

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.