

34th ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT — 1975

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"Bird Count day always seems to come and go all too quickly. Again we must say we really enjoyed this year's count. The weather was most cooperative; most ideal conditions. I only wish there were more daylight hours; the day just goes too fast. One of the highlights of this count of course, is our regular noon meal. We head to the nearest Aspen bluff, get a fire going, boil us a tea pail and skewer up some farmer sausage and onions, which is later put between brown bread and cheese. A few cookies and home made chocolates top it off. (A quick but tasty meal in the bush)."

The above quotation from Lloyd Sperling of Dalmeny suggests the true spirit of Christmas Bird Counting. No other group activity has added so much to our knowledge of Saskatchewan bird distribution, as it is conducted at a time of year when few observers otherwise would make comprehensive observations.

Since the weather was generally mild over the Count period this year, counters were out in a record 52 areas (46 localities in 1972 was the next highest number). A total of 68 species was seen on Count days with one additional during the Count period.

Three Glaucous Gulls observed at Gardiner Dam by Wayne and Don Renaud and Bob Godwin added one more species to bring the 34-year total to 123 species with 6 additional species seen in Count period but not on Count day. Another unusual sighting during the Count period was of 1 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch seen at Spring Valley on Dec. 30. This species had only been reported on Christmas Bird Counts twice previously: Charles

F. Holmes had reported 25 at Dollard in 1945 and 3 (2 Gray-crowned and 1 Hepburn's subspecies) in 1946.

Gray Partridge and Sharp-tailed Grouse reports and numbers were again low. Snowy Owls were not generally more numerous, but seemed concentrated in large numbers at Moose Jaw (9), Regina (15) and Tuberose (10).

Saskatoon had a heavy influx of Bohemian Waxwings, reporting 12,442 on Count day, while Regina had 14 species of waterfowl.

ASQUITH. Dec. 23; by skis around 80-acre field; 9 species, 59 individuals. — Don, Lynne and Muriel Carlson, Gary Entwistle.

BANGOR. Dec. 31; 14 miles by car and at feeder; mild, calm day; 7 species, 58 individuals. — Mrs. A. Thompson.

BIGGAR. Dec. 24; 131 miles by car in 6 hours, 9-1/2 miles on foot in 5-1/2 hours; temp. -12° to -3°C, wind SW 0-5 mph, clear; 10 cm snow; 14 species, 1,554 individuals. (Add: Blue Jay, 1, Jan. 3; Snow Bunting, 8, Jan. 1 and 2, and 50, Jan. 4). — Ron Chulach, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud, Guy Wapple (compiler), Rodney Wapple.

BIG GULLY CREEK (15 miles NE of Maidstone). Dec. 19; 61 miles by car in 3 hours, 11 miles on foot in 8 hours; temp. -20° to -5°C, clear in AM becoming cloudy in PM, wind SE 15 mph; 25 cm snow; 22 species, 740 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

BORDEN. Dec. 28; 43 miles by car in 2-1/2 hours, 1 mile on foot in 1/2 hour; temp. -3°C, wind SW 12 mph, partly cloudy; 5 cm snow; 8 species, 600 individuals. — John, Mary and Stan Shadick.

BROADVIEW. Dec. 23; 91 miles by car and 3 miles on foot in 6 hours; temp. -12°C, wind light, sunny; 17 species, 529 individuals. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 4, Dec. 29; Gray Partridge, 9, Dec. 29; Horned Lark, 20, Dec. 25; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 24). — David Chaskavich and Don Weidl.

CHELAN. Dec. 26; 1 mile along creek on foot, and about yard; temp. -3°C , no wind; 5 cm snow; 6 species, 26 individuals. — Joy Aspen, Jean Harris.

COLD RIVER. Dec. 20; 15 miles by car and 2 miles on foot along river; clear, calm, $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$; 20 cm snow; 11 species, 243 individuals. — William Haras.

DALMENY. Dec. 26; 24 miles by car in 1/2 hour, 42 miles on foot in 32 hours (4 parties); temp. -3° to 0°C , sunny, light SE wind; 13 species, 1,192 individuals. — Hon Dong, Curtis and Leslie Johanson, Brian, Gilbert, Lorne and Mara Sperling, Lloyd Sperling (compiler).

DILKE. Dec. 30; 33 miles by car and 2-1/2 miles on foot in 3-1/2 hours and around farmyard; temp. -5°C , wind E 20-30 mph, overcast then snow; 9 species, 263 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 6, Dec. 21, and 15, Jan. 4; Snow Bunting, 1,000, Dec. 25, and 1, Dec. 27, Jan. 2). — J. B., Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Belcher.

DUPEROW-RUTHILDA. Dec. 28; 82 miles by car in 5-1/2 hours, 6 miles on foot in 3 hours; temp. -8° to -3°C , wind NW 0-10 mph, clear in AM, overcast in PM; 12 cm snow; 16 species, 2,089 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Jan. 4). — Ron Chulach, Paul de Bussac, Morris L'hoir, Murray Newton, Guy Wapple (compiler), Rodney Wapple.

EASTEND. Dec. 26; 3 miles on foot in 2 hours and 22 miles by car in 2 hours; temp. -10°C , calm; 5 cm snow; 8 species, 152 individuals. (Add: Evening Grosbeak, 25, Dec. 23 and 24). — Lois Clark, Gary Seib (compiler), Barbara, Beryl and Peter Shourounis.

EMMA LAKE. Dec. 20; 3-1/2 miles on foot in 3-1/2 hours; temp. -6° to -3°C , clear, calm; 15 species, 366 individuals. (Add: Goshawk, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 10; Red Crossbill, 6). — Kim Godwin.

ENDEAVOUR. Dec. 25; around farm yard and local garbage dump; temp. -6°C , calm, overcast; 9 species, 311 individuals. (Add: Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 29; Evening Grosbeak, 5, Jan. 1; Pine Grosbeak, 12, Jan. 1; Common Redpoll, 12, Dec. 27). — William Haras.

FORT QU'APPELLE. Dec. 27; 35 miles by car, 2 miles on foot and 3 miles on cross-country skis in 5-1/2 hours; temp. -1° to 0°C , no wind, fine rain falling; 10 cm of damp snow; 16 species, 551 individuals. (Add: Rock Dove, 6, Dec. 26; American Robin, 1, Jan. 2; Pine Grosbeak, 3, Dec. 25). — Bernard de Vries, Kay de Vries (compiler), Alice Laing, D. Nevard.

GARDINER DAM. Dec. 22; 11 miles on foot in 3-1/2 hours and 45 miles by car in 2 hours; temp. -10° to -6°C , overcast, wind 0-12 mph; 8 cm snow; open water on river for 10 miles below dam and in part of reservoir; 23 species, 333 individuals. (Add: American Wigeon, 1, Jan. 3; Horned Lark, 19, Jan. 3. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont). — Bob Godwin, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud (compiler).

HARRIS. Dec. 20; 36 miles on foot in 23-1/2 hours, 149 miles by car in 20 hours; temp. -11° to -1°C , clear, wind S-SW, 3-10 mph; 8 cm snow; 20 species, 2,673 individuals. — Bob Godwin, Bernie and Madeleine Gollop, Wayne Harris, Dale Hjertaas, Mary and Stuart Houston, Sheila Lamont, Don and Wayne Renaud (compiler), Guy and Rodney Wapple, David Surkan.

HEPBURN. Dec. 26; 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot and about yard, plus sightings at feeder; clear, mild; 9 species, 59 individuals. — Margaret (compiler), Philip, Phyllis and Tena Siemens.

INDIAN HEAD. Jan. 4; 17 miles by car and on foot in 2 hours; temp. -18°C , light overcast, calm; 45 cm snow; 16 species, 1,315 individuals. (Add: Mallard, 30, Jan. 3; Goshawk, 1, Jan. 1; Bald Eagle, 2, Jan. 1; Short-eared Owl, 1, Dec. 24; Horned Lark, 1, Dec. 30; Northern Shrike, 1, Jan. 1; Pine Grosbeak, 1, Jan. 1; Common Redpoll, 10, Dec. 30). — Betty and Cec Ashmore, Donald Ayers, Vic Beaulieu family, George Dragan, Marcella Horsman, Jim and Jean Howard, Jim and Bertha Lang, Rose and Roy McLaughlin, Dora Nichols (compiler), Lorne Scott, Mary and Ken Skinner, Fred Skinner, Jean Swinton, Charlie and Ruby Thompson.

KENASTON. Dec. 23; temp. -12° to -7°C , wind NW 15-20 mph; clear; 5 cm snow; 7 species, 331 individuals. (Add: Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 28 and 29; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27; Horned Lark, 1, Jan. 1). — P. Lawrence Beckie (compiler), Joanne, Laurie and Theresa Beckie.

KINDERSLEY. Jan. 3; 12 miles by car; 2 species, 26 individuals. (Add: Bohemian Waxwing, 5, Jan. 1; Common Redpoll, 2, Jan. 1). — Jean Harris.

KUTAWAGAN LAKE (centered 12 miles north of Semans). Jan. 1; 63 miles by car in 4 hours and 1 mile on foot in 1 hour; temp. -25° to -20°C , cloudy with occasional fog patches, wind SW 9 mph; 18 cm snow; 7 species, 996 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE (management unit and immediate area). Dec. 28; 95 miles by car in 6 hours and 1 mile on foot in 1 hour; temp.

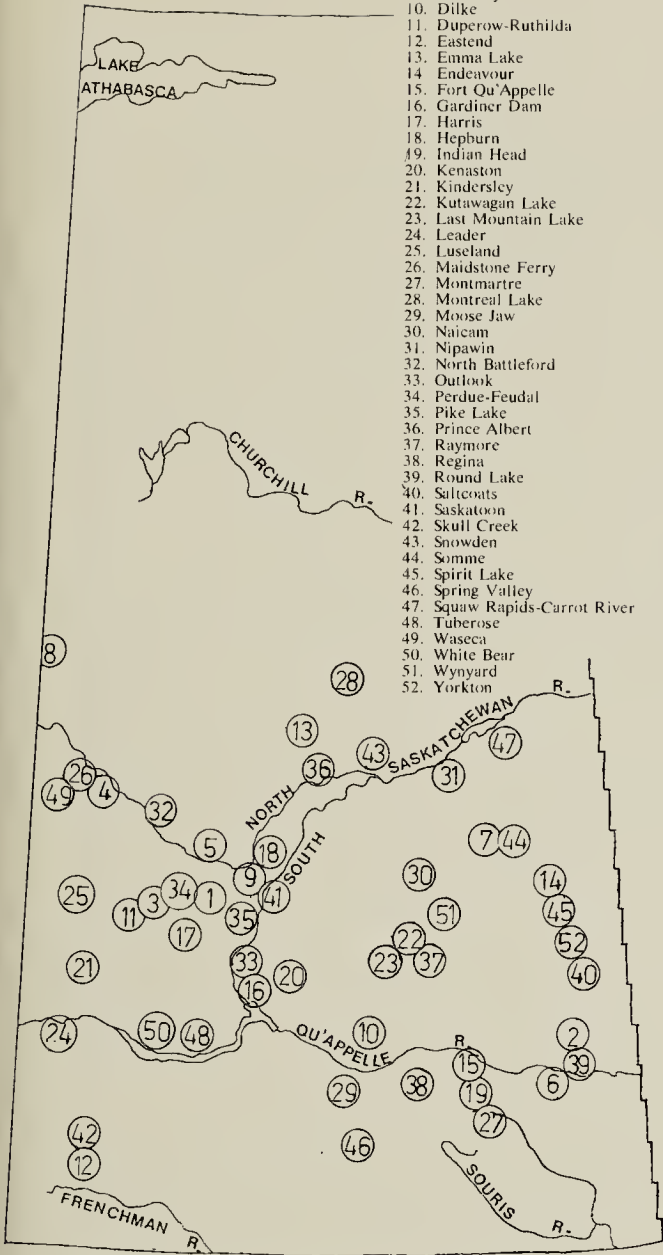
Species recorded from more than one locality on Count day

	Asquith Dec. 23	Bangor Dec. 31	Biggar Dec. 24	Big Gully Creek Dec. 19	Borden Dec. 28	Broadview Dec. 23	Chelan Dec. 26	Cold River Dec. 20	Dalmeny Dec. 26	Dilke Dec. 30	Duperow-Ruthilda Dec. 28	Eastend Dec. 26	Emma Lake Dec. 20
Canada Goose													
Mallard						6		178					
Pintail													
Lesser Scaup													
Common Goldeneye								28					
Common Merganser													
Goshawk						1							
Golden Eagle						2							
Bald Eagle													
Merlin	1				1								
Ruffed Grouse	2			5				5					2
Sharp-tailed Grouse			27	22	20	87			4		3		
Ring-neck. Pheasant												2	
Gray Partridge			2							15	42	4	
American Coot													
Rock Dove			48			70			47	8	67		
Mourning Dove													
Great Horned Owl	1		2	1		1			1		2		
Snowy Owl					1				2		2		
Short-eared Owl													
Common Flicker													
Pileated Woodpecker								1					1
Hairy Woodpecker		2	2	2		1	1		1	1		2	2
Downy Woodpecker		1		4		3				2	1		
N. 3-t. Woodpecker				1									1
Horned Lark									1	2			
Gray Jay	1												12
Blue Jay				3				2					9
Black-billed Magpie	2	1	139	24	23	16	2	8	42	17	89	23	3
Common Raven				2			1	4					7
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	2	4	33	14	2	15	2	7	27		8	10	46
Boreal Chickadee	1			1									10
W-breasted Nuthatch													2
R-breasted Nuthatch				1									7
Brown Creeper													4
American Robin													
Townsend's Solitaire													
Gold.-cr. Kinglet				4									
Bohemian Waxwing	18		111	12		4			22	15	55		
Cedar Waxwing													
Northern Shrike						1							
Starling											4		
House Sparrow		6	871	51	150	127	15	3	209	167	1381	11	
Rusty Blackbird											1		
Evening Grosbeak			6	1		10	5				4		
Pine Grosbeak			4	61		3		4	2				
Hoary Redpoll			1	2							5		
Common Redpoll		14	307	455	402	181		3	76	36	410	75	30
Pine Siskin													
Red Crossbill				17		1							
W-winged Crossbill			1	32									230
Dark-eyed Junco													
Snow Bunting	25	30		25	1				758		15	25	
Single Species													
Total Species	9	7	14	22	8	17	6	11	13	9	16	8	15

Species recorded from more than one locality on Count day

	Endeavour Dec. 25	Ft. Ou'Appelle Dec. 27	Gardiner Dam Dec. 22	Harris Dec. 20	Hepburn Dec. 26	Indian Head Jan. 4	Kenaston Dec. 23	Kindersley Jan. 3	Kutawagan Lake Jan. 1	Last Mountain Lake Dec. 28	Leader Jan. 4	Luseland Dec. 24	Maidstone Ferry Dec. 23
Canada Goose		1											
Mallard		30	16										
Pintail													
Lesser Scaup													
Common Goldeneye		4	6										
Common Merganser			3										
Goshawk			1										1
Golden Eagle				2									
Bald Eagle			1										
Merlin				1									
Ruffed Grouse				1		4							
Sharp-tailed Grouse	1		4	217			1		2	16			3
Ring-neck. Pheasant													
Gray Partridge				48		18	16		12			28	
American Coot			1										
Rock Dove	1		12	78		12	4		8	8		4	
Mourning Dove													
Great Horned Owl	1		3	6	1	1							1
Snowy Owl			1	4		1		1				1	
Short-eared Owl										1			
Common Flicker													
Pileated Woodpecker													
Hairy Woodpecker	2	2	1	3	1	4							1
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	1		5				1		1	
N. 3-t. Woodpecker													
Horned Lark													
Gray Jay													
Blue Jay		2	4										3
Black-billed Magpie	6	4	15	247	2	14	14		46	38	12	37	9
Common Raven	29												
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	8	7	6	39	5	13						7	12
Boreal Chickadee													
W-breasted Nuthatch		1											
R-breasted Nuthatch						6							
Brown Creeper													
American Robin													
Townsend's Solitaire													
Gold.-cr. Kinglet				1									
Bohemian Waxwing		219	32	178	10	25						34	
Cedar Waxwing		21											
Northern Shrike													
Starling			6	1						1			
House Sparrow	81	180	14	943	12	1000	75		155	447	25	122	40
Rusty Blackbird													
Evening Grosbeak		20	35	14		7					10	2	
Pine Grosbeak			12		12								9
Hoary Redpoll		10		2						2			
Common Redpoll		48	86	765			71		692	588		105	275
Pine Siskin													
Red Crossbill					1								
W-winged Crossbill						4							
Dark-eyed Junco						1							
Snow Bunting	182		70	122	15	200	150	25	81	226		1186	121
Single Species		1	1										
Total Species	9	16	23	20	9	16	7	2	7	10	3	11	11

1. Asquith
2. Bangor
3. Biggar
4. Big Gully Creek
5. Borden
6. Broadview
7. Chelan
8. Cold River
9. Dalmeny
10. Dilke
11. Duperow-Ruthilda
12. Eastend
13. Emma Lake
14. Endeavour
15. Fort Qu'Appelle
16. Gardiner Dam
17. Harris
18. Hepburn
19. Indian Head
20. Kenaston
21. Kindersley
22. Kutawagan Lake
23. Last Mountain Lake
24. Leader
25. Luseland
26. Maidstone Ferry
27. Montmartre
28. Montreal Lake
29. Moose Jaw
30. Naicam
31. Nipawin
32. North Battleford
33. Outlook
34. Perdue-Feudal
35. Pike Lake
36. Prince Albert
37. Raymore
38. Regina
39. Round Lake
40. Saltcoats
41. Saskatoon
42. Skull Creek
43. Snowden
44. Somme
45. Spirit Lake
46. Spring Valley
47. Squaw Rapids-Carrot River
48. Tuberose
49. Waseca
50. White Bear
51. Wynyard
52. Yorkton



Map prepared by Wayne Harris

-15° to -5°C, clear, wind SW 13-22 mph; 20 cm of snow; 10 species, 1,328 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

LEADER. Jan. 4; around the farm for 3 hours; temp. -12°C, clear; 30 cm snow; 3 species, 47 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 20, Dec. 24; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1, Dec. 21; Dark-eyed Junco, 1, Dec. 24). — Daisy D. Meyers.

LUSELAND. Dec. 24; 73 miles by car and 2 miles on foot in 5 hours; temp. -1°C, clear; 10 cm snow; 11 species, 1,527 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 27). — K. B. Finley, K. J. Finley, B. Holton.

MAIDSTONE FERRY (21 miles N of Maidstone). Dec. 23; 30 miles by car in 3 hours and 2 miles on foot in 1 hour; temp. -20° to -6°C, cloudy, wind SW 10 mph; 25 cm snow; 11 species, 475 individuals. (Add: Evening Grosbeak, 1, Dec. 24). — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

MONTMARTRE. Dec. 26; 2 miles on foot in 3 hours; temp. -10°C, sunny with cloudy periods; 28 cm snow; 11 species, 415 individuals. — Edwin Lesiuk.

MONTREAL LAKE. Jan. 4; 35 miles by car in 4 hours and 3 miles on foot in 2 hours; temp. -25° to -20°C, cloudy, wind NW 15 to 35 mph; 30 cm snow; 12 species, 128 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

MOOSE JAW. Dec. 26; 96 miles by car and 8 miles on foot; temp. 0° to 3°C; light snow cover; 21 species, 2,300 individuals. (Add: White-winged Crossbill, 6, Dec. 23). — Bob Beattie, Russ Dennison, Alice and Carl Ellis, Doug Francis, Ruth Hilling, John Horton, Pat Kern, Cy and Leith Knight (compiler), Moray Lewis, Molly Ritchie, Jean Thomson.

NAICAM. Dec. 28; 1 mile on foot; temp. -10°C, wind 20 mph; 3 species, 37 individuals. — Ron Jensen.

NIPAWIN. Jan. 3; temp. -33°C, bitter N wind; 11 species, 611 individuals. — Mrs. Harvey Christiansen, John Comer, Stan Riome (compiler).

NORTH BATTLEFORD. Dec. 28; 6 miles on foot in 2-1/2 hours; temp. -3°C, partly cloudy, calm; 6 species, 55 individuals. — Ralph T. Cowell.

OUTLOOK. Dec. 23; 4 species, 536 individuals. (Add: Black-billed Magpie, 2, Dec. 30; Black-capped Chickadee, 2, Dec. 30; Bohemian Waxwing, 40, Dec. 30; Common Redpoll, 2, Dec. 30). — Harold Kvinge.

PERDUE-FEUDAL. Jan. 4; 76 miles by car in 3 hours, 7 miles on foot in 4 hours; temp. -13° to -8°C, wind SW 0 to 10 mph, overcast in AM light fog and snow in PM; 28 cm snow; 10 species, 1,724 individuals. — Ron Chulach, Morris L'hoir, Guy Wapple (compiler), Rodney Wapple.

PIKE LAKE. Dec. 24; 28 miles by car in 3 hours, 1-1/2 miles on foot in 1/2 hour; temp. -7°C, wind SE 5 mph, partly cloudy; 5 cm snow; 11 species, 329 individuals. — Robbie and Ron Bobowski, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Christensen, John and Stan Shadick.

PRINCE ALBERT. Dec. 26; within 7 miles of the city, and at 12 feeding stations; 16 species, 615 individuals. — Ansgar and Christie Aschim, David and Peter Surkan.

RAYMORE. Dec. 29; 107 miles by car in 7 hours, 2 miles on foot in 2 hours; temp. -15° to -3°C, cloudy with occasional clear patches, wind NW 0-15 mph; 25 cm snow; 19 species, 1,367 individuals. — Chas, Greta and Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

REGINA. Dec. 26; 522 miles by car in 38 hours, 50 miles on foot in 32 hours; temp.

Species recorded from more than one locality on Count day

	Montmartre Dec. 26	Montreal Lake Jan. 4	Moose Jaw Dec. 26	Naicam Dec. 28	Nipawin Jan. 3	North Battleford Dec. 28	Outlook Dec. 23	Perdue-Feudal Jan. 4	Pike Lake Dec. 24	Prince Albert Dec. 26	Raymore Dec. 29	Regina Dec. 26	Round Lake Dec. 28
Canada Goose												1639	2
Mallard			1									450	50
Pintail												3	
Lesser Scaup												12	
Common Goldeneye												2	
Common Merganser													
Goshawk													
Golden Eagle													
Bald Eagle													
Merlin												1	
Ruffed Grouse		1							1	1	1		1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	2		5		9				9		19		5
Ring-neck. Pheasant			1										
Gray Partridge			15					7				87	
American Coot												2	
Rock Dove	1		366				20	5		102	29	606	
Mourning Dove												1	3
Great Horned Owl	1		4			1					2	3	
Snowy Owl	3		9				1				1	15	
Short-eared Owl												8	
Common Flicker			1									1	
Pileated Woodpecker		1											
Hairy Woodpecker									2	2	1	1	2
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	3						5	3	1	3	2
N. 3-t. Woodpecker													
Horned Lark								10			5	39	
Gray Jay		6			1					1			
Blue Jay					11				4	8	1		
Black-billed Magpie	5	2	52		18	2		51	56	11	41	56	6
Common Raven		55			38					7			
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	2	6	4	2	11	1		6	26	10	8	9	11
Boreal Chickadee		9											
W-breasted Nuthatch													2
R-breasted Nuthatch			1									6	
Brown Creeper												1	
American Robin			1									1	
Townsend's Solitaire			1									1	
Gold.-cr. Kinglet												6	
Bohemian Waxwing			133			7		18		250	29	406	
Cedar Waxwing												53	
Northern Shrike												1	1
Starling			16								1	11	
House Sparrow	300		1000	25	344	23	15	1302	31	61	825	2494	12
Rusty Blackbird											4	2	
Evening Grosbeak			40		93				50	63	31	29	125
Pine Grosbeak			2	10	7				3	2	23	6	
Hoary Redpoll	1	3						15					2
Common Redpoll	4	22	135		61	21		244	142	6	328	374	25
Pine Siskin												25	
Red Crossbill										8		2	
W-winged Crossbill		20								80		59	
Dark-eyed Junco												1	
Snow Bunting	95	2	510		18		500	66			17	790	75
Single Species												9	
Total Species	11	12	21	3	11	6	4	10	11	16	19	47	16

Species recorded from more than one locality on Count day

	Saltcoats Jan. 3	Saskatoon Dec. 26	Skull Creek Dec. 29	Snowden Dec. 27	Somme Dec. 27	Spirit Lake Jan. 1	Spring Valley Dec. 30	Squaw Rpd.s.-Carrot Rv. Jan. 1	Tuberose Dec. 26	Waseca Dec. 26	White Bear Dec. 28	Wynyard Jan. 3	Yorkton Dec. 28	No. of Counts Species seen
Canada Goose														3
Mallard		38						12						9
Pintail		1												2
Lesser Scaup		3												2
Common Goldeneye		203						42						6
Common Merganser								2						2
Osprey														3
Golden Eagle														2
Bald Eagle								1						2
Merlin		5												5
Ruffed Grouse	2	10		2	3	5				3				17
Sharp-tailed Grouse	16	44			2	3	42	12			4			26
Ring-neck. Pheasant		8									2			4
Gray Partridge	2	40			10		52		3		8			18
American Coot														2
Rock Dove		1107					26		2		50	8		25
Mourning Dove														2
Great Horned Owl		3					1			1		1		22
Snowy Owl		3	1				2		10		1			18
Short-eared Owl		2												3
Common Flicker		3												3
Pileated Woodpecker														3
Hairy Woodpecker	1	5	1		2	7		4				1		28
Downy Woodpecker		16	1		1	9	1	3		2			1	27
Bl. 3-t. Woodpecker				1										3
Horned Lark							12							6
Gray Jay		1			3			3						8
Blue Jay		21			1	1		1		2				15
Black-billed Magpie	8	343	4	1	9	17	7	24		4	17	10	3	48
Common Raven				10	12			34						11
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	3	208	7	13	14	34		5		6		6	2	42
Boreal Chickadee					9					2				6
7-breasted Nuthatch					2	2							2	6
7-breasted Nuthatch		34			1									7
Brown Creeper														2
American Robin		7												3
Townsend's Solitaire														2
Gold.-er. Kinglet														3
Bohemian Waxwing		12442	34										29	22
Cedar Waxwing		90												3
Northern Shrike														3
Parling		11			1									9
House Sparrow	60	3717	10	27	39	216	540	2	30		240	77	300	47
Rusty Blackbird		1												4
Evening Grosbeak	14	109	3	19		4		5		8				25
Pine Grosbeak		32			12	7		8		116			3	21
Hoary Redpoll		52			1	15								13
Common Redpoll	5	767	101	1	2	159	118	585	70		40	44	35	42
Pine Siskin				12										2
Red Crossbill		23												6
7-winged Crossbill		19				2				12				10
Dark-eyed Junco														2
Snow Bunting	55	3			20		300	1005				535	30	34
Single Species			1		1			1			1			
Total Species	10	34	10	9	20	14	11	18	5	10	9	8	9	

Species recorded from only 1 locality on Count day

<i>No.</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Locality</i>	<i>Map No.</i>
1	Eared Grebe	Regina	38
2	Mute Swan	Regina	38
1	Blue-winged Teal	Regina	38
1	American Wigeon	Regina	38
2	Northern Shoveler	Regina	38
2	Redhead	Regina	38
2	Canvasback	Regina	38
1	Ruddy Duck	Regina	38
1	Prairie Falcon	White Bear	50
1	Peregrine Falcon	Squaw Rapids-Carrot River	47
3	Glaucous Gull	Gardiner Dam	16
1	Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker	Somme	44
1	Brewer's Blackbird	Fort Qu'Appelle	15
2	Tree Sparrow	Skull Creek	42
21	Lapland Longspur	Regina	38

-11° to -7°C, partly cloudy, clearing in PM, wind ESE 6 to 12 mph; 47 species, 7,239 individuals. — Jessie Bailey, Margaret Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beveridge, Eric Cooke, Mae Cross, Robyn Donison, Dick and Maureen DuWors, David Duffis, Lucy Eley, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Fines, Wayne Gemmell (compiler), Al Harrison, Val Harrison, Jim Hines (compiler), Rose Hines, Jim and Shirley Jowsey, Darlene Kauk, Dave Kelley, Eric Lang, Tony Lang, George Ledingham, Madelaine McGinnis, Will Marchuk, Helen Morrison, Sally Moss, Keith Neufeld, Roxanne Pelletier, Connie Pratt, Joe Roberts, Con Rosenfeld, Anne Russon, Bill Russon, John Russon, Rick St. Pierre, Allen and Diane Smith, Joyce Swenson, Frank Switzer, Jay Van Oostdam, Christophe Wilhelm, Pierre Wilhelm, Rita Wilhelm, Cheryl Zagozeski.

ROUND LAKE. Dec. 28; 10 miles along lake and at feeder; mild; 16 species, 324 individuals. — Doug Francis.

SALTCOATS. Jan. 3; 44 miles by car in 3-1/4 hours; temp. -23°C, calm, sunny; 10 species, 166 individuals. — Robert Barnhart.

SASKATOON. Dec. 26; 296 miles by car in 41-1/2 hours, 75 miles on foot in 48 hours; temp. -20° to -10°C, wind light, mostly cloudy; 34 species, 19,371 individuals. (Add: Brown Creeper, 1, Dec. 24). — Ann Marie and Norman Ash, Ron Bobowski, Murray and Ron Bremner, Pern Cordery, Cliff Finlay, Doug Finlay, Muriel Galloway, Marie Gillespie, Bernie, Madeleine and Michael Gollop, Jack and Louise Greaves, Wayne Harris, Jim Hefferman, Clarence, Dave, Don, Mary, Stan, and Stuart Houston (compiler), Grev Jones,

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SKULL CREEK. Dec. 29; on foot 1-1/2 miles up the creek; temp. -12°C, light wind, clear; 10 species, 164 individuals. — Helen and Ray Schuler.

SNOWDEN. Dec. 27; 7 miles by car and 4-1/2 miles on foot; temp. -1°C, freezing rain, wind SW 5 mph; 9 species, 86 individuals. — D. A. Jacura, Juliana Soroka (compiler).

SOMME. Dec. 27; 20 miles by car and 2 miles on foot; temp. -5°C; 20 species, 145 individuals. (Add: Rock Dove, 10, Dec. 26; Horned Lark, 1, Dec. 31; Brown Creeper, 1, Dec. 29; White-winged Crossbill, 2, Dec. 29). — David Black, Donald and Ronald Hooper.

SPIRIT LAKE. Jan. 1; 53 miles by car in 4 hours, 2 miles on foot in 1-1/2 hours; temp. -20° to -14°C, wind light, cloudy, clearing in PM; 15 cm snow; 14 species, 481 individuals. (Add: Goshawk, 1, Dec. 22; Great Horned Owl, 3, Dec. 29; Common Raven, 5, Dec. 21; Northern Shrike, 1, Jan. 3; Snow Bunting, 2, Jan. 4). — Bill and Joyce Anaka, Mrs. Gunn.

SPRING VALLEY. Dec. 30; 34 miles by car and around farm; temp. -5° to -1°C, wind light, overcast; about 10 cm snow; 11 species, 1,101 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 23; Prairie Falcon, 1, Dec. 26; Bohemian Waxwing, 18, Dec. 20; Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, 1, Dec. 30). — Adeline, Allan, Flossie (compiler), Larry and Nick Bogdan.

SQUAW RAPIDS-CARROT RIVER. Jan. 1; 8 hours; temp. -21°C , calm, overcast to 4 PM; 18 species, 1,749 individuals. — John Comer, Terry Klassen, Roland Lockhart, Gladys and Stan Riome (compiler).

TUBEROSE. Dec. 26; 40 miles by car in 2 hours; temp -6° to -4°C , calm, sunny; 5 species, 115 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 20). — Cliff Matthews.

WASECA. Dec. 26; 2-1/2 miles on foot around farmstead and marsh area; temp. -4°C , sunny, light SE wind; 20 cm snow; 10 species, 156 individuals. (Add: Common Redpoll, 50, Dec. 22 and 24; Snow Bunting, 100, Dec. 22 and 24). — Darcy, Colleen, Maureen, Michelle, Russell and Stuart Bexson, Christine Pike (compiler).

WHITE BEAR. Dec. 28; 2 miles by car and 4-1/2 miles on foot; temp. -1°C , cloudy, light west wind; 5 to 15 cm crisp snow; 9 species, 363 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 2, Dec. 29). — Oran Cates, Anne, Chris, Eric and Mark Christenson, Leroy Clark, Gary, Gerald, Laine and Sig Jordheim (compiler), David Lowe, Kenny Markella, Dan Schuler, Doug Stepples.

WYNYARD. Jan. 3; 5 hours and 10 miles by car; temp. -29°C , sunny, calm; 8 species, 682 individuals. — John and Sherry Gulley.

YORKTON. Dec. 28; temp. -2°C , wind 10 mph, clear; 9 species, 405 individuals. — Margaret Bromley (compiler), P. Pawluck, T. Pawluck.



WANTED: NORTHERN MANITOBA NESTLINES

An interesting report comes from Klon Peterson, a young fellow who lives with his family at Prospector Ranger Tower, 11 miles north of The Pas, Manitoba. Klon set out some bluebird nest boxes in 1975 and, although he had no bluebird nestings, the birds were seen in that area, which seems to be quite far north. Four Tree Swallows nested in the boxes, hatching 16 young. Wrens also used one box. We hope Klon will find time to build more nest boxes this winter and report to us again next year.

If anyone living in that area or south of The Pas is interested in establishing a nestline, it would be a worthwhile project because we would like to find out how far north our bluebirds do go. One next box at Wabowden, some 160 miles northeast of The Pas, was set out but owing to flooding it was not checked. Do we have any interested readers in that area? — *Jim Spear*, Russell, Manitoba.



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

Compiled by ERNIE KUYT,
Box 508, Fort Smith, N.W.T.

DATE: Dec. 28, 1975.

WEATHER: Cloudy with sunny intervals; temperature about 0°C ; calm; snow depth about 40 cm; daylight 9 AM to 4 PM.

ROUTES COVERED: Fort Smith to Fox Holes road intersection; Fort Smith along Pine Lake road to Salt River; Fort Smith along Hay Camp road to Wood Buffalo National Park border. 100 miles by car in 3 hours.

BIRDS SEEN: Spruce Grouse, 13; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Rock Dove, 9; Hawk Owl, 1; Great Gray Owl, 1; Gray Jay, 31; Common Raven, 178; Boreal Chickadee, 1; House Sparrow, 10; Snow Bunting, 7. 10 species, 252 birds. Add: Willow Ptarmigan, 1, Dec. 27; Pileated Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 21; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27; Black-capped Chickadee, 2, Dec. 27.

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