eagle			2	1	1				1	2			5		2	3		1		7		1	3	
Northern Goshawk				1														1		1	1			
Rough-legged Hawk																	1		1			36		
Golden Eagle																						1		
Rock Pigeon		15		48	20	1	130	16	108	60		50	6	55		116	6	201	90	25	106	1480	148	3
Eurasian Collared-Dove		3			13				26					26				3		3			2	
Mourning Dove																		1				4		
Great Horned Owl				(1)	7				20				2			3	1		1	1	(1)	3		(1)
Snowy Owl		1	1		1				8				2			2	3			4		10	1	(1)
Downy Woodpecker	1	2	1	11	2	1	2	2	(2)	5	2	1	3	1		46		7	14	2	1	16	14	9
Hairy Woodpecker	(1)			9		1	2	1		2	2	2	4		2	27		7	9	3		1	19	13
Northern Flicker							1									1		1		1		(1)		
Pileated Woodpecker				2				1					2			2		1						(1)
Merlin							(1)		4											1		2	1	
Northern Shrike				(1)			(1)								1	2		(1)	(2)		(1)			
Gray Jay	4			5		3												5						
Blue Jay	(1)			38	1		1	6		13	(6)	6		1	7	32		9		9	1	3	5	11
Black-billed Magpie	1	29	4	84	190	2	33	20	65	27	(2)	17	40	30	12	201	61	97	75	39	39	63	86	41
American Crow																						6		
Common Raven	228	8	2	117	12	58	1	4	1	333	2	17	30	31	21	124		276	132	12	69	195	116	21
Horned Lark		5			20		38		501								250		(2)		5	131		
Black-capped Chickadee	18	2	3	113	5	11	11	31		35	12	17	20	7	22	515		94	89	23	8	130	82	59
Boreal Chickadee	1			8														(3)						
Red-breasted Nuthatch				5	2	2	4		1	5				3		4		1		1		30	3	
White-breasted Nuthatch				10				1	3		4	3	1		1	28		3	3	1	1	14	1	
Brown Creeper									1													(1)		
Golden-crowned Kinglet									(1)											2		3		
American Robin																12		3	1	3		1		(1)
European Starling		31	3	41	7		(100)	22	73	10				50		3	25		18	44		42		13
Bohemian Waxwing					(21)		(4)		(17)	35				30		1011		5475		445			6	(36)
Snow Bunting		570		164	44	50			349				25		30	283	1240	100		35	15	1564	95	1675
Dark-eyed Junco							5						4			1					2	60		
Pine Grosbeak	27			222		8	10			99	(10)	19			6	287		164	2	46	39	2	16	156
House Finch					7		90		6	2				2		5	4		1			118		
Red Crossbill					2				(6)											6	4	3		
White-winged Crossbill															5	6		6				2		
Common Redpoll	13	66		956	276	30		62	647	128	(12)	95		21	275	720	3	234	800	323	1019	996	294	196
Hoary Redpoll				5		13									2	5		11					106	1
Pine Siskin																1							18	(4)
Evening Grosbeak	14			253						29	(6)	32			5			13						
House Sparrow		419	11	163	23	8	40	63	1385	60		4		70		372	740	332	162	233	104	2258	366	32
TOTAL BIRDS COUNT DAY	309	1155	38	2280	655	188	1070	231	3334	850	21	264	218	367	503	3899	2391	7060	1582	2817	1421	9589	1413	2260
TOTAL BIRDS ONLY IN CP	2	0	0	2	21	0	109	0	29	2	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	7	0	45
TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY	10	13	11	25	20	13	18	12	22	18	5	13	17	14	19	33	15	25	22	35	17	45	21	15
TOTAL SPECIES ONLY IN CP	2	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	7	0	7

Table 3.4. Species found on 6 or more counts; () = seen during count period (CP).

SPECIES	ROULEAU 28 DEC 2015	ROUND LAKE (P.A.) 5 JAN 2016	ROUND LAKE (Q.V.) 14 DEC 2015	SALICOATS 26 DEC 2015	SASK. LANDING. P.P. 4 JAN 2016	SASK. RIVER FORKS 3 JAN 2016	SASKATOON 26 DEC 2015	SAWYER LAKE 30 DEC 2015	SHAMROCK 28 DEC 2015	SNOWDEN 4 JAN 2016	SPINNEY HILL 21 DEC 2015	SPRUCE HOME 17 DEC 2015	SQUAW RAPIDS 31 DEC 2015	SWIFT CURRENT 19 DEC 2015	THICKWOOD 8 DEC 2015	TOGO 5 JAN 2016	WEYBURN 19 DEC 2015	WHITE BEAR 31 DEC 2015	WHITEWOOD 28 DEC 2015	WINGARD 4 JAN 2016	YORKTON 29 DEC 2015	TOTALS COUNT DAY	TOTALS ONLY IN COUNT PERIOD	# COUNTS COUNT DAY	# COUNTS ONLY IN COUNT PERIOD	
Canada Goose			2320				175							(3)								43707	4	21	2	
Mallard			56		1		10							(20)								15468	20	15	1	
Redhead							(1)															12	1	5	1	
Lesser Scaup			2																			28	1	6	1	
Common Goldeneye			1				247						245	(8)								1156	8	14	1	
Common Merganser													1	(1)								149	1	7	1	
Gray Partridge					23		28		53					43			71	40				1025	5	30	3	
Ring-necked Pheasant									24					10			7					240	0	10	0	
Ruffed Grouse				5				(7)				1			4	3			3			97	18	27	6	
Sharp-tailed Grouse			5		39		7		15				2	16		3	29	89	6			1121	1	44	1	
Bald Eagle			2				2	(2)					2	(1)	1	1					1	153	9	36	7	
Northern Goshawk																			1			9	1	9	1	
Rough-legged Hawk			1				(1)															52	4	9	3	
Golden Eagle					1						1						1	1				23	0	20	0	
Rock Pigeon	43		34		10		2486		30		57			288	15		135	86	48		163	8535	0	68	0	
Eurasian Collared-Dove				14			21		4					64			33		23			2	472	4	30	1
Mourning Dove							1							1								15	1	10	1	
Great Horned Owl					8		3		5				1	1	1		2	11	1		1	132	5	44	5	
Snowy Owl	2				2		2		4					2			2	8				99	3	30	3	
Downy Woodpecker			5	7	1	2	48	(1)	4	9	2	2	1	4	3	16	2		20		10	456	4	74	3	
Hairy Woodpecker			3	9		2	17	1		6	3	2	1	2	2	25	1		14	2	9	341	3	67	3	
Northern Flicker					1		8							8								33	3	14	3	
Pileated Woodpecker							1			(1)			1			(1)						14	6	10	6	
Merlin							3		1					6								20	2	9	2	
Northern Shrike			1				2				1		1						3			26	8	18	7	
Gray Jay								(7)		7			8			2						59	8	14	2	
Blue Jay		4	9	6		2	47	(2)		49	13	4	5		5	80			24	9	7	676	10	58	4	
Black-billed Magpie	4		6	4	62	22	289	8	44	53	52	1	15	150	37	38	24	109	35		48	4337	3	88	2	
American Crow							13							1								25	2	5	1	
Common Raven	(1)		9	5	(6)	9	341	1	3	19	16		33	9	25	80	4		114		198	4448	7	82	2	
Horned Lark					75		2		226		12			52			3	39	1			2383	2	31	1	
Black-capped Chickadee		6	19	36	29	26	728	2		58	25	4	10	22	6	135			147	10	138	4250	0	80	0	
Boreal Chickadee										6			10			4						38	4	8	2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	1			100			11			5	60			1		1		20	341	0	34	0	
White-breasted Nuthatch		2	4	5	1		10	(1)		5				2	2	19	3		12	2	21	291	6	55	3	
Brown Creeper							2							1								8	1	7	1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet							2						2	1								21	1	9	1	
American Robin					1		37												1		1	97	5	20	5	
European Starling	25		11	10	19		148		7					96			30	21	56			2016	102	49	2	
Bohemian Waxwing			212		4		1021							(62)					20			9372	192	25	8	
Snow Bunting	400				70		22	17	4012	28	120			161	150		525		125			24709	1110	53	4	
Dark-eyed Junco							7							11					10		18	216	1	26	1	
Pine Grosbeak		10	11	16	4	24	66	23		121	40	15	27	2	50	250			21	6	15	2753	14	63	2	
House Finch					15		525							119					6			1221	2	28	1	
Red Crossbill							137							3	2							227	10	12	2	
White-winged Crossbill							115				6											228	0	14	0	
Common Redpoll		20	36	91	260	70	494	16	186	204	30	35	211	53	70	207	100	115	710	15	37	21870	12	86	1	
Hoary Redpoll				40	1		10		5				4			52			11	5		364	4	28	2	
Pine Siskin									1		3			16								101	4	14	1	
Evening Grosbeak		6								84		5	19			45				20		929	6	23	1	
House Sparrow	96		109	50	130	8	1976	13	366	8	29		10	1748	32	70	330	570	313	50	245	22691	7	80	1	
TOTAL BIRDS COUNT DAY	570	48	2863	324	758	165	9262	81	4993	668	411	69	617	2953	408	1030	1374	1089	1727	119	959	177799	1653			
TOTAL BIRDS ONLY IN CP	1	0	0	0	6	0	2	23	0	1	0	0	0	95	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1653				
TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY	6	6	26	17	23	9	45	8	19	15	17	9	24	31	17	17	21	11	27	9	18	88				
TOTAL SPECIES ONLY IN CP	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		4			

Table 4. Species found in fewer than 6 counts.

SPECIES	LOCALITY AND NUMBER (*=COUNT PERIOD)
Greater White-fronted Goose	Coronach (4)
Snow Goose	Moose Jaw (1), Regina (4)
Ross's Goose	Coronach (1)
Cackling Goose	Coronach (6), Estevan (105), Qu'Appelle Dam (1)
Tundra Swan	Ft. Qu'Appelle (1), Qu'Appelle Dam (5), Round Lake (1)
Gadwall	Gardiner Dam (2), Indian Head (2), Round Lake (1)
American Wigeon	Coronach (1), Ft. Qu'Appelle (2), Gardiner Dam (2)
Northern Shoveler	Indian Head (1)
Northern Pintail	Gardiner Dam (1)
Green-winged Teal	Estevan (1)
Canvasback	Fort Qu'Appelle (3), Gardiner Dam (1),
Greater Scaup	Fort Qu'Appelle (16), Gardiner Dam (5)
King Eider	Fort Qu'Appelle (1)
Harlequin Duck	Saskatoon (1)
Bufflehead	Estevan (1), Ft. Qu'Appelle (1), Gardiner Dam (1), Indian Head (4)
Barrow's Goldeneye	Craven (1)
Hooded Merganser	Estevan (1), Indian Head (1), Squaw Rapids (2)
Ruddy Duck	Estevan (1*), Ft. Qu'Appelle (2)
Spruce Grouse	Creighton (3)
Willow Ptarmigan	Creighton (21)
Turkey Vulture	Ebenezer B (5)
Northern Harrier	Regina (1), Shamrock (3)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Pike Lake (1), Regina (1), Roscommon S.D (1*), Whitewood (1*)
Cooper's Hawk	Denholm (1*), Estevan (1*), Regina (1)
Red-tailed Hawk	Odessa (2)
American Coot	Coronach (8), Estevan (37), Ft. Qu'Appelle (11), Indian Head (1), Round Lake Q.V. (3)
Killdeer	Gardiner Dam (2), Indian Head (2), Qu'Appelle Dam (2)
Herring Gull	Gardiner Dam (7)
Glaucous Gull	Gardiner Dam (2),
Barred Owl	Good Spirit Lake (1*), Squaw Rapids (1)
Great Gray Owl	Archerwill (1*), Endeavour (1*), Pierce Lake (1), Sawyer Lake (1*)
Long-eared Owl	Morse (1*)
Short-eared Owl	Ft. Qu'Appelle (1*), Luseland (1), Morse (6), Qu'Appelle Dam (1), Saltcoats (1)
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Denholm (1), Regina (1*)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Regina (1*)
Black-backed Woodpecker	Creighton (1), Love-Torch River (10), Nipawin (1), Sawyer Lake (2*)
American Kestrel	Regina (1)
Gyr Falcon	Clark's Crossing (1), Harris (1), Pike Lake (1), Regina (1)
Prairie Falcon	Coronach (1), Gardiner Dam (1), Saskatchewan Landing P.P. (1)
Pacific wren	Cypress Hill P.P. (1*)
Townsend's Solitaire	Clark's Crossing (1), Craven (2), Saskatoon (2), Spinney Hill (1)
Varied Thrush	Borden-Radisson (2), Odessa (4), Raymore (1)
Gray Catbird	Morse (1*)
Cedar Waxwing	Balgonie (10), Ft. Qu'Appelle (6*), Pike Lake (2), Saltcoats (24), Saskatoon (101)
Lapland Longspur	Coronach (1), Hazlet (12), Kutawagan Lake (1), Weyburn (70)
Pine warbler	Saskatoon (1)
Spotted Towhee	Craven (1)
Eastern Towhee	Regina (1)
American Tree Sparrow	Avonlea (1), Ebenzer B (10), Odessa (50)
Vesper Sparrow	Morse (1*)
Savannah Sparrow	Kyle (1)
Song Sparrow	Saskatoon (1)
White-throated Sparrow	Chatsworth S.D (6), Eastend (1), Qu'Appelle (1), Regina (2)
Harris's Sparrow	Ft. Qu'Appelle (2), Qu'Appelle (10)
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Morse (1)
Scarlet Tanager	Regina (1*)
Red-winged Blackbird	Duval (8), Round Lake Q.V. (1)
Rusty Blackbird	Biggar (2)
Brewer's Blackbird	Saskatoon (1)
Common Grackle	Avonlea (1), Ft. Qu'Appelle (2), Regina (2), Weyburn (1)
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Hudson Bay (1*)
Purple Finch	Clark's Crossing (7), Ft. Qu'Appelle (8), Kenosee Lake (1), Thickwood Hills-Spiritwood (3)
Cassin's Finch	Endeavour (1)
American Goldfinch	Broadview (2*), Craven (34), Ft. Qu'Appelle (3), Prince Albert (12), Qu'Appelle (2)

Table 5. Birds not identified to species.

CATEGORY	LOCALITY AND NUMBER (*=COUNT PERIOD)
Hawk sp.	Morse (1)
Gull sp.	Swift Current (1)
Woodpecker sp.	Saskatoon (2)
Falcon sp.	Kindersley North (1)

Table 6. New (in bold and italics) and tying high counts for individual species 2015.

LOCATION	2015 COUNT	SPECIES	PREVIOUS HIGH	LOCATION, YEAR
Coronach	4	Greater White-fronted Goose	3	Coronach 2001
Regina	4	Snow Goose	4	Weyburn 1999
Coronach	1	Ross's Goose	1	Regina 1962, 1974
Estevan	105	Cackling Goose	50	Gardiner Dam 2011
Ft Qu'Appelle	16	Greater Scaup	9	Gardiner Dam 2013
Ft Qu'Appelle	1	King eider	NEW	
Saskatoon	1	Harlequin Duck	1	Gardiner Dam 1990, Fort Qu'Appelle 1991
Craven	1	Barrow's Goldeneye	1	Squaw Rapids 1997, 2012; Saskatoon 2007, Ft Qu'Appelle 2013
Ebenezer B	5	Turkey Vulture	2	Grayson 1991
Shamrock	3	Northern Harrier	2	Luseland 1994, Govenlock 2007
Gardiner Dam, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle Dam	2	Killdeer	2	Saskatchewan Landing P.P. 1998
Regina	36	Rough-legged Hawk	14	Govenlock 2003
Regina	1	Red-bellied Woodpecker (count period)	1	Regina 2001, Yorkton 2007, Crooked River 2010, Grenfell 2013
Love-Torch River	10	Black-backed Woodpecker	6	Squaw Rapids 1985, Snowden 1995
Cypress Hills P.P.	1	Pacific Wren (count period)	1	Fort Walsh 1999
Odessa	4	Varied Thrush	2	Saskatoon 2000, Odessa 2012, Swift Current 2012 (count period)
Morse	1	Gray Catbird (count period)	1	Moose Jaw 2001, Yorkton 2002
Saskatoon	1	Pine Warbler	NEW	
Craven	1	Spotted Towhee	1	North to Turtle Lake and Saskatoon
Regina	1	Eastern Towhee	1	Regina 2005, Candle Lake 2008, Rouleau 2010, Floral 2012
Morse	1	Golden-crowned Sparrow	1	Broadview 2014
Regina	1	Scarlet Tanager	NEW	
Endeavour	1	Cassin's Finch	1	Fort Walsh, 1983; Saskatoon 2013, 2014 (count period)
Rokeby	106	Hoary Redpoll	62	Cumberland House 1969

Table 7. Population changes

in numbers of selected species in 2015* compared to 2014 and the average for five years (2010-2014), based on the number of birds per party hour. A minus sign indicates a decrease from previous years.

SPECIES	% CHANGE FROM 2014	% CHANGE FROM 2010-14
Canada Goose	219	344
Mallard	92	92
Common Goldeneye	30	79
Gray Partridge	12	-13
Ring-necked Pheasant	-15	-19
Ruffed Grouse	-37	-9
Sharp-tailed Grouse	-25	-14
Bald Eagle	54	70
Northern Goshawk	-64	-33
Golden Eagle	-25	7
Rock Pigeon	-20	3
Eurasian Collared-Dove	12	26
Great Horned Owl	-15	20
Snowy Owl	-46	-38
Downy Woodpecker	-34	-12
Hairy Woodpecker	-37	-19
Northern Flicker	-32	-20
Pileated Woodpecker	-52	-27
Merlin	-15	-6
Northern Shrike	-26	2
Gray Jay	-25	-28
Blue Jay	-30	-19
Black-billed Magpie	-29	-8
American Crow	14	7
Common Raven	-40	-17
Horned Lark	524	308
Black-capped Chickadee	-33	-13
Boreal Chickadee	-33	-57
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-17	-23
White-breasted Nuthatch	-37	-6
Brown Creeper	-68	-51
American Robin	84	58
European Starling	-1	38
Bohemian Waxwing	-3	24
Snow Bunting	99	58
Dark-eyed Junco	-9	25
Pine Grosbeak	85	55
House Finch	-17	23
White-winged Crossbill	358	-17
Common Redpoll	334	170
Hoary Redpoll	232	259
Pine Siskin	8	5
American Goldfinch	-75	-38
Evening Grosbeak	-31	-29
House Sparrow	-19	9

*As tremendous changes can occur in small sample sizes only those species recorded on an annual average of six or more counts are included. 