

# SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS MAMMAL COUNT, 1974

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Mild weather and almost no snow cover in some localities resulted in excellent results on counts this year. A total of 16 localities reported 15 species of mammals, almost doubling last year's coverage. The lack of snow cover resulted in observation of several species of small mammals not recorded last year, including the Meadow Vole and Deer Mouse.

The most frequently recorded species, the White-tailed Jackrabbit, remains common in most areas and the Snowshoe Hare populations appear to be increasing again. Coyotes also appear to have shown an increase, being

recorded on nine counts compared to two last year.

For weather, coverage and participants, please refer to Christmas Bird Counts elsewhere in this issue.

Symbols found in the table:

\* Identified by tracks (number of animals by tracks in parentheses).

+ Seen during count period but not on count day.

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## Saskatchewan Christmas Mammal Count

	Besnard Lake	Biggar	Big Gully Creek (at the mouth)	Borden	Harris	Kutawagan Lake	Last Mountain Lake	Luseland	Maidstone Ferry	Moose Jaw	Raymore	Saskatoon	Snowden	Spirit Lake	Wauchope	White Bear	Total Locations
Red Fox	—	—	* (1)	—	2	—	* (1)	1	—	* (3)	—	2	—	—	—	—	6
Coyote	—	—	3	—	5	*	* (1)	—	* (5)	* (3)	* (2)	4	—	* (3)	—	—	9
Beasel sp.	—	—	* (2)	1	1	*	—	*	* (4)	—	* (3)	—	—	* (2)	* (5)	—	9
Skunk	—	—	* (1)	—	—	—	* (1)	* (1)	* (1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Striped Skunk	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Beaver	—	—	* (1)	—	—	—	—	—	* (1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
White-tailed Jack Rabbit	—	1	—	—	4	6	*	6	* (2)	* (4)	*	1	—	* (6)	—	—	10
Snowshoe Rabbit	—	—	* (3)	1	5	—	—	1	* (6)	* (3)	*	5	—	* (5)	* (1)	—	9
Red Squirrel	6	—	17	1	—	—	—	—	* (1)	* (1)	—	—	1	2	—	—	7
Beaver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1
Deer Mouse	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meadow Vole	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4
Arctic Skunk	—	—	* (1)	*	—	*	* (1)	* (1)	—	—	* (1)	3	—	* (1)	—	—	8
White-tailed Deer	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	3
White-tailed Deer	—	—	* (5)	—	9	*	* (2)	* (1)	* (2)	—	3	—	—	3	*	—	9
Total Species	1	2	10	4	9	6	7	7	7	6	6	7	1	7	3	1	

**Sandhill Crane Refuge, Nebraska** — The Interior Department is moving ahead quickly to acquire land from willing sellers (Gov. J. James Exon will withdraw his support if Federal officials try to condemn key parcels).

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