

33rd ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, 1974

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The exceptionally mild winter weather up to and including the Christmas Count period is perhaps responsible for the large numbers of species of waterfowl recorded. Six species of birds were added this year to the all time list, five of these being waterfowl — Snow Goose and Greater Scaup being reported from Regina; White-fronted Goose and Green-winged Teal (previously on the additional list) from Saskatoon; and White-winged Scoter from Cold River. The other new species was a White-crowned Sparrow from Saskatoon. This brings the all-time total to 122 species seen on Count days since counts began in 1942 and an additional 6 species seen during the count period, but not on count days.

The unusual weather brought out more counters for longer periods of time and provided a more thorough coverage of the areas, which helps to account for the record high number of species seen in any 1 year: 79 species plus 4 additional.

Many comments were made, however, about the lack in numbers of birds, particularly the winter birds such as Snow Buntings, Bohemian Waxwings and Pine Grosbeaks.

Most interesting was the number of localities reporting Golden-crowned Kinglets (13 including one locality where birds were seen as additional). This species has been recorded in only 11 of the past 33 years and never as widely spread or in such large numbers.

Gray Partridge, reported from only 14 localities, represented the major decrease.

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Counters from 44 localities (see map) participated in Bird Counts this year.

The map was prepared by Wayne Harris.

1. BANGOR. Dec. 29; around yard and farm; 8 species, 26 individuals. — Mrs. A. Thompson.

2. BATTLEFORD. Dec. 26.; 3 miles on foot in 2 hours and 73 miles by car in 4 hours, temp. 32°, calm, 3 inches of snow; 13 species, 479 individuals. — S. G. Sealy.

3. BESNARD LAKE (55° 20'N 106° 00'W). Dec. 27; 25 miles on foot, 18 on skis, 14 on snowshoes, 10 by car, in 25-1/2 party hours, temp. 16°-30°, no wind, sunny in A.M. clouding over in P.M., 4 in. snow; 12 species, 339 individuals. (Add: Black-billed Magpie, 1, Dec. 26; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 26). — Betty, John, Jon (compiler), Naomi, Nikki, Pauline and Peter Gerrard.

4. BIGGAR. Dec. 23; 75 miles by car in 6-1/2 hours, 6 miles on foot in 6 hours, temp. 13°, wind 0-4 mph, overcast in A.M., clear in P.M., about 1 inch of snow; 14 species, 1033 individuals. (Add: Rough-legged Hawk, 1, Dec. 15, 20, 25, 27 and Jan. 1; American Merlin, 1, Dec. 15, 20, Jan. 2; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 25). — Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud, Alan Smith, Guy Wapple (compiler), Rodney Wapple.

5. BIG GULLY CREEK (15 miles NE of Maidstone). Dec. 19; 15 miles by car in 1 hour and 10 miles on foot in 5 hours, temp. 0°-15°, cloudy in A.M., clear in P.M., wind N 0-5 mph, 1/2 inch of snow; 15 species, 99 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

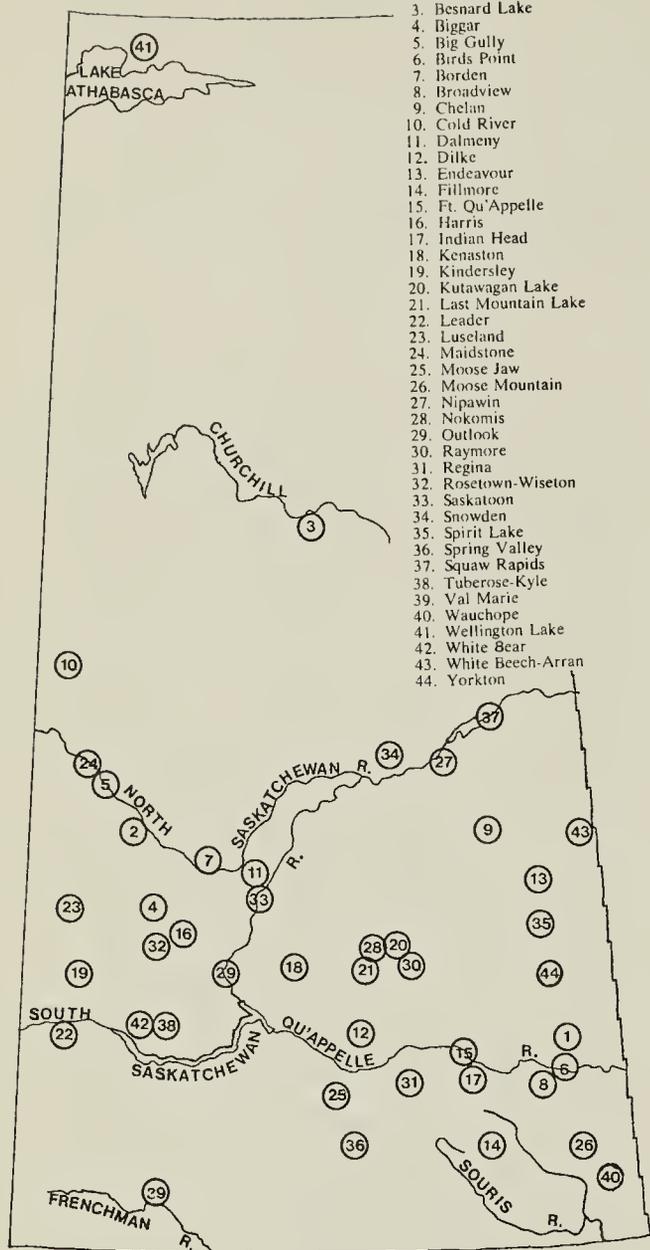
6. BIRD'S POINT (on Round Lake, 7 miles S and 3 miles W of Stockholm). Dec. 29; at yard feeder; 7 species, 44 individuals. — Doug Francis.

7. BORDEN. Dec. 28; 2 miles on foot in 2 hours and 92 miles by car in 6-1/2 hours, temp. 11°-24°, wind W 7-11 mph, 2 inches of snow; 10 species, 764 individuals. — Mark Abley, John Shadick, Stan Shadick (compiler).

Species recorded from more than 1 locality on Count day

	Bangor Dec. 29	Battleford Dec. 26	Besnard L. Dec. 27	Biggar Dec. 23	Big Gully Dec. 19	Bird's Point Dec. 29	Borden Dec. 28	Broadview Dec. 26	Chelan Dec. 26	Cold River Dec. 15	Dalmeny Dec. 26
Mallard										73	
Pintail											
Redhead											
Lesser Scaup											
Common Goldeneye								1		26	
Goshawk			1	1							1
Rough-leg. Hawk		1									
Golden Eagle								1			
Bald Eagle										1	
Merlin											
Spruce Grouse			2								
Ruffed Grouse		2			3			2		1	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	8	1		28	7		22		2		19
Ring-neck. Pheasant											
Gray Partridge		8					14				20
Rock Dove		1		55			10				6
Mourning Dove											
Great Horned Owl				2	1		2	2			3
Snowy Owl	1			6					1		
Short-eared Owl											
Common Flicker											
Pileated Woodpecker			1								
Hairy Woodpecker	1		4		2	1		3			1
Downy Woodpecker	2		1	1	3	1		2			
Horned Lark				6			7				2
Gray Jay			67								
Blue Jay					2			1			
Black-billed Magpie	2	32		29	13	2	47	12	2	5	39
Common Raven			195						3	7	
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	4	6	22	13	1	4	22	5	4		10
Boreal Chickadee			31		2						
W-breasted Nuthatch						2		2			
R-breasted Nuthatch	1										
Brown Creeper											
American Robin											
Gold.-cr. Kinglet					45			12			
Bohemian Waxwing		399		133			23	2			15
Cedar Waxwing											
Northern Shrike											
Starling		1		1							1
House Sparrow	7	10		742	10	4	480	168	50		128
West. Meadowlark											
Rusty Blackbird											
Evening Grosbeak						30		16			
Pine Grosbeak		4			4						5
Hoary Redpoll			12								
Common Redpoll		13		14	1		137	72			20
Red Crossbill											
Dark-eyed Junco											
Snow Bunting		1		2				500		38	80
Single Species			2		2			2		1	

1. Bangor
2. Battleford
3. Besnard Lake
4. Biggar
5. Big Gully
6. Birds Point
7. Borden
8. Broadview
9. Chelan
10. Cold River
11. Dalmeny
12. Dilke
13. Endeavour
14. Fillmore
15. Ft. Qu'Appelle
16. Harris
17. Indian Head
18. Kenaston
19. Kindersley
20. Kutawagan Lake
21. Last Mountain Lake
22. Leader
23. Luseland
24. Maidstone
25. Moose Jaw
26. Moose Mountain
27. Nipawin
28. Nokomis
29. Outlook
30. Raymore
31. Regina
32. Rosetown-Wiseton
33. Saskatoon
34. Snowden
35. Spirit Lake
36. Spring Valley
37. Squaw Rapids
38. Tuberosé-Kyle
39. Val Marie
40. Wauchope
41. Wellington Lake
42. White Bear
43. White Beech-Arran
44. Yorkton



8. BROADVIEW. Dec. 26; 120 miles by car in 7-1/2 hours, 2-1/2 miles on foot, temp. 29°, wind light; 18 species, 804 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 18, Dec. 24; Rock Dove, 50, Dec. 24; Horned Lark, 3, Dec. 24; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 24; Pine Grosbeak, 30, Dec. 25). — David Chaskavich, Don Weidl.

9. CHELAN. Dec. 26; 1 mile on foot, 5 miles on ski-doo, temp. 28°-32°, clear, calm, 4 inches of snow; 6 species, 62 individuals. — Joy Aspen, Keith Aspen, Lane Harris, Tim Harris.

10. COLD RIVER (54° 33'N, 109° 50'W). Dec. 15; 15 miles by car and 3 miles on foot, temp. 20°, overcast, calm; 8 species, 153 individuals. — William Haras.

11. DALMENY. Dec. 26; 41-1/2 miles on foot in 21-1/4 hours, temp. 15°-26°, wind W changing to SSE, cloudy periods; 15 species, 350 individuals. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 1, Dec. 31) — Mara Johanson, Brian Sperling, Gilbert Sperling (compiler), Lloyd Sperling.

12. DILKE. Dec. 29; 78 miles by car, 3 miles on foot in 6-1/4 hours, temp. 10°-20°, wind SW 5-20 mph; 5 species, 332 individuals. (Add: Rough-legged Hawk, 1, Dec. 27; American Merlin, 1, Dec. 27; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 20, 28). — J. B. Belcher, Margaret Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Belcher, Stan Houston, Ken McArton, Peg Mortin.

13. ENDEAVOUR. Dec. 21; around farmyard, temp. 10°, overcast, calm; 8 species, 150 individuals. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 1, Dec. 23; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 24; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 23; Gray Jay, 1, Dec. 24; Evening Grosbeak, 5, Dec. 25; Common Redpoll, 58, Dec. 27). — William Haras.

14. FILLMORE. Dec. 26; 21 miles by car in 1-1/2 hours, 1 mile on foot in 1 hour, around 2 yards 3/4 hour, temp. 22°, sunny, wind light, 10 inches of snow; 7 species, 296 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 24; Snow Bunting, 260, Dec. 24). — Flossie Bogdan (compiler), Larry Wiggins, Marie Wiggins, Michael Wiggins, Michelle Wiggins.

15. FORT QU'APPELLE. Dec. 28; 30 miles by car and 1 mile on foot in 3-1/2 hours, 3-1/2 miles on skis in 2 hours, temp. 25°, wind light, partly cloudy, 3-1/2 inches of snow; 4 species, 91 individuals. (Add: Mallard, 1, Dec. 15, 18, Dec. 16, 2, Dec. 26, 3, Dec. 30; Common Goldeneye, 31, Dec. 16, 4, Dec. 25; Ruffed Grouse, 3, Dec. 25; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 19; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 18; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 15). — Arthur Bredalsen, Mrs. Jenny Gray, Inez and Joe Kralkay, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Kay de Vries (compiler), Bernard de Vries. (Members and Guests of the Fort Qu'Appelle Naturalists' Society.)

16. HARRIS. Dec. 15; 31-1/2 miles on foot in 15 hours, 290 miles by car in 18-1/2 hours, temp. 20°-23°, overcast, wind NW 0-8 mph, no snow; 26 species, 2149 individuals. — Bob Godwin, Wayne Harris, Mary and Stuart Houston, Sheila Lamont, Ken Lumbis, Kathy Meers, John Polson, Don Renaud (compiler), Guy Wapple, Jim and Shirley Wedgwood.

17. INDIAN HEAD. Dec. 29; 35 miles by car in 3 hours, 4-1/2 miles on foot in 4 hours, temp. 20°-30°, calm, sunny, 8 inches of snow; 20 species, 1417 individuals. (Add: Peregrine Falcon, 1, Dec. 23, 27; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 50, Dec. 27; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1, Dec. 26; Mourning Dove, 2, Dec. 23; Long-eared Owl, 1, Jan. 1; Horned Lark, 6, Dec. 28; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 28; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 6, Dec. 28; Common Redpoll, 50, Dec. 26.) — Betty and Cec Ashmore, Peter and Therese

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	Dilke Dec. 29	Endeavour Dec. 21	Fillmore Dec. 26	Ft. Qu'Appelle Dec. 28	Harris Dec. 15	Indian Head Dec. 29	Kenaston Dec. 19	Kindersley Jan. 3	Kutawagan Lake Dec. 30	Last Mountain Lake Dec. 28	Leader Dec. 20
Mallard						150					
Pintail											
Redhead											
Lesser Scaup						9					
Common Goldeneye											
Goshawk									1		
Rough-leg. Hawk											
Golden Eagle					1						
Bald Eagle					1	4					
Merlin					1						
Spruce Grouse											
Ruffed Grouse						4					
Sharp-tailed Grouse		12	15		180		9			12	
Ring-neck. Pheasant											1
Gray Partridge			6		35	21	10				
Rock Dove	6		13		60	21	15		27	6	
Mourning Dove											1
Great Horned Owl					6	1			1	1	
Snowy Owl					10	3		2		1	
Short-eared Owl					1					6	
Common Flicker					1						
Pileated Woodpecker											
Hairy Woodpecker		1			1	2	1				
Downy Woodpecker					1	3			1		
Horned Lark			2		2		7				
Gray Jay											
Blue Jay											
Black-billed Magpie	54	3	9	4	292	18	9	3	37	41	12
Common Raven		26									
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	2	3		8	13	7					2
Boreal Chickadee						1					
W-breasted Nuthatch				1							
R-breasted Nuthatch						4					
Brown Creeper						1					
American Robin						2					
Gold.-cr. Kinglet					3		1				2
Bohemian Waxwing					88	75					9
Cedar Waxwing					2						
Northern Shrike							1				
Starling					10						
House Sparrow	269	28	236	78	1403	1000	75	50	360	306	6
West. Meadowlark											
Rusty Blackbird					4						
Evening Grosbeak											
Pine Grosbeak		21			1						
Hoary Redpoll											
Common Redpoll			15		23		3	2	71		
Red Crossbill					1						
Dark-eyed Junco					2	1					
Snow Bunting	1	56			7	90	9	100	1	191	
Single Species											

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	Luseland Jan. 1	Maidstone Ferry Dec. 24	Moose Jaw Dec. 26	Moose Mountain Dec. 29	Nipawin Dec. 27	Nokomis Dec. 30	Outlook Dec. 26	Raymore Dec. 29	Regina Dec. 26	Rosetown Dec. 26	Saskatoon Dec. 26
Mallard									500		74
Pintail									1		3
Redhead									3		
Lesser Scaup									9		8
Common Goldeneye									8		130
Goshawk								1			3
Rough-leg. Hawk											1
Golden Eagle											1
Bald Eagle		1							4		6
Merlin						1					
Spruce Grouse											6
Ruffed Grouse		2		1	1			1			6
Sharp-tailed Grouse	9	4	2			3		11	7		59
Ring-neck. Pheasant			14								10
Gray Partridge	9								47	19	57
Rock Dove	4	1	194		5		17	140	360	6	805
Mourning Dove											1
Great Horned Owl	1	1	1				1	2	1		6
Snowy Owl	3		3				2	1	10	2	11
Short-eared Owl						3			1		
Common Flicker											1
Pileated Woodpecker											
Hairy Woodpecker		3		5	2			1			4
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		2	1			1	1		10
Horned Lark	3		1					2		3	6
Gray Jay											
Blue Jay		1		11	1						15
Black-billed Magpie	60	27	71	12	12	18	2	95	53	7	381
Common Raven		1			29						
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	1	6	2	7	3			11	2		109
Boreal Chickadee					2						2
W-breasted Nuthatch				1							
R-breasted Nuthatch				9					11		8
Brown Creeper									3		
American Robin											1
Gold.-cr. Kinglet	1		6	2					13		10
Bohemian Waxwing	114		3		2	1		69			887
Cedar Waxwing			5								59
Northern Shrike		1								3	
Starling			21						115	10	51
House Sparrow	163	20	920		20	103	6	1770	4132	150	2796
West. Meadowlark	1								1		
Rusty Blackbird									5		
Evening Grosbeak					81			2			1
Pine Grosbeak		1	6	17	4						1
Hoary Redpoll	1	1									
Common Redpoll	82	335	60	2	96				45		285
Red Crossbill											4
Dark-eyed Junco											3
Snow Bunting	127	839	1			50	10	58	1554	180	160
Single Species									13		5

Arrett, Carol and Marg Beaulieu, Ernie and Hazel Buglass, Helen King, Rose McLaughlin, Lorne Scott, Ken Skinner, Gary Skinner (compiler).

9. KENASTON. Dec. 19; temp. 25°, sunny, calm, 2 inches of snow; 11 species, 10 individuals. (Add: Great Horned Owl, Dec. 21; Snowy Owl, Dec. 20, 28, 29; Snowunting, 500, Dec. 20). — P. Lawrence Peckie.

10. KINDERSLEY. Jan. 3; 10 miles by car, 1/4 mile on foot, temp. 28°, clear, calm, 1 inch of snow; 5 species, 157 individuals. — Jean M. Harris.

11. KUTAWAGAN LAKE (centered 12 miles north of Semans). Dec. 30; 55 miles by car in 5 hours and 5-1/2 miles on foot in 2 hours, temp. 12°-27°, overcast, wind S to 5-10 mph., 4 inches of snow; 8 species, 99 individuals. (Add: Canada Goose, 1, Dec. 20; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 23). — Duane and Ken Harding, Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

12. LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE (management unit and immediate area). Dec. 28; 103 miles by car in 5 hours and 6 miles on foot in 2 hours, temp. 16°-20°, sunny, wind WSW 10 to 25 mph, 4 inches of snow; 8 species, 564 individuals. (Add: Rough-legged Hawk, 1, Dec. 27; Starling, Dec. 27). — Greta Harris, Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

13. LEADER. Dec. 20; 9 miles by car, and on foot about farm for 3 hours, temp. 2°, clear, calm, no snow; 7 species, 33 individuals. — Daisy Meyers.

14. LUSELAND. Jan. 1; 40 miles by car in 2 hours, 5 miles on foot in 5 hours, temp. 10°-32°, 50% high overcast, calm, 2 inches of snow; 16 species, 580 individuals. — Perry Finley, Kim Finley, Bill Holton, Wayne Renaud.

15. MAIDSTONE FERRY (21 miles north of Maidstone). Dec. 24; 60 miles by car in 3 hours and 7 miles on foot in 3 hours, temp. 10° to 21°, cloudy, wind S to NW 10 mph, 6 inches of snow; 17 species, 1245 individuals. (Add: Horned Lark, 4, Dec. 22). — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

16. MOOSE JAW. Dec. 26; 121 miles by car and 3 miles on foot, temp. 29°, sunny, wind W 10 mph, 2 inches of snow; 16 species, 1310 individuals. — Jeanette and Lane Fjetland, Doug Francis, Ruth Hill, Pat Kern, Leith and Cy Knight, Moray Lewis.

17. MOOSE MOUNTAIN. Dec. 29; 65 miles by car in 5 hours, 2-1/2 miles on foot, temp. 20°, clear, calm; 11 species, 69 individuals. — David Chaskavich, Don Reidl.

18. NIPAWIN. Dec. 27; 116 miles in 5 hours by car, 4 hours on foot, temp. 30°, mostly clear; 14 species, 259 individuals. — David Riome, Stan Riome.

19. NOKOMIS. Dec. 30; 56 mi. by car in 3 hours and 10 minutes; temp. 15°-28°, sunny then light overcast, very little snow; 8 species, 180 individuals. — Jim Hamilton (compiler), Jack Woods.

20. OUTLOOK. Dec. 26; temp. 20°, wind SE, 1 inch of snow; 6 species, 38 individuals. (Add: Mallard, 21, Dec. 27; Common Goldeneye, 2, Dec. 27). — Harold Kvinge.

21. RAYMORE. Dec. 29; 136 miles by car in 6 hours and 10-1/2 miles on foot in 5-1/2 hours, 1 hour at feeder, temp. 0°-16°, clear, wind SW 10-25 mph, 4-1/2 inches of snow; 15 species, 2165 individuals. (Add: Rough-legged Hawk, 1, Dec. 23; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 24; Common Redpoll, 10, Dec. 27 and 75, Dec. 30). — Chas., Greta and Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

22. REGINA. Dec. 26; 607 miles by car in 48 hours, 43 miles on foot in 25 hours, 8 hours at feeders, temp. 16°-25°, clear, W wind 10 mph, snow 0-20 inches; 38 species, 7779 individuals. (Add: Gadwall, 1; Blue-winged Teal, 2; American Wigeon, 1; Bufflehead, 1; Common Flicker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 7; American Robin, 5; Bohemian Waxwing, 9; Cedar Waxwing, 4; Evening Grosbeak, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 2; White-winged Crossbill, 1; Dark-eyed Junco, 3). — Joan Ackerman, Gary Anweiler, Jessie Bailey, Joan Baron, Gordon Barr, Keith Barr, Margaret Belcher, Rev. Tom Beveridge, Mrs. T. Beveridge, Al Binnie, Betty Binnie, Greg Bobbitt, Robbie Boychuk, Frank Brazier, Eric Cooke, Betty Cruickshank, Robyn Donison, Lucy Eley, George Ferguson, Wayne Gemmell, Jan Harrigan, Al Harrison, Val Harrison, Jim Hines, Rose Hines, Melissa Jackson, Jim Jowsey, Shirley Jowsey, Elizabeth and Ernie Kastian, Darlene Kauk, Shirley Larmour, George Ledingham, K. Leibel, Bob Luterbach, Pat MacKenzie, Joe Miller, Will Marchuk, Ken Mayer, Madeleine McGinnis, George Mitchell, Helen Morrison, Frank Nargang, Dave Phillips, Connie Pratt, Brian Rainey, Joe Roberts, Carole Spencer, John Spencer, Rick St. Pierre, Frank Switzer, Bob Tegart, Dorothy Tegart, Les Toews, Fred Wagner, Dale Weisbrot, Bernard Wilhelm, Christopher Wilhelm, Janie Wilhelm, Pierre Wilhelm, Rita Wilhelm, Cheryl Zagozeski.

23. ROSETOWN-WISETON. Dec. 26; 60 miles by car in 2 hours, 3-1/2 miles on foot in 2 hours, temp. 25°-30°, clear, 1 inch of

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	Snowden Dec. 28	Spirit Lake Dec. 26	Spring Valley Dec. 29	Squaw Rapids Dec. 26	Tuberose Dec. 26	Val Marie Dec. 31	Wauchope Dec. 24	Wellington Lake Dec. 29	White Bear Dec. 30	White Beach Dec. 25	Yorkton Dec. 29	No. of Counts Species Seen
Mallard				5								5
Pintail												2
Redhead				1								2
Lesser Scaup												3
Common Goldeneye				25								5
Goshawk												6
Rough-leg. Hawk												2
Golden Eagle			2			1						5
Bald Eagle				2								4
Merlin												2
Spruce Grouse				1								11
Ruffed Grouse				3								23
Sharp-tailed Grouse		9		1		28					9	3
Ring-neck. Pheasant								8	14			14
Gray Partridge			31									23
Rock Dove			28			8	34					2
Mourning Dove												19
Great Horned Owl		1								1	1	18
Snowy Owl		1	4								3	6
Short-eared Owl			1						2			2
Common Flicker												2
Pileated Woodpecker				1								19
Hairy Woodpecker		4		1			3	2				21
Downy Woodpecker	1	7		1			1				2	14
Horned Lark			4			6	26					3
Gray Jay				6				3				9
Blue Jay		2		1					1			41
Black-billed Magpie		18	10	24	7	2	9		7	1	33	12
Common Raven	2	1		21				3		8	2	30
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	2	23		8			8	2		5		6
Boreal Chickadee								2				5
W-breasted Nuthatch		2										6
R-breasted Nuthatch							2					2
Brown Creeper												2
American Robin												12
Gold.-cr. Kinglet		2					5					17
Bohemian Waxwing		8								16	9	3
Cedar Waxwing												4
Northern Shrike				1								9
Starling			5									37
House Sparrow	42	214	263	12			310			6	505	2
West. Meadowlark												2
Rusty Blackbird												8
Evening Grosbeak		4		17						1		13
Pine Grosbeak		3		3						4		3
Hoary Redpoll												24
Common Redpoll	6	91	4				13	21			125	2
Red Crossbill												3
Dark-eyed Junco												28
Snow Bunting	6		70	1000	30		142			50		
Single Species							1	2	1			

ow; 8 species, 377 individuals. — Alan, Brian and Grev Jones, Chester Walker.

33. SASKATOON. Dec. 26; 300 miles by car in 39-1/2 hours, 107 miles on foot in 67 hours, temp. 17°-28°, wind W-SW 2-10 mph, clear, 1-2 inches of snow; 42 species, 982 individuals. (Add: Gadwall, 1, Jan. 1; Brown Creeper, 1, Dec. 25; White-winged Crossbill, 3, Dec. 20). — Mark Abley, Coira Atkinson, Bob, Garth, Jeff and Joyce Pesant, Bernard, Ed, Raymond and Timothy Bisha, Ron Bobowski, Andre Pouthilette, Joe Daly, Alan, Edward, and Bartley Fredeen, Marie Gillespie, J.B. and Madeleine Gollop, Jack Greaves, Scott Hale, Bert Hardy, Wayne Harris, Jimmy Jeffernan, Frank Hough, Dave, Don, Gary, Stan and Stuart Houston, Ann and Mark Jeffries, Sheila Lamont, Anna and Ted Leighton, Robbie Mahood, Don and Patsy McRobbie, Aileen, Gray, Michael and Paul Merriam, Greg Michalenko, Anna

Miller, Arnold, Carmen and Ingrid Nijssen, Lynn Oliphant, Stuart Rasmussen, Don and Wayne Renaud, Adam and David Schmidt, John, Mary and Stan Shadick, Alan, Eric and Garry Smith, Doug Whitfield, Elmer Wright, Lucy Young.

34. SNOWDEN. Dec. 28; 7 miles by car in 1-1/2 hours, 4 miles on foot in 3 hours, temp. 20°, wind 15-20 mph., sunny, 8-10 inches of snow; 6 species, 59 individuals. (Add: Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 23). — Juliana Soroka.

35. SPIRIT LAKE. Dec. 26; 3 miles on foot in 3 hours, 54 miles by car in 4 hours, temp. 33°, wind W 15 mph, mostly clear, 5 inches of snow; 16 species, 390 individuals. (Add: Goshawk, 1, Dec. 21; Ruffed Grouse, 2, Dec. 27; Snow Bunting, 15, Dec. 21). — Bill and Joyce Anaka, Mrs. Gunn.

36. SPRING VALLEY. Dec. 29; 42 miles by car in 3-1/2 hours, 8 miles on foot in 2-

Species recorded from only 1 locality on Count day.

No.	Species	Locality	Map No.
1	Eared Grebe	Regina	31
1	Pied-billed Grebe	Regina	31
2	Mute Swan	Regina	31
875	Canada Goose	Regina	31
1	White-fronted Goose	Saskatoon	33
1	Snow Goose	Regina	31
1	Ross's Goose	Regina	31
1	Gadwall	Broadview	8
2	Green-winged Teal	Saskatoon	33
2	American Wigeon	Broadview	8
1	Northern Shoveler	Saskatoon	33
1	Canvasback	Regina	31
1	Greater Scaup	Regina	31
2	White-winged Scoter	Cold River	10
2	Ruddy Duck	Regina	31
1	Hooded Merganser	Regina	31
1	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Big Gully	5
1	Gyr Falcon	Regina	31
1	Prairie Falcon	White Bear	42
5	Willow Ptarmigan	Wellington Lake	41
2	American Coot	Regina	31
1	Hawk Owl	Wellington Lake	41
2	Black-backed 3-toed Woodpecker	Besnard Lake	3
1	Northern 3-toed Woodpecker	Besnard Lake	3
1	Red-winged Blackbird	Wauchope	40
1	Common Grackle	Regina	31
4	White-winged Crossbill	Big Gully	5
2	Tree Sparrow	Saskatoon	33
1	White-crowned Sparrow	Saskatoon	33

3/4 hours, around yard 3/4 hour, temp. 10°-22°, sunny, wind brisk, 8 inches of snow; 11 species, 422 individuals. (Add: Prairie Falcon, 1, Dec. 17; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 5, Dec. 20 and 6, Dec. 30; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 27, 28; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 30). — Allan Bogdan, Flossie Bogdan (compiler), Larry Bogdan, Nick Bogdan.

37. SQUAW RAPIDS. Dec. 26; 7 hours in field, temp. 25°, overcast, no wind; 20 species, 1134 individuals. — Gladys and Stan Riome.

38. TUBEROSE-KYLE. Dec. 26; 64 miles by car and 1-1/2 miles on foot in 3 hours, temp. 18°, wind SE 8 mph, clear; 3 species, 45 individuals. — Cliff Matthews.

39. VAL MARIE. Dec. 31; 50 miles by car and 2 miles on foot, temp. 28°, sunny, calm, 2 inches of snow; 4 species, 37 individuals. (Add: Prairie Falcon, 1, Dec. 24; Gray Partridge, 3, Dec. 26; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 29; Common Redpoll, 3, Dec. 24; Snow Bunting, 100, Dec. 26). — J. David Chandler.

40. WAUCHOPE. Dec. 24; 33-1/2 miles (53.6 km) by car in 3 hours, 3 miles (4.8 km) on foot in 3 hours, and watching feeder throughout day, temp. -4°F to 22°F (-20°C to -6°C), wind SW 3-4 mph (4-5 km) in P.M., overcast and heavy fog in A.M., clearing mid morning, then partial cloud cover, snow 10 inches (28 cm); 13 species, 562 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 4, Dec. 23; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1, Dec. 25; Evening Grosbeak, 11, Dec. 30). — Dale Hjertaas (compiler), Elinor Hjertaas, Warren Hjertaas.

41. WELLINGTON LAKE (59° 38'N 109° 02'W). Dec. 29; temp. 19°, calm; 8 species, 39 individuals. — Edith and Roy Middleton.

42. WHITE BEAR. Dec. 30; 5-1/2 miles by car, 3 miles on foot, temp. 30°, light west wind, sunny, light snow cover; 5 species, 25 individuals. (Add: Mourning Dove, 1, Dec. 26). — Carl and Peter Bischoff, Oran Cates, Leroy Clark, Douglas Gunn, Gary, Laine and Sig Jordheim, David Lowe, Dan Schuler (White Bear Conservation Club).

43. WHITE BEECH-ARRAN. Dec. 25; 65 miles by car and at feeding station, 9 species, 92 individuals. — Margaret Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wotherspoon.

44. YORKTON. Dec. 29; 76 miles by car and 2 miles on foot, temp. 6°, sunny, wind S 6 mph, 5 inches of snow; 9 species, 689 individuals. — Margaret Bromley (compiler), Lorne Lepp, Larry Morgotch, Phil Pawluck, Harold Wilkinson.



FORT SMITH, N.W.T., CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

by ERNIE KUYT*

Date: December 28, 1974.

Weather: Sunny and clear; temperature -18°F; light wind; snow depth about 27 cm; daylight 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Routes covered: Fort Smith to Fort Holes road intersection; Fort Smith along Pine Lake road to Salt River; Fort Smith to Mountain Portage on cross-country skis. Total 80 + 48 + 12 = 140 km. from 10 - 2 p.m.

Birds seen: Raven 141, Gray Jay 10, Rock Dove 45, Spruce Grouse 4, Sharp-tailed grouse 8, Willow Ptarmigan 1, Hairy Woodpecker 1, Downy Woodpecker 1, Pine Grosbeak 21 + Hoary Redpoll 23, Black-capped Chickadee 4, House Sparrow 4.

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WATCH FOR MARKED COWBIRDS

Over 7,100 Brown-headed Cowbirds were banded and colour marked in west-central Kansas during 1974 as an aid in studying their movements and, hopefully, to determine their places of origin. Birds were marked with red, yellow or green plastic leg streamers. Fall and winter observations revealed 27 individuals from 10 locations in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Mexico. However, data from spring and summer movements are needed. Observers can help by reporting location and date of sighting, sex of bird, and colour of leg streamer to Richard A. Hill, Department of Biology, Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays, Kansas 67601.