

32nd ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 1973

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Cold weather and much deeper snow than usual made bird counting more difficult this year. A number of areas were covered by snowshoers or skiers where cars could not operate. Consequently, it was most encouraging to note that counters were out in 42 areas (Fig. 1), and observed total of 67 species plus 4 other species seen during count period but not seen on count days. This total of species has been exceeded only once — in 1962 when 68 species with 8 additional were recorded.

One new species were added to the all-time total. A Black Duck was reported from Regina. A Mountain Bluebird seen at Fort Qu'Appelle during the count period (though not on count day) adds a new "additional" to the grand total. This total is now 116 species and 7 additional.

There were no major increases or decreases in species occurrences. Of interest was the fact that Golden Eagles were not seen on count day (and only once during count period) for the first time in 10 years. As in 1971, Gyrfalcons were reported from 2 localities. This is the third year of the 32 in which counts have been taken that this species has been reported.

1. BANGOR. Dec. 26; temp. 19°, around yard and feedstacks; 8 species, 45 individuals. — Mrs. A. Thompson.

2. BIGGAR. Dec. 24; 3 mi. in 3 hrs. on foot and 15 mi. in 1/2 hr. by car, temp. 20°, fog patches, calm; 11 species, 496 individuals. (Add: Rusty Blackbird, 2, Dec. 23) — Donald Renaud, Wayne Renaud (compiler).

3. BORDEN. Dec. 20; 79 mi. by car in 7

hrs. and 3 mi. on foot in 1-1/2 hrs., temp. 9° to 22°, partly cloudy, wind SE 0-13 mph, 8 inches of snow; 13 species, 1796 individuals. — Ron Bobowski, Vi Harper, Vic Harper, John Shadick, Stan Shadick (compiler).

4. BROADVIEW. Dec. 30; 123 mi. by car in 6 hrs., temp. -30°, clear, wind light; 10 species, 529 individuals. (Add: Rock Dove, 12, Dec. 29; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 29) — David Chaskavich, Don Weidl.

5. CARROT RIVER. Dec. 27; 60 mi. by car in 1-1/2 hrs., temp. 15°, calm; 7 species, 12 individuals. — Barbara and Ronald Hooper.

6. DALMENY. Dec. 26; 44-3/4 miles in 23 hrs. on skis, temp. 15°, wind NW 13 mph, overcast, light snow; 12 species, 747 individuals. (Add: Starling, 9, Dec. 28) — Brian Sperling, Gilbert Sperling (co-compiler), Lorne Sperling, Lloyd Sperling (co-compiler).

7. DILKE. Dec. 27; 23 mi. by car and 1 mi. by foot and sleigh at chores, temp. 0 to 20°, overcast to sunny, wind SW changing to NW, rising from light to 15 mph; 6 species 164 individuals. (Add: Snow Bunting, Dec. 22, 26 and 28). — J. B. Belcher.

8. ENDEAVOUR. Dec. 26; around farmyard and 3 mi. on foot, temp. 10°, overcast with light snow; 10 species, 250 individuals. (Add: Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 24; Blue Jay, 3, Dec. 31; Rusty Blackbird, 1, Dec. 27). — William Haras.

9. FILLMORE. Dec. 27; 25 mi. by car, 3/4 mi. on foot in 3-1/2 hrs., temp. 10°, partly cloudy, wind 15-20 mph with drifting snow, 2-1/2 ft. snow; 7 species, 683 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 8, Dec. 28; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 23). — Larry and Marie Wiggins, Michael and Michelle Wiggins.

10. FORT QU'APPELLE. Dec. 29; 96 mi. by car in 9 hrs., temp. -20° to -15°, wind NW 5-9 mph, 12-1/2 in. snow; 20 species, 445 individuals. (Add: Merlin, 1, Dec. 17; Ruffed Grouse, 1, Dec. 21 and 2, Dec. 27; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1, Dec. 26; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 21; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1, Dec. 22 and 28; Mountain Bluebird, 1,

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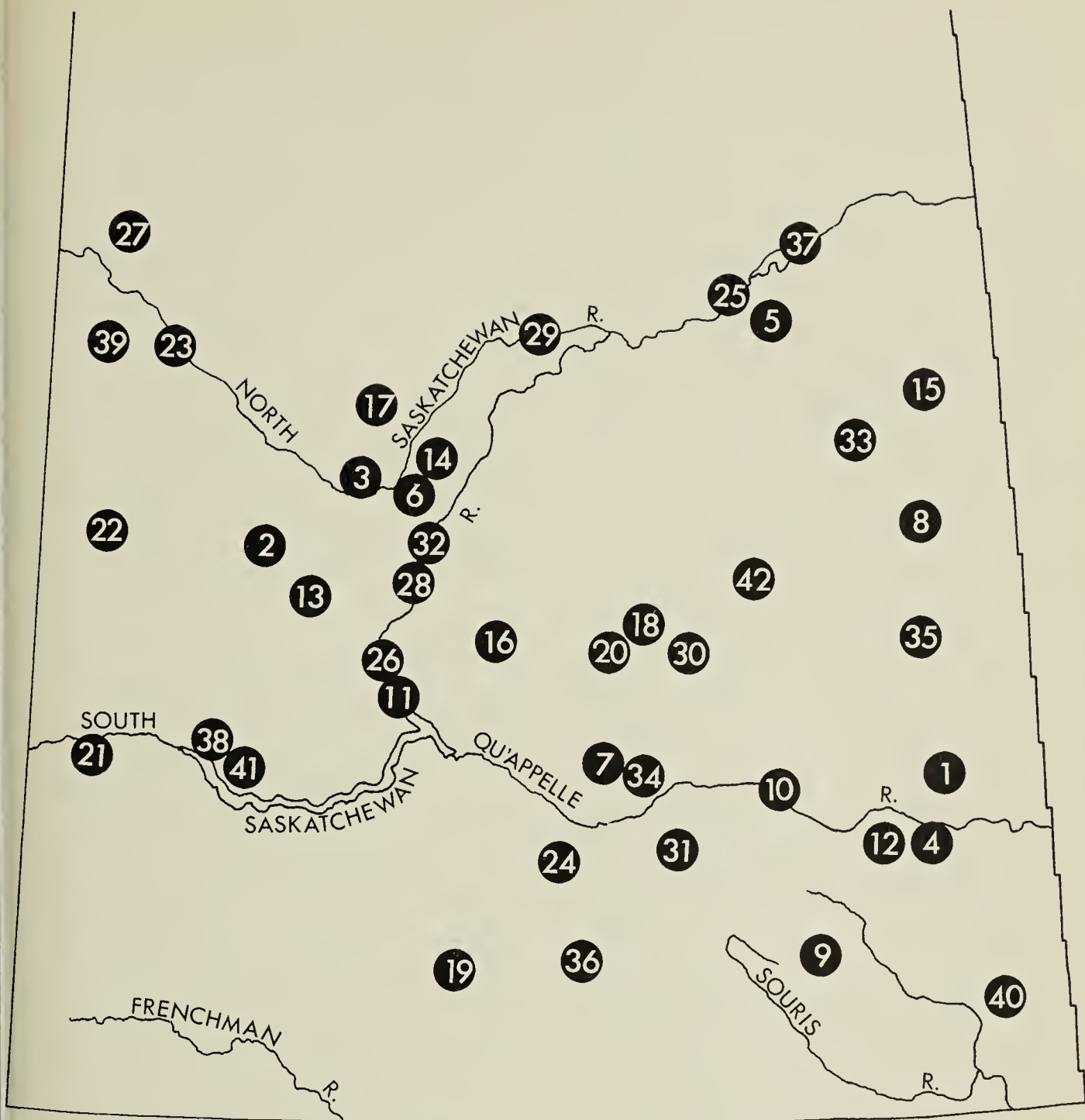


Figure 1. Locations of Saskatchewan Christmas Bird Counts, 1973. (See text for identification of numbers.)

Dec. 26; Rusty Blackbird, 1, Dec. 27 and 5, daily to Dec. 21; Evening Grosbeak, 2, Dec. 26). — E. Manley Callin, Brian Gladwell, Mrs. William Gray, Wanda and Paul Hanley, Ron and Don Hooper, Inez and Joseph Kralkay, Shirley Spidla, Mrs. Cy Williams and Cynthia Williams, Kay and Bernard de Vries (compilers) — Members of the Fort Qu'Appelle Naturalists Society.

1. GARDINER DAM. Dec. 27; 9 mi. on foot in 4 hrs. and 30. mi. by car in 1-1/2 hrs., temp. 10°, clear, wind NW 8 mph; 17 species, 647 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud (compiler).

2. GRENFELL. Dec. 24; around yard and hort drive, temp. 26°, calm, 12 in. snow; 5

species, 206 individuals. (Add: Ring-necked Pheasant, 1, Dec. 20; Gray Partridge, 6, Dec. 31; Snowy Owl, 1, Jan. 2; Black-billed Magpie, 1, Jan. 2). — Betty Hubbard.

13. HARRIS. Dec. 22; 125 mi. in 12 hrs. by car, 24 mi. in 19 hrs. on foot, 3 mi. in 2 hrs. by snowmobile, temp. 25° to 28°, calm, fog patches; 17 species, 2515 individuals. (Add: Merlin, 1, Dec. 21; Evening Grosbeak, 2, Dec. 23). — Mark Abley, Ron Bobowski, Tom Donald, Bob Godwin, Allan Moulin, Lynn Oliphant, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud (compiler), Stan Shadick.

14. HEPBURN. Dec. 25; 6 species, 93 individuals. — Margaret, Philip, Phyllis and

	Bangor Dec. 26	Biggar Dec. 24	Borden Dec. 20	Broadview Dec. 30	Carrot River Dec. 27	Dalmeny Dec. 26	Dilke Dec. 27	Endeavor Dec. 26	Fillmore Dec. 27	Fort Ou'Appelle Dec. 29	Gardiner Dam Dec. 27	Grenfell Dec. 24	Harris Dec. 22	Hepburn Dec. 25
Pied-billed Grebe														
Mute Swan														
Canada Goose														
Mallard										7	151			
Black Duck														
Gadwall											1			
Pintail														
Redhead														
Canvasback														
Lesser Scaup										1				
Common Goldeneye										2	5			
Bufflehead														
Ruddy Duck														
Common Merganser											4			
Red-br. Merganser														
Goshawk										1				
Bald Eagle														
Gyr Falcon														
Prairie Falcon											1			
Merlin														
Ruffed Grouse														
Sharp-tailed Grouse	8		2	38		8	5	5		10	27	2	183	
Ring-neck. Pheasant														
Gray Partridge		7	70			14	35		8	14	33		239	4
American Coot														
Rock Dove		155							13	39	5		51	
Great-horned Owl			3			2				1		1	8	
Snowy Owl		1	1			1	2				1		2	
Hawk Owl														
Great Gray Owl					1									
Long-eared Owl														
Short-eared Owl														
Common Flicker														
Pileated Woodpecker														
Hairy Woodpecker	1							3		2			1	
Downy Woodpecker	1		1			3		1		3	1		7	
N. 3-t. Woodpecker														
Horned Lark					1									
Gray Jay								1						
Blue Jay				1	1					7				
Black-billed Magpie	2	10	66	16	3	44	7	4	6	20	78		170	3
Common Raven					1			15						
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	6	3	17	4		6		4	3	23		1	39	3
Boreal Chickadee														
W-breasted Nuthatch														
R-breasted Nuthatch														
Brown Creeper														
Robin										1				
Bohemian Waxwing		49	200		2	70	15	41		16	39		84	40
Cedar Waxwing														
Northern Shrike				1									1	
Starling		2		1									26	
House Sparrow	15	260	441	56	3	68	100	26	285	194	253	200	1583	34
Rusty Blackbird														
Brewer's Blackbird														
Common Grackle														
Evening Grosbeak	2													
Purple Finch														
Pine Grosbeak	10		64	32		13				6	2		3	
Hoary Redpoll			5							3	1			
Common Redpoll		4	621	209		58			50	90	40	2	49	
Pine Siskin														
W-winged Crossbill		1												
Dark-eyed Junco														
Tree Sparrow													1	
W-throated Sparrow														
Snow Bunting		4	305	171		460		150	318	5	5		68	9

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15. HUDSON BAY. Dec. 29; 60 mi. by car, temp. -15° ; wind NE 15 mph; 11 species, 102 individuals. — Darren Hayes, Dwight Hayes, Les Hayes, Eldon Thorson.

16. KENASTON. Jan. 2; within 2 mi. of farmyard, temp. 0° , wind NW 10 mph, 10 in. snow; 5 species, 100 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 16, Jan. 3; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 21; Bohemian Waxwing, 15, Dec. 21, 22; Common Redpoll, 1, Dec. 22, 23, 24; Snow Bunting, 25, Dec. 24). — P. Lawrence Beckie.

17. KRYDOR. Dec. 26; 24 mi. by car and 3 mi. on skis in 3 hrs., temp. 20° , wind WSW 7 mph, overcast with some light snow; 3 species, 18 individuals — Robin and Keith Bracken, Frank, Louise, Molly and Ray Denson, Barry and Jane Findlayson, Charles, John and Peggy Hall, Susan Lamers, John and Renee Merz, Alan and Dolores Reid.

18. KUTAWAGAN LAKE (centered 12 mi. N. of Semans). Dec. 29; 30 mi. by car in 4 hrs., 2 mi. on snowshoes in 1 hr., temp. -28° to -25° , clear, wind 0-5 mph, 15 in. snow; 10 species, 348 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

19. LAFLECHE. Dec. 26; temp. 20° , light wind, 10 in. snow; 9 species, 197 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 19; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 27), — C. H. Shulver.

20. LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE (management unit and immediate area). Dec. 15; 62 mi. by car in 5 hrs. and 6 mi. on foot in 2 hrs., temp. -21° to -9° , sunny, wind ESE 7-15 mph, 15 in. snow; 9 species, 200 individuals. — Greta Harris, Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

21. LEADER. Jan. 2; temp. 12° , snowing, 1 foot of snow; 4 species, 31 individuals. — Daisy D. Meyers.

22. LUSELAND. Dec. 22; 8 mi. by car and 5 mi. by snowshoe in 4 hrs., temp. 16° to 22° , dense fog, 1 foot of snow; 9 species, 119 individuals (Add: Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 27; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27; Horned Lark, 6, Dec. 31). — K. B. Finley, K. J. Finley, B. Holton.

23. MAIDSTONE FERRY (21 mi. north of Maidstone). Dec. 22; 36 mi. by car in 2 hrs. and 7 mi. on snowshoes in 3-1/2 hrs., temp. 10° to 15° , cloudy with heavy fog, wind E 0-5 mph, 15 in. snow; 15 species, 559 individuals. (Add: Rock Dove, 2, Dec. 23; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 26; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 24; Bohemian Waxwing, 20, Dec. 24; Snow Bunting, 1, Dec. 24, 50, Dec. 25 and 13, Dec. 26). — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont, Tommy Lamont, Jean McPherson.

24. MOOSE JAW. Dec. 26; 80 mi. by car

and 4 mi. on foot, temp. -16° , wind 10 mph, overcast, 2 feet of snow; 17 species, 1,086 individuals. (Add: White-winged Crossbill, 4, Dec. 21). — Doug Francis, Ruth Hilling, Pat Kern, Leith Knight (compiler), Sid and Mickey Lane, Moray Lewis, Dave Robinson, James Roe, Jennifer Roe and Inez Simmonds.

25. NIPAWIN. Dec. 29; temp. -20° , heavy hoarfrost; 8 species, 108 individuals. (Add: Pileated Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 25; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 26; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 25; Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 26; Black-capped Chickadee, 10, Dec. 26). — Robert Moore, Stan and Gladys Riome.

26. OUTLOOK. Dec. 22; around the town, temp. -20° , much snow; 2 species, 81 individuals. (Add: Black-billed Magpie, 2, Jan. 1). — Harold Kvinge.

27. PARADISE HILL-MINISTIKWAN LAKE. Dec. 24; 71 mi. by car in 5 hrs. and 3 mi. on snowshoes in 1-1/2 hrs., temp. 10° to 20° , foggy until noon, then mostly clear, wind SE 5 mph, 12 in. snow; 15 species, 319 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

28. PIKE LAKE. Dec. 29; 63 mi. by car in 6 hrs., 1/2 mi. on foot in 1/2 hr., 1 mi. on skis in 1 hr., temp. -16° to -30° , wind 6-11 mph SW and NW; 14 species, 782 individuals. — Margaret and Ed Driver, Madeleine and Bernard Gollop, Laura Hoyt.

29. PRINCE ALBERT. Dec. 31; 8 species, 39 individuals. — Christie Aschim.

30. RAYMORE. Dec. 28; 67 mi. by car in 8 hrs. and 5 mi. on snowshoes in 4-1/2 hrs., 1 hr. at feeder, temp. -17° to -4° , mainly clear with occasional heavy fog patches, wind NW 0-12 mph, 25 in. snow; 17 species, 1300 individuals. (Add: Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 30). — Chas., Greta and Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

31. REGINA. Dec. 26; 254 mi. by car in 80 hrs., 40 mi. on foot in 32 hrs., 24 hrs. at feeders, temp. 5° to 17° , overcast with light snow in A.M. mostly cloudy in P.M., wind SE 4 mph to NW 9 mph, 26 in. snow; 40 species, 4,925 individuals.—Gary Anweiler, Jessie Bailey, Fred Bard, Gordon Barr, Keith Barr, Margaret Belcher (compiler), Tom Beveridge, Al and Betty Binnie, Joanne Boychuk, Tom Burns, Elizabeth Cruickshank, Dick and Maureen Du Wors, George Ferguson, Bill Freeman, Wayne Gemmell, Valerie Harrison, Dwayne Harty, Jim Hines, Jim and Shirley Jowsey, Ernie Kassian, Darlene Kauk, David Kelly, Bob Kreba, Shirley Larmour, George Ledingham, Christine MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKay, Juan Martinez,

	Hudson Bay Dec. 29	Kenaston Jan. 2	Krydor Dec. 26	Kutawagan Lake Dec. 29	La Fleche Dec. 26	Last Mountain Lake Dec. 15	Leader Jan. 2	Luseland Dec. 22	Maidstone Ferry Dec. 22	Moose Jaw Dec. 26	Nipawin Dec. 29	Outlook Dec. 22	Paradise Hill- Ministikwan Lake Dec. 24	Pike Lake Dec. 29
Pied-billed Grebe														
Mute Swan														
Canada Goose														
Mallard						1								
Black Duck														
Gadwall														
Pintail														
Redhead														
Canvasback														
Lesser Scaup														
Common Goldeneye														
Bufflehead														
Ruddy Duck														
Common Merganser														
Red-br. Merganser														
Goshawk									1				1	
Bald Eagle	1													
Gyrfalcon														
Prairie Falcon														
Merlin														
Ruffed Grouse									1				5	
Sharp-tailed Grouse				2	5			1	9	15			5	3
Ring-neck. Pheasant					9		1			1				
Gray Partridge		18		37	15	18		18		43				
American Coot														
Rock Dove				2	11	1		8		281				
Great-horned Owl		1				1			1				1	
Snowy Owl			1	2		6				1				
Hawk Owl														
Great Gray Owl											2			
Long-eared Owl														
Short-eared Owl														
Common Flicker														
Pileated Woodpecker									1					
Hairy Woodpecker	1								2			1		5
Downy Woodpecker	1								2	1				5
N. 3-t. Woodpecker														
Horned Lark				2	33									2
Gray Jay	5													2
Blue Jay	6										1		1	5
Black-billed Magpie	3	4	4	17	2	20	20	18	10	13	8		4	42
Common Raven	31										21		1	
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	2	2					2	5	17	9			9	12
Boreal Chickadee														
W-breasted Nuthatch														1
R-breasted Nuthatch														
Brown Creeper														
Robin														1
Bohemian Waxwing					19			10		60		80		625
Cedar Waxwing														
Northern Shrike						1			1				1	
Starling					3					70				
House Sparrow		75	12	200	100	32	8	26	30	405	2			8
Rusty Blackbird									1					
Brewer's Blackbird														
Common Grackle										1				
Evening Grosbeak											40			
Purple Finch														1
Pine Grosbeak	2								9	6	1		3	11
Hoary Redpoll				2					3				1	
Common Redpoll	47			25				32	471	2	33		158	13
Pine Siskin										12				
W-winged Crossbill														
Dark-eyed Junco										1				
Tree Sparrow														
W-throated Sparrow														
Snow Bunting	3			59		120		1		165			125	50

	Prince Albert Dec. 31	Raymore Dec. 28	Regina Dec. 26	Saskatoon Dec. 26	Somme Dec. 26	Sorenson Beach Dec. 26	Spirit Lake Dec. 26	Spring Valley Dec. 27	Squaw Rapids Dec. 29	Tyner Dec. 28	Waseca Jan. 3	Wauchope Dec. 29	White Bear Dec. 31	Wynyard Dec. 24	No. of Counts Species Seen
Pied-billed Grebe			2												1
Mute Swan			2												1
Canada Goose			425												1
Mallard			500	45					11						6
Black Duck			1												1
Gadwall															1
Pintail			1	1											2
Redhead			4												1
Canvasback			2												1
Lesser Scaup			6												2
Common Goldeneye			13	55					6						5
Hufflehead			2												1
Cuddy Duck			1												1
Common Merganser															1
Red-br. Merganser				2											1
Goshawk				3							1				5
Bald Eagle									2						2
Gyrfalcon				1									1		2
Prairie Falcon			1												2
Merlin			1	5		1					2	1		2	4
Ruffed Grouse		2		1		4	3				2			2	9
Sharp-tailed Grouse		31	21	89		5	2	41		25		11			25
Ring-neck. Pheasant			1	23											5
Gray Partridge		15	136	138	9	11	8	82					7	31	24
American Coot			2												1
Rock Dove		35	201	808				37				21			15
Great-horned Owl		1	2	9		3							1		14
Snowy Owl			8	3	1		1	1		1					16
Hawk Owl							1								1
Great Gray Owl															2
Long-eared Owl			2												1
Short-eared Owl			1												1
Common Flicker			2	2											2
Bleated Woodpecker															1
airy Woodpecker	2	3	1	3	2		6				1	2			16
Downy Woodpecker	2		1	23		1	7	1		1	1	2		1	21
3-t. Woodpecker					1										1
Horned Lark								13					8		6
Gray Jay				1	1										5
Blue Jay	9	1		23	1		5				3				13
Black-billed Magpie		55	42	276	10	2	22	12	2	3	5	12	100	11	39
Common Raven	2				8				8						8
1-cap. Chickadee	10	17	27	218	3	2	27			7	4	19		6	30
Real Chickadee					1		1				4				3
3-breasted Nuthatch	1			1			3								4
2-breasted Nuthatch			3	5											2
Brown Creeper				1											1
Robin			9	6						1					5
Bohemian Waxwing	3	5	1034	1756			30				100			105	22
Cedar Waxwing			16	20											2
Northern Shrike			2				1								7
Parling		1	43	91				11							9
House Sparrow		1100	2090	3263	20	12	378	609		18		167		322	35
Rusty Blackbird			38	5											3
Brewer's Blackbird							1								1
Common Grackle															1
Evening Grosbeak	12			24							3				5
Purple Finch				4											2
Pine Grosbeak		7	43	186	4	3	11				10	1			21
Hairy Redpoll		1			1							2			9
Common Redpoll		8	74	318			3					33			22
Pine Siskin				20											2
2-winged Crossbill		1	38												3
Ark-eyed Junco				3		1									3
Tree Sparrow				2								1			3
3-throated Sparrow				1											1
Snow Bunting		27	127	39				26		19		115		92	24

Joe Miller, Helen Morrison, David Phillips, John Pilling, Connie Pratt, Bob and Karen Rafuse, Brian Rainey, Susan Rockwood, Diane Seeoy, Allan Smith, Frank Switzer, Bob Tegart, Dorothy Tegart, Elisabeth Wagner, Jeanie Wagner, Janie Wilhelm, Rita Wilhelm.

32. SASKATOON. Dec 26; 45 mi. in 46-1/2 hrs. on foot, 227 mi. by ear in 34 hrs. and 15 mi. on skis in 8-1/2 hrs., temp. 17° to 22°, wind W 10-15 mph, 15 in. snow; 39 species, 7474 individuals. (Add: Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill).— Murray Akre, Moira Atkinson, Bob, Jeff and Joan Besant, Bernard, Ed, Raymond and Timothy Bisha, Ron Bobowski, André Bouthillette, Joseph E. Daly, Erie, Heather, Margot and Susan Diehl, Tom Donald, Alan and Hartley Fredeen, Betty and John Gerrard, J. B. Gollop, M. F. Gollop, Scott Hale, Danny Heffernan, Clarence J. Houston, David, Donald, Mary, Stan and Stuart Houston, Shelley Laird, Dave and Richard Male, David and Pat Maloney, Jacob Masligah, Don, Elizabeth, Joanne and Norman McRobbie, Anna Miller, Alan Moulin, Arnold Nijssen, Lynn Oliphant, Stuart Rasmussen, Adam Schmidt, David Schmidt, John and Stan Shadick, Jim Slimmon, Alan, Edward, Gary and Karen Smith, Peter Tassie, Michael Tyrrell, Sharon E. Wardle.

33. SOMME. Dec. 26; 3 hrs. on foot and 1 hr. by ear for 35 mi., temp. 25°, calm; 13 species, 62 individuals. — Donald and Ronald Hooper.

34. SORENSON BEACH. Dec. 26; 3 hrs. by snowshoe, snowing, temp. 15°; 11 species, 45 individuals. — Hanna and Heinz Ueberschar.

35. SPIRIT LAKE. Dec. 26; 2 mi. on foot in 2 hrs., 58 mi. by ear in 4 hrs. and 7 mi. in 1 hr. by snowmobile, temp. 20°, overcast with snow flurries, wind light, 13 in. snow; 18 species, 510 individuals. (Add: Great Horned Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Raven, Evening Grosbeak, Snow Bunting). — Bill and Joyce Anaka.

36. SPRING VALLEY. Dec. 27; 28 mi. by ear and 1-1/2 mi. on foot in 5 hrs., temp. 15°, overcast with light snow, wind 10-25 mph, 2-1/2 feet of snow; 10 species, 833 individuals. (Add: Great Horned Owl, 1,

Dec. 23; Rusty Blackbird, 1, Dec. 22; Common Redpoll, 15, Dec. 16). — Allan Bogdan, Larry Bogdan, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bogdan, Gilbertha Liebelt.

37. SQUAW RAPIDS. Dec. 29; temp. -20°, hoarfrost; 5 species, 29 individuals. — Stan and Gladys Riome.

38. TYNER. Dec. 28; 4 mi. on foot and 20 mi. by ear in 5 hrs., temp. 0°, wind 5 mph; 8 species, 75 individuals. — Bob Godwin, Ken Godwin, Ken Lumbis (compiler).

39. WASECA. Jan. 3; around yard and feeders; 11 species, 134 individuals. (Add: Great Horned Owl). — Christine Pike.

40. WAUCHOPE. Dec. 29; 4-1/2 mi. by snowshoe in 3-1/2 hrs., 35 mi. by ear in 2-1/2 hrs., around farmyard for 1 hr. and 20 minutes, temp. -20° to -10°, wind W at 4 mph, clear, hoarfrost, 9 in. snow; 13 species, 387 individuals. — Dale Hjertaas.

41. WHITE BEAR. Dec. 31; 2 mi. on foot and 10 mi. by ear, temp. -20°, clear, calm; 5 species, 117 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 6, Dec. 29; Common Redpoll, 20, Dec. 29). — Oran Cates, Leroy Clark, Mike Fowler, Gary Jordheim, Sig Jordheim (compiler), Kenny Markulla, Danny Schuler (Members of the Conservation Club).

42. WYNYARD. Dec. 24; 57 mi. by ear in 4-1/2 hrs., temp. 22°, wind W 10 mph overcast and some fog; 8 species, 570 individuals. — John and Sherry Gulley.

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

FORT SMITH, N.W.T. Dec. 26; 50 mi. by ear and about the town of Fort Smith in 3 hours, temp. -2°, overcast, calm, 1 foot of snow; 7 species, 191 individuals, Willow Ptarmigan, 7; Rock Dove, 79; Gray Jay, 2; Common Raven, 65; House Sparrow, 14; Pine Grosbeak, 11; Common Redpoll, 13. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 2, Dec. 24; Black-capped Chickadee, 1, Dec. 27). — Elsie, Ernie, Jonathan and Pamela Kuyt, Sandra, Don, Jon-Liv Gague, Brenda and Claire Beaulieu, Margaret Lepine.

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The perfect book has been published by the Honolulu Zoo. The 20-page volume, "Snakes of Hawaii," is said to be "completely devoid of zoological, grammatical, and typographical errors." Small wonder! All the pages are completely blank. There are no snakes in Hawaii. *Conservation News*, March 1, 1974.