

# THIRTIETH ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, 1971

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Thirty-eight counts were sent in from Saskatchewan localities, and one from the Northwest Territories for the Christmas Bird Census for 1971. Only once, in 1968, did we have as many as 38 localities represented from the province.

A total of 58 species seen on count days, plus 4 additional species seen during count period, was compiled. No new species were added this year to the all time list (which includes 114 plus 6 additional).

The most exciting reports were the 2 Gyrfalcons seen—one at Harris and the other at Saskatoon. Only once previously, has a Gyrfalcon been reported, when Don Buckle saw one at Lady Lake in 1963. One of the unexpected results of our Saskatchewan Christmas counts has been the establishment of the Pigeon Hawk as a regular winter resident; this year they were reported from a record of nine localities (seven on count day). This was also a major year for the Snowy Owl, reported from 16 localities (13 on count day).

There have been no other major trends apparent in species numbers, except that Pine Grosbeaks, so scarce last year in all regions, have returned to their usual numbers, and Redpolls also low in numbers last year are more numerous than usual this year.

Most interesting and encouraging was the number of young people who arranged counts in their home or neighboring areas.

**ABERDEEN - SMUTS**, Jan. 2; 46 miles by car in 3 hours; temp. 4°; scattered cloud; wind NW 20 mph; drifting snow; 7 species, 965 individuals. Gray Partridge, 8; Snowy Owl, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 20; Bohemian Waxwing, 12; House Sparrow, 185; Common Redpoll, 90; Snow Bunting, 649.—Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Gollop.

**BIGGAR**, Dec. 30; 50 miles by car in

1½ hours and 3 miles on foot in 2½ hours; temp. 8°; sunny, clouding over in mid-afternoon; wind 0-10 mph; 11 inches of snow cover; 13 species, 568 individuals. Pigeon Hawk, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 3; Rock Dove, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 12; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 192; House Sparrow, 227; Evening Grosbeak, 4; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 6; White-winged Crossbill, 2; Snow Bunting, 114. (Add: Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 18; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 24 and 28; Rusty Blackbird, 1, Dec. 27).—Annie, Don, Harvey and Wayne Renaud.

**BLAINE LAKE**, Dec. 31; 3 miles by snowmobile and on foot in 2½ hours; temp. 20-25°; wind W 20 mph; partial cloud; 1 foot of snow; 7 species, 69 individuals. Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 8; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; House Sparrow, 40; Evening Grosbeak, 2; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 13. (Add: Gray Partridge, 6; Snow Bunting, 8).—Ernest Kardash.

**BORDEN**, Dec. 28; 68 miles by car and 1 mile on foot in 7 hours; temp. 0-15°; cloudy and windy; 13 species, 1558 individuals. Pigeon Hawk, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 40; Gray Partridge, 11; Rock Dove, 15; Snowy Owl, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 30; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 73; House Sparrow, 360; Pine Grosbeak, 22; Hoary Redpoll, 24; Common Redpoll, 321; Snow Bunting, 656.—John and Stanley Shadick.

**BROADVIEW**, Jan. 1; 75 miles by car and 3 on foot in 6½ hours; temp. 22°; wind W 13 mph; 14 species, 323 individuals. Golden Eagle, 2; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 5; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Rock Dove, 7; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 20; Black-capped Chickadee, 22; Bohemian Waxwing, 8; House Sparrow, 45; Evening Grosbeak, 17; Pine Grosbeak, 36; Common Red-

poll, 88; Snow Bunting, 70. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 2, Dec. 27; Gray Partridge, 8, Dec. 27; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 25 and 27; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 25; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 21; Horned Lark, 1, Dec. 25; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 27).—David Chaskavich, David Weidl.

CARON, Dec. 27; 13 species, 587 individuals. Golden Eagle 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 38; Ring-necked Pheasant, 7; Gray Partridge, 25; Snowy Owl 1; Downy Woodpecker, 5; Horned Lark, 28; Black-billed Magpie, 28; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 16; Pine Siskin, 12; Lapland Longspur, 200; Snow Bunting, 225.—Tom Donald, Jim King, Robert Kosatz, Jim Kroshus, Bob McCall, Bob Rafuse (compiler) — members of the Saskatchewan Falconry Association.

DILKE, Jan. 2; 38 miles by car and 2 miles on foot in 3 hours; temp. 2°; sunny becoming overcast; wind NW 10-30 mph; 8" snow drifted; 9 species, 900 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 13; Gray Partridge, 31; Rock Dove, 9; Horned Lark, 60; Black-billed Magpie, 24; Bohemian Waxwing, 17; House Sparrow, 156; Common Redpoll, 584; Snow Bunting, 6. (Add: Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 30).—Boswell Belcher (compiler), Margaret Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Belcher.

ELDORADO (Wellington Lake Hydro), Dec. 23; area within half mile of house; temp. -35° to -33°; 5 species, 47 individuals. Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Gray Jay, 2; Common Raven, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; Common Redpoll, 40.—Mrs. E. A. Middleton.

FORT QU'APPELLE, Dec. 28; temp. 7°; clear; 4½ inches of snow; 12 species, 204 individuals. Mallard, 27; Lesser Scaup, 4; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 3; Black-billed Magpie, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 17; Bohemian Waxwing, 17; Northern Shrike, 1; House Sparrow, 23; Evening Grosbeak, 6; Pine Grosbeak, 38; Common Redpoll, 25; Snow Bunting, 40. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 1, Dec. 24, 25; Rock Dove, 8, Jan. 2; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec.

23; Blue Jay, 4, Dec. 30; Robin, 1, Jan. 1; Common Grackle, 1, Dec. 23; Blackbird (Rusty?), 1, Jan. 1).—Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Barnett, E. Manley Callin (compiler), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gray, Ron Hooper, Jack and Jay Lowe, Dick Nevard, John Norman, Horace Reed, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Regan, Joe Rumancik.

GRIFFIN, Jan. 1; 12 miles by car in 1½ hours and ½ mile on foot in ¾ hours; temp. 25°; clear; no wind; 6 species, 142 individuals. Rock Dove, 10; Great Horned Owl, 1; Snowy Owl, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 20; House Sparrow, 4; Unidentified Blackbird, 1; Snow Bunting, 105 (Add: Starling, 1.) — Bruce Naylor.

HARRIS, Dec. 19; 160 miles by car in 13 hours and 15 miles on foot in 10 hours and 6 miles by snowmobile in 1 hour; temp. 8-17°; cloudy in a.m., clear in p.m.; wind NE 0-5 mph; 8 inches of snow; 24 species, 2652 individuals. Marsh Hawk, 1; Gyrfalcon, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 232; Ring-necked Pheasant, 3; Gray Partridge, 96; Rock Dove, 66; Great Horned Owl, 11; Snowy Owl, 10; Short-eared Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker 3; Horned Lark, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 242; Black-capped Chickadee, 19; Bohemian Waxwing, 34; Northern Shrike, 2; House Sparrow, 530; Rusty Blackbird, 2; Pine Grosbeak, 14; Hoary Redpoll, 10; Common Redpoll, 1293; Tree Sparrow, 1; Lapland Longspur, 1; Snow Bunting, 76. (Add: Pigeon Hawk, 1, Dec. 25; Evening Grosbeak, 2, Dec. 23, 24 and 25; White-winged Crossbill, 1, Jan. 1.) — Bernie Gollop, Wayne Harris, Carroll Klein, Annie Renaud, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud, Bill Richards, Stan Shadick, Jim Wedgwood, Doug Whitfield.

HEPBURN, Dec. 27; 14 miles by car in 1 hour, ½ hour on foot, and about feeding station; temp. -10°; sky clear; light north wind; 7 species, 88 individuals. Gray Partridge, 23; Rock Dove, 10; Horned Lark, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 12; Black-capped Chickadee, 4; Bohemian Waxwing, 2; House Sparrow, 35. (Add: Starling, 5; Common Redpoll, 55; Red Crossbill, 2).—Mar-

garet, Philip, Phyllis and Tena Siemens (Philip Siemens, compiler).

INDIAN HEAD, Jan. 2; 30 miles by car in 1 hour and 3 miles on foot around farm yards and the town in 6 hours; temp.  $-10$  to  $0^{\circ}$ ; wind NW 20-25 mph; cloudy; 8 inches of snow; 21 species, 1184 individuals. Mallard, 20; Prairie Falcon, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 17; Gray Partridge, 8; Rock Dove, 28; Hairy Woodpecker, 7; Downy Woodpecker, 14; Horned Lark, 3; Blue Jay, 4; Black-billed Magpie, 33; Black-capped Chickadee, 12; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 250; Northern Shrike, 1; Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 250; Evening Grosbeak, 40; Pine Grosbeak, 90; Snow Bunting, 400. (Add: Common Redpoll, 50, Jan. 1.)—Carol Beaulieu, Denise Beaulieu, Ronda Dorwart, Ian Gray, Richard Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lang, Mrs. Roy McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols, Debbie Reisdorf, Shirley Reisdorf, Mr. Don Sarvis, Brian Scott, Elaine Scott, Lorne Scott (compiler), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willerth, Jackie Willerth.

KELVINGTON, Dec. 22; 4 miles by car and around farmyard during day; temp.  $-8^{\circ}$ ; wind, SE; light snow in afternoon; 9 species, 40 individuals. Goshawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 12; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 8; Evening Grosbeak, 12; Common Redpoll, 1. (Add: Snow Bunting, 22, Dec. 23.)—Dianne Sloan.

KENASTON, Dec. 27; by sleigh, on foot and by car within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of yard; temp.  $-10$  to  $+10^{\circ}$ ; mostly cloudy; wind NW 10 mph; 8-10" snow cover; 6 species, 2103 individuals. Rock Dove, 12; Black-billed Magpie 12; House Sparrow, 40; Pine Grosbeak, 13; Common Redpoll, 2024; Snow Bunting, 2. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 8, Jan. 1; Gray Partridge, 14, Jan. 1; Horned Lark, 3, Dec. 29; Black-capped Chickadee, 1, Dec. 30; Northern Shrike, 1,

Jan. 1; Slate-colored Junco, 1, Dec. 21.)—P. Lawrence Beckie.

KUTAWAGAN LAKE, Jan. 1; 27 miles by car in 2 hours and 3 miles on foot in 1 hour; temp.  $18-24^{\circ}$ ; sky overcast, gradually clearing; wind SW 9-15 mph; 10 inches of snow; 7 species, 579 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 14; Rock Dove, 59; Black-billed Magpie, 14; House Sparrow, 77; Hoary Redpoll, 3; Common Redpoll, 405; Snow Bunting, 7. (Add: Golden Eagle, 2, Dec. 30; Snowy Owl, 2, Dec. 28; Horned Lark, 1, Dec. 26.)—Duane Harding, Joyce Harding, Ken Harding, Len Harding, Wayne Harris.

LAFLECHE, Dec. 30; 31 miles by car and on foot; temp.  $20^{\circ}$ ; sunny; 4" snow cover; 9 species, 193 individuals. Ring-necked Pheasant, 5; Gray Partridge, 7; Rock Dove, 7; Snowy Owl, 1; Horned Lark, 100; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Starling, 3; House Sparrow, 50; Common Redpoll, 19. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 26; Mourning Dove, 1, Dec. 22 and 23.)—C. H. Shulver.

LA RONGE, Jan. 2; 5 miles by truck,  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour on foot, and also birds observed at feeders around town; temp. 0 to  $-10^{\circ}$ ; clear; light wind; 9 species, 103 individuals. Willow Ptarmigan, 8; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1; Pileated Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Gray Jay, 6; Blue Jay, 4; Common Raven, 66; Black-capped Chickadee, 16.—Jeanette Bizaire, Lois Dalby, Mary Friesen, Margaret Siemens (compiler), Mel and Jean Trionak.

LEADER, Jan. 2; 3 hours afield; temp.  $24^{\circ}$ ; snowing lightly and blowing; 1 foot of snow; 4 species, 34 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 11; Ring-necked Pheasant, 3; Rock Dove, 4; Black-billed Magpie, 16. (Add: House Sparrow, 10, Dec. 22; Western Meadowlark, 1, Dec. 21; Pine Grosbeak, 12, Dec. 30; Snow Bunting, 200, Dec. 22).—Daisy D. Meyers.

LUSELAND, Dec. 29; 40 miles by car in 4 hours and 1 mile on foot in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour; temp.  $15^{\circ}$ ; sunny; 13 species, 364 individuals. Goshawk, 1; Sharp-tailed

Grouse, 9; Gray Partridge, 32; Rock Dove, 70; Snowy Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 36; Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 30; Pine Grosbeak, 4; Common Redpoll, 2; Snow Bunting, 150. (Add: Pigeon Hawk 1, Dec. 22; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 22.)—Kerry Finley (compiler), Alan and Bill Holton.

**MATADOR**, Dec. 19; 132 miles by car and 6 miles on foot; temp. 20 to 25°; clear and calm; 3 inches of snow on the level; 17 species, 803 individuals. Golden Eagle, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 137; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Gray Partridge, 30; Rock Dove, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Horned Lark, 3; Black-billed Magpie, 41; Black-capped Chickadee, 4; Robin, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 137; Starling, 4; House Sparrow, 50; Pine Grosbeak, 25; Hoary Redpoll, 5; Common Redpoll, 338; Snow Bunting, 22.—M. A. Gollop, A. R. Smith.

**MOOSE JAW**, Dec. 27; 141 miles by car and 7 miles on foot in 7 hours; temp. 5 to 10°; overcast then clearing; calm; slight snow covering on level; 22 species, 3189 individuals. Pigeon Hawk, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 8; Ring-necked Pheasant, 6; Gray Partridge, 48; Rock Dove, 336; Great Horned Owl, 1; Snow Owl, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 30; Black-billed Magpie, 73; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 337; Northern Shrike, 1; Starling, 2; House Sparrow, 950; Western Meadowlark, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 12; Common Redpoll, 759; Slate-colored Junco, 6; Snow Bunting, 607.—Ruth Hilling, Mr. and Mrs. L. Horton, John Horton, Pam and Pat Kern, Leith Knight (compiler), Moray Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McAvoy, Dave Robinson, Inez Simmons, Jean Thomson.

**NIPAWIN-SQUAW RAPIDS**, Dec. 27; 100 miles by car in 5 hours and 4 miles on foot in 2 hours; temp. -10°; snow in the air; wind S 5 mph; 18" snow in bush; 17 species, 3218 individuals. Common Goldeneye, 22; Bald Eagle, 5; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 7; Rock Dove, 3; Snowy Owl, 1; Great Gray Owl, 1;

Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 22; Common Raven, 12; Black-capped Chickadee, 4; Northern Shrike, 1; Starling, 23; House Sparrow, 7; Evening Grosbeak, 35; Common Redpoll, 2013; Snow Bunting, 1060.—Gladys and Stan Riome.

**OUTLOOK**, Dec. 29; 27 miles by car; temp. -10°; sunny; 6 inches of snow; 5 species, 351 individuals. Gray Partridge, 12; Bohemian Waxwing, 25; House Sparrow, 7; Common Redpoll, 7; Snow Bunting, 300. (Add: Horned Lark, 30, Dec. 25.)—Harold Kvinge.

**PIKE LAKE**, Dec. 28; 49 miles by car in 9½ hours and 4 miles on foot in 1½ hours; temp. 3-15°; overcast; wind, 10 mph SW to 19 mph NW; 15 species, 629 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 29; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Rock Dove, 17; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 8; Blue Jay, 10; Black-billed Magpie, 57; Black-capped Chickadee, 50; Bohemian Waxwing, 140; House Sparrow, 36; Evening Grosbeak, 13; Pine Grosbeak, 8; Hoary Redpoll, 4; Common Redpoll, 97; Snow Bunting, 55.—Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Gollop, F. L. Waite, J. A. Wedgwood.

**RAYMORE**, Dec. 26; 64 miles by car in 3½ hours and 9 miles on foot in 4 hours; temp. -36° to -24°; clear; wind W 0-6 mph; 14 inches of snow; 12 species, 888 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 7; Gray Partridge, 8; Rock Dove, 34; Horned Lark, 4; Black-billed Magpie, 17; Black-capped Chickadee, 15; Northern Shrike, 1; House Sparrow, 208; Hoary Redpoll, 2; Common Redpoll, 539; White-winged Crossbill, 2; Snow Bunting, 51. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 1, Dec. 27 and 3, Dec. 28; Greater Prairie Chicken X Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1, Dec. 24; Ring-necked Pheasant, 4, Dec. 21; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 28 and 3, Dec. 31; Saw-whet Owl, 1, Dec. 28; Hairy Woodpecker, 3, Dec. 27 and 1, Dec. 30 and 31; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27; Pine Grosbeak, 11, Dec. 28.)—Harold Eggleton, Duane Harding, Joyce Harding, Ken Harding, Len Harding, Charles Harris, Greta Harris, Les Harris, Vic Harris, Wayne C. Harris (compiler).

REGINA, Dec. 27; 432 miles by car in 27 hours and 56 miles on foot in 26 hours; temp.  $-12^{\circ}$  to  $9^{\circ}$ ; wind W 5-15 mph; overcast; 5" snow; 33 species, 5587 individuals. Mute Swan, 5; Whistling Swan, 4; Canada Goose, 325; Mallard 441; Pintail, 2; Redhead, 1; Canvasback, 3; Lesser Scaup, 15; Ruddy Duck, 2; Prairie Falcon, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Gray Partridge, 21; American Coot, 3; Rock Dove, 371; Great Horned Owl, 3; Snowy Owl, 10; Short-eared Owl, 5; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Horned Lark, 5; Black-billed Magpie, 76; Black-capped Chickadee, 12; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Brown Creeper, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 283; Cedar Waxwing, 4; Starling, 16; House Sparrow, 1666; Rusty Blackbird, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 95; Common Redpoll, 735; White-winged Crossbill, 15; Snow Bunting, 1454.—Gary Anweiler, Jessie Bailey, Margaret Belcher, Al Binnie, Barbara Binnie, Dr. D. P. Blatler, Tom Burns, Eric Cooke, Gord Daum, Bryn Davies, Wayne Gemmell, Bill Gilmour, Doug Gilroy, Janie Hamill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Jim Hines, J. Jordan, J. R. Jowsey, Shirley Jowsey, Larry Kerwin, G. F. Ledingham, John MacDonald (compiler), Joe Miller, Connie Pratt, Shirley Reisdorf, Maureen Rever, J. K. Roberts, Lorne Scott, Carol Spencer, John Spencer, Elisabeth Wagner, Jeanie Wagner, Mrs. E. Wilhelm, Janie Wilhelm.

SASKATOON, Dec. 27; 262 miles by car in 38 hours and 21 miles on foot in 17 hours; temp.  $-8^{\circ}$  to  $+7^{\circ}$ ; clear; wind SW 5-10 mph; 12 inches snow; 30 species, 8525 individuals. Mallard, 40; Lesser Scaup, 6; Common Goldeneye, 33; Goshawk, 2; Gyrfalcon, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 117; Ring-necked Pheasant, 9; Gray Partridge, 87; Rock Dove, 1846; Snowy Owl, 3; Short-eared Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 14; Black-billed Magpie, 283; Black-capped Chickadee, 100; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 8; Bohemian Waxwing, 2543; Cedar Waxwing, 2; Northern Shrike, 3; Starling, 2; House Sparrow, 1187; Evening

Grosbeak, 6; Pine Grosbeak, 95; Hoary Redpoll, 33; Common Redpoll, 1655; White-winged Crossbill, 17; Snow Bunting, 425.—Rod Bantjes, Bob, Jeff and Joan Besant, Pern Cordery, Ron Cruickshank, Marie Gillespie, J. B. and M. F. Gollop, Scott Hale, Dr. C. J. Houston, Mary Houston, Dave and Don Houston, Grev Jones, Joanne McRobbie, Arnold Nijesen, Lynn Oliphant, Wayne Olson, Rick Riewe, John and Stan Shadick, Alan R. Smith, Peter Tassie, Jim and Shirley Wedgwood, Nayda Veeman, Doug Whitfield (Saskatoon Natural History Society and Saskatoon Junior Natural History Society).

SKULL CREEK, Dec. 26;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles by car and on foot around creek and feed lot; temp.  $-6^{\circ}$ ; wind light; 14 species, 3012 individuals. Goshawk, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 15; Ring-necked Pheasant, 22; Gray Partridge, 8; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 107; Black-billed Magpie, 17; Black-capped Chickadee, 22; Bohemian Waxwing, 70; House Sparrow, 60; Western Meadowlark, 3; Common Redpoll, 83; Snow Bunting, 2601. (Add: Pine Grosbeak, 2).—Jim Benetto, Austin Drever, Betty and Robert Mann, Marjorie Mann (compiler), Lyle Wagner.

SORENSEN BEACH, LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE, Jan. 1; 3 miles in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours on foot; temp.  $20^{\circ}$ ; wind NW 15 mph; 10-12 inches of snow; 8 species, 115 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 3; Great Horned Owl, 1; Horned Lark, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 22; House Sparrow, 16; Pine Grosbeak, 11; Common Redpoll, 57.—Dr. K. H. Ficke, Hanna Ueberschar, K. H. Ueberschar (compiler).

SPIRIT LAKE, Dec. 30; 55 miles by car in 4 hours and 2 miles on foot in 2 hours; temp.  $-17^{\circ}$  to  $+7^{\circ}$ ; clear with fog patches until noon; wind light; 10-12 inches of snow; 12 species, 392 individuals. Goshawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 26; Rock Dove, 7; Great Horned Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Black-billed Magpie, 15; Black-capped

Chickadee, 25; House Sparrow, 61; Pine Grosbeak, 19; Snow Bunting, 225. (Add: Evening Grosbeak, 4, Dec. 24; Common Redpoll, 35, Dec. 28).—Bill and Joyce Anaka, Mrs. Gunn.

SPRING VALLEY, Dec. 27; 4 hours on foot and by car; temp. 5°; wind 10-15 mph; overcast; light snow; 11 species, 782 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 24; Gray Partridge, 95; Rock Dove, 18; Great Horned Owl, 4; Horned Lark, 30; Black-billed Magpie, 13; House Sparrow, 300; Western Meadowlark, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 44; Snow Bunting, 252. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 22).—Allan Bogdan, Nick Bogdan, Mrs. Nick Bogdan (compiler), Ken Elder, Wilbert and Gilbertha Liebelt, Larry and Marie Wiggins and Michael.

STONY RAPIDS, Dec. 31; area of Stony Rapids and Black Lake; temp. 18°; wind calm; clear; 30" snow; 6 species, 81 individuals. Willow Ptarmigan, 32; Snowy Owl, 1; Gray Jay, 2; Common Raven, 13; Hoary Redpoll, 2; Common Redpoll, 31. (Add: Goshawk, 1, Dec. 26; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 30; Boreal Chickadee, 3, Jan. 1).—Richard and Donna Sanderson.

WASECA, Dec. 30; 1½ hours on foot; temp. 10°; light east wind; overcast; 5 species, 6 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; Northern Shrike, 1. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1, Dec. 21; Gray Partridge, 12, Dec. 28; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 28; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 22; Boreal Chickadee, 1, Dec. 22; Bohemian Waxwing, 20, Dec. 28; House Sparrow, 14, Jan. 2; Evening Grosbeak, 18, Dec. 29; Pine Grosbeak, 9, Jan. 2; Common Redpoll, 2, Dec. 29; Snow Bunting, 100, Dec. 21).—Sheila Lamont, Tommy Lamont, Dawn Marchand, Christine Pike (compiler).

WAUCHOPE, Dec. 28; 29 miles by car in 3 hours and 4 miles on foot in 2½ hours; temp. 0 - 12°; wind W 15 mph; 5½" snow; 10 species, 264 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 9; Rock Dove, 38; Great Horned Owl, 1; Hairy Wood-

pecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 5; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 72; Pine Grosbeak, 7; Snow Bunting, 123. (Add: Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 24; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 27; Common Redpoll, 7, Dec. 30).—Dale Hjertaas.

WHITE BEAR, Dec. 27; 2 miles by car and 3½ miles on foot in Saskatchewan River breaks; temp. 0°; wind calm; 8-10 inches of snow; 9 species, 98 individuals. Prairie Falcon, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1; Great Horned Owl, 1; Snowy Owl, 1; Horned Lark, 16; Black-billed Magpie, 50; Bohemian Waxwing, 22; Common Redpoll, 2; Snow Bunting, 4.—George Akister, Glen Cates, Oran Cates, Leroy Clark, David Gunn, Douglas Gunn, Gary Jordheim, Laine Jordheim, S. O. Jordheim (compiler). Members of the White Bear Conservation Club.

WOLSELEY, Dec. 28; 45 miles by car; temp. 10°; clear; calm; 6" snow; 7 species, 761 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; House Sparrow, 200; Pine Grosbeak, 4; Common Redpoll, 150; Snow Bunting, 400. (Add: Gray Partridge, 9, Dec. 24; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 24).—Brian Hayward, Donald Hayward.

YORKTON, Dec. 26; 60 miles by car and 3-4 miles on foot in 4 hours; temp. -32°; wind NW 10 mph; 4 inches of snow; 7 species, 53 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 12; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 4; Black-capped Chickadee, 4; House Sparrow, 26; Pine Grosbeak, 5.—Keith Monette, Willie Popowich (compiler), Brian Procyshen.

FORT SMITH, N.W.T., Dec. 30; 45 miles by car in 3 hours; temp. 5°; light overcast; calm; 2 feet of snow; 4 species, 69 individuals. Willow Ptarmigan, 4; Rock Dove, 17; Common Raven, 38; Hoary Redpoll, 10. (Add: Spruce Grouse, 1, Dec. 27; Ruffed Grouse, 1, Dec. 27; Gray Jay, 1, Dec. 29; Boreal Chickadee, 1, Dec. 27; Pine Grosbeak, 14, Dec. 29.)—Ernie and Pamela Kuyt.