

# 5th ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT — 1976

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For the first time since 1971 no new species has been added to the Saskatchewan Christmas count list. The total remains at 123 species seen on count day with 6 additional seen during count period. This year's total is 68 species with 2 additional observed in 55 localities, which is a new time high for number of areas reporting — last year's 52 was the second highest.

Weather was generally good and the growing popularity of cross-country skiing allowed more counters to get out for more thorough coverage.

Twenty-five species were sighted in only 1 location — ten of these at Fort Walsh by a keen group who worked the area thoroughly. This group and a flock of 140 Gray-crowned Nuthatches. The species had been reported last year from Spring Valley, but otherwise, not since 1945 and 1946 at Dollard.

One Glaucous Gull was reported again at Gardiner Dam, making the second consecutive year, for this species, not seen before on a Christmas Bird Count.

Snowy Owls seemed to be in small concentrations — many areas had none (including Saskatoon), while there were 9 at Frontier, 3 at Mt. Mountain Lake, 5 at Moose Jaw, 9 at Regina, 3 at Spring Valley and 6 at Elrose (the same observer saw 4 within a 4 mile radius of Elrose on Jan.

Sharp-tailed Grouse, though reported from only one more locality than last year, seemed generally up in numbers. Gray Partridge were reported from 27 areas and were definitely up in number. On the other hand, Evening and Pine Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls were down in number.

Male Hjertaas and Gary Anweiler

did a 6 hour count on Jan. 16 at Estevan (they were unable to get there during count period). They saw 15 species and 1059 individuals, including 4 species of waterfowl at Boundary Dam.

**ASQUITH.** Dec. 31; 4 miles on skis; temp. -18°C, partly cloudy; fresh snow; 5 species, 12 individuals. — Muriel Carlson.

**BANGOR.** Dec. 31; 30 miles by car and around yard; temp. -28°C, sunny, calm; 8 species, 103 individuals. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 1; Great Horned Owl, 1; House Sparrow, 10). — Mrs. A. Thompson.

**BIGGAR.** Dec. 24; 106 miles by car in 8½ hours, 13 miles on foot in 10 hours; temp. -16° to -14°C, wind NW 8-24 kmph, clear in A.M. becoming overcast; 12 cm snow. 16 species, 2088 individuals. (Add: Merlin, 1, Dec. 22 and 28; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 26; Pine Grosbeak, 1, Dec. 21) — Darlene Dueker, Wayne Harris, Shelia Lamont, Wayne Renaud, Guy Wapple (compiler), Rodney Wapple.

**BROADVIEW.** Jan. 1; 28 miles by car and 2 miles on foot in 2½ hours; temp. -13°C, sunny, calm; 5 species, 43 individuals. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 2, Dec. 29; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 27; Bohemian Waxwing, 6, Dec. 22; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 26; Common Redpoll, 3, Dec. 27) — Daniel, Dave and Wesley Chaskavich.

**CLAVET.** Dec. 18; temp. -5°C, wind NW 13 kmph, snowing; 2 species, 55 individuals. (Add: Black-capped Chickadee, 2, Jan. 1; House Sparrow, 30, Dec. 24) — M. L. Baalim.

**COLD RIVER.** Dec. 19; 15 miles by car and 3 miles on foot in 4 hours; temp. -14°C, wind W. 6 kmph, overcast with light snow, 10 cm. snow cover. 12 species, 181 individuals. — William Haras.

**DILKE.** Dec. 26; 53 miles by car and 3 miles on foot in 5½ hours; temp. -8° to -7°C, wind SE 30 kmph, decreasing to 20 kmph; 8 species, 1324 individuals. (Add: Rock Dove, 1, Dec. 31; Snowy Owl, 1, Jan. 2; Short-eared Owl, 1, Dec. 31; Bohemian Waxwing, 30, Dec. 19) — Margaret Belcher (compiler), Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Belcher.

**DUCK LAKE.** Jan 2; 6 miles on skis; temp. -20°C, clear. 6 species, 22 individuals. —

Don Carlson, Muriel Carlson, Gary Entwistle, Al and Ed Smith.

**DUPEROW-RUTHILDA.** Jan. 2; 112 miles by car in 7 hours, 10 miles on foot in 6½ hours; temp. -21° to -13°C; calm, clear, 10 cm. snow; 15 species, 3721 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 23; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 29) — Ron Chulach, Paul de Bussac, Aimee de Moissac, Morris L'hair, Guy Wapple (compiler), Rodney Wapple.

**EMMA LAKE.** Dec. 27; 2 miles on foot in 2 hours; temp. -25°C, wind NE 10 kmph, sunny; 10 species, 40 individuals. — Bob Godwin, Kim Godwin, Ken Lumbis.

**ENDEAVOUR.** Dec. 31; around farm; temp. -12° to -32°C, clear, calm; 44 cm. snow. 8 species, 135 individuals. (Add: Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 29; Evening Grosbeak, 12, Dec. 29; Pine Grosbeak, 3, Dec. 28). — William Haras.

**FEUDAL.** Dec. 27; 65 miles by car in 3 hours, 3 miles on foot in 3 hours; temp. -12° to -15°C, wind NW 0 to 8 kmph., partly cloudy; 12 cm snow, 11 species, 3496 individuals. — Wayne Renaud, Guy Wapple (compiler).

**FORT QU'APPELLE.** Dec. 31; 35 miles by car in 4 hours; temp. -20°C, sunny, wind light; 13 species, 398 individuals. (Add: Canvasback, 1, Dec. 20; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1, Dec. 24; Great Horned Owl, 1; Blue Jay, 2, Dec. 29; White-breasted Nuthatch, 4, Dec. 29; Cedar Waxwing, 2; Evening Grosbeak, 2, Dec. 29; Snow Bunting, 20, Dec. 19) — Ethel Cockwill, David Hooper, Ronald Hooper, Lois Lamontane, Vic Lamontane, Lorne Rowell.

**FORT WALSH.** Dec. 31; 60 miles by car in 3½ hours 27 miles on foot in 18½ hours; temp. -12° to -7°C, wind NE 0-48 kmph, mostly cloudy with light snow in A.M., clearing in P.M. 5-15 cm snow; 32 species, 1756 individuals. — Bob Godwin, Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont, Ken Lumbis, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud (co-compiler), Guy Wapple (co-compiler).

**FRONTIER.** Dec. 20; 52 miles by car and 2 on foot in 4 hours, around village and north to Frenchman River; temp. -16°C, clear light wind; 10 species, 207 individuals. (Add: Snow Bunting, 6, Dec. 21) — Jack and Janet Wilkinson.

**GARDINER DAM.** Dec. 30; 57 miles by car in 3 hours, 4 miles on foot in 5 hours; temp. -15°C, snow and blowing snow; 12 species, 299 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont, Wayne Renaud, Al Smith (compiler), Guy Wapple.

**GULL LAKE.** Dec. 30; 30 miles by car in 1½ hours, 1½ miles on foot in 1 hour; temp. -8°C, wind W 48-64 kmph, overcast

with light snow in P.M.; 5 cm. snow species, 506 individuals — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont, Don Renaud, Wayne Renaud, Guy Wapple (compiler).

**HARRIS.** Dec. 18; 144 miles by car in 1 hours and 24 miles on foot in 15 hours; temp. -20° to -12°C, wind NNW 8-40 kmph, overcast with snow causing near blizzard conditions for most of the day; 10 cm. snow; 15 species, 2741 individuals. — Bobowski, Bernie and Madeleine Golob, Wayne Harris, Mary and Stuart Houston, Ron Jensen, Sheila Lamont, John Shadwick, Guy Wapple (compiler), Jim and Shiela Wedgwood.

**HAWARDEN.** Dec. 25; temp. -2°C, cloudy to partly clear; 4 species, 424 individuals. (Add: Gray Partridge, 5, Jan. 2; Snowy Owl, 1, Jan. 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 1, Dec. 26) — Harold Kvinge.

**HUMBOLDT.** Dec. 25; 9.4 miles on skis in 1 hour and 10 miles by snowmobile in 1 hour; temp. -16° to -10°C, calm, sunny in A.M. cloudy in P.M.; 5 species, 359 individuals. — Ed Brockmeyer.

**INDIAN HEAD.** Dec. 27; 10 miles by car and 5 miles on foot in 2½ hours; temp. -15°C, overcast, light east wind; 15 cm. snow; 16 species, 996 individuals. (Add: Bald Eagle, 1, Dec. 26; Snowy Owl, 2, Dec. 24 & 29; Horned Lark, 5, Dec. 24 and Dec. 29; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 24; North Shrike, 1, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1; Starling, 1, Jan. 1; Snow Bunting, 140, Dec. 28) — Bob and Cec Ashmore, Donald Ayers, Claude Beaulieu, Jeanette Bessier, Ernie and Helen Buglass, Marcella Horsman, Helen K. Rose and Margaret McLaughlin, Lloyd Muriel Peterson, Eric and Lorna Peterson, Lorne and Joan Scott, Ken and Muriel Skinner (compiler), Jean Swinton, Charlene Ruby and Connie Thompson.

**KELVINGTON.** Dec. 26; around farm during day; temp. -22°C, wind SE, snow in P.M.; 9 species, 53 individuals. (Add: Horned Lark, 1, Dec. 24; Common Field Sparrow, 1, Dec. 28; Snow Bunting, 25, Dec. 28) — Dianne Sloan.

**KENASTON.** Dec. 18; area of 30 sq. miles by truck and on foot; temp. 0° to -5°C, partly cloudy, snowing by 2:00 P.M., wind light to moderate; 4 cm snow. 6 species, 147 individuals. (Add: Gray Partridge, 1, Dec. 22; Black-capped Chickadee, 1, Dec. 22 & 23) — Lawrence Beckie.

**KINDERSLEY.** Dec. 26; 24 miles by car about farmland and community pastures; temp. -6°C, calm, sunny; 2 cm. snow. 10 species, 142 individuals. (Add: Bohemian Waxwing, 8, Dec. 18) — Edgar, Joy and Muriel da Aspen, Jean Harris (compiler).



Wayne Renaud

ee of the 140 Gray-crowned Rosy Finches seen on the Fort Walsh count

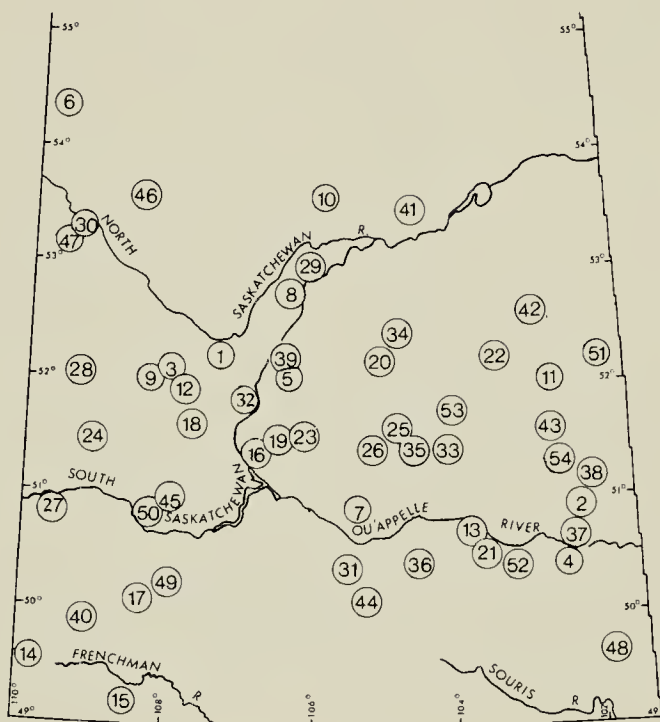
SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN ONE LOCALITY ON COUNT DAY

	Asquith Dec. 31	Bangor Dec. 31	Biggar Dec. 24	Broadview Jan. 1	Clavet Dec. 18	Cold River Dec. 19	Dilke Dec. 26	Duck Lake Jan. 2	Duperow-Ruthilda Jan. 2	Emma Lake Dec. 27	Endeavour Dec. 31	Feudal Dec. 27	Fort Qu'Appelle Dec. 31	Fort Walsh Dec. 31	Frontier Dec. 20
Canada Goose													7		
Mallard						98							85		
Gadwall															
Redhead															
Lesser Scaup															
Common Goldeneye						44							1		
Common Merganser						1									
Goshawk														2	
Golden Eagle												1		4	
Gyr Falcon															
Prairie Falcon															1
Merlin															
Ruffed Grouse	1					2				2	1			2	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	5		90				8		77		7	12		11	
Ring-necked Pheasant															
Gray Partridge			4				4		83		1	19		4	52
Rock Dove			57						89				22	9	40
Great Horned Owl									2			2		2	1
Snowy Owl												2		1	9
Short-eared Owl															
Hairy Woodpecker		1	2	1		3		1	2	3		1	1	8	
Downy Woodpecker	1	2	1	2		1		1	2	1		1	2	8	
Horned Lark			2				27		18				1	7	9
Gray Jay						1		1		2					
Blue Jay			1			1				3					
Black-billed Magpie	1	1	106	8	5	5	8	1	179	1	4	34	3	154	18
Common Raven						12		3		3	31				
Bl.-cap Chickadee	4	4	13	12		9	3		2	20	2	9	4	173	
Boreal Chickadee										4			1		
W-breasted Nuthatch														1	
R-breasted Nuthatch														60	
Brown Creeper														5	
American Robin														1	
Bohemian Waxwing		50	74					15					217	4	4
Cedar Waxwing															
Northern Shrike			1						2						
Starling									3						3
House Sparrow			1246	20		4	209		2229		60	14	44	422	70
Evening Grosbeak		1	17												
Pine Grosbeak		14												1	
Hoary Redpoll			3						2						
Common Redpoll			469				65		190				10	27	
Snow Bunting		30	2		50		1000		841		29	3401		571	
Single Species										1				10	
Total Species	5	8	16	5	2	12	8	6	15	10	8	11	13	32	10

CIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN ONE LOCALITY ON COUNT DAY.

	Gull Lake Dec. 30	Harris Dec. 18	Hawarden Dec. 25	Humboldt Dec. 25	Indian Head Dec. 27	Kelvington Dec. 26	Kenaston Dec. 18	Kindersley Dec. 26	Kutawagan Lake Dec. 27	Last Mountain Lake Jan. 1	Leader Dec. 30	Leader Dec. 26	Luseland Dec. 28	MacDowall Dec. 31	Maidstone Ferry Dec. 22	Moose Jaw Dec. 27
Canada Goose																
Cardinal					35											
Chimney Swift																
Common Goldeneye																
Common Merganser																
Common Nighthawk															2	
Golden Eagle	2									2						
Golden Falcon	1									1						
Great Horned Owl																1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	1														
Sharp-shinned Hawk					9	2										1
Red-tailed Grouse		150			12		25		14	3		1	2			8
Ring-necked Pheasant											6	5				
Partridge	14	196								19	7		11		7	14
Pigeon Dove	1	33	12		16		2	5	19	55			5		4	385
Great Horned Owl				1	2				2		1	1			1	2
Screech Owl	1							1	1	3			1		2	5
Great Horned Owl										1						
Downy Woodpecker					4	2				1				1	1	
Downy Woodpecker		3			7	2			1	1				1	1	1
Field Lark	9	30							3	18			21			
Blue Jay				2		1								6		
Blue Jay						2	1						1	2	6	
Black-billed Magpie	7	233	3	3	20		9	10	22	68	3	20	17	30	12	42
Common Raven														10		
Downy Woodpecker		18		3	10	6			1		1	2	3	5	9	1
Downy Woodpecker																
Least Nuthatch					1											
Least Nuthatch					2											
Winter Wren																
American Robin																
American Waxwing		291			100	20						36	45			265
American Waxwing		1														
Northern Shrike													2		2	
Starling																6
Tree Sparrow	466	1013	9		700		100	25	149	490	25		100	10	307	711
Red-winged Blackbird					70	14									19	
Red-winged Blackbird		1				4									12	
Redpoll		1													1	
Common Redpoll	4	255			7		10			40	110		6		330	
Chipping Sparrow		515	400	350				100	876	4140			59		450	1545
Chipping Sparrow					1			1								1
Species	10	15	4	5	16	9	6	6	10	14	7	6	13	8	19	13

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Asquith             | 28. Luseland        |
| 2. Bangor              | 29. MacDowall       |
| 3. Biggar              | 30. Maidstone Ferry |
| 4. Broadview           | 31. Moose Jaw       |
| 5. Clavet              | 32. Pike Lake       |
| 6. Cold River          | 33. Punnichy        |
| 7. Dilke               | 34. Ranch Lake      |
| 8. Duck Lake           | 35. Raymore         |
| 9. Duperow-Ruthilda    | 36. Regina          |
| 10. Emma Lake          | 37. Round Lake      |
| 11. Endeavour          | 38. Saltcoats       |
| 12. Feudal             | 39. Saskatoon       |
| 13. Fort Qu'Appelle    | 40. Skull Creek     |
| 14. Fort Walsh         | 41. Snowden         |
| 15. Frontier           | 42. Somme           |
| 16. Gardiner Dam       | 43. Spirit Lake     |
| 17. Gull Lake          | 44. Spring Valley   |
| 18. Harris             | 45. Tuberose        |
| 19. Hawarden           | 46. Turtle Lake     |
| 20. Humboldt           | 47. Waseca          |
| 21. Indian Head        | 48. Wauchope        |
| 22. Kelvington         | 49. Webb            |
| 23. Kenaston           | 50. White Bear      |
| 24. Kindersley         | 51. Whitebeech      |
| 25. Kutawagan Lake     | 52. Wolseley        |
| 26. Last Mountain Lake | 53. Wynyard         |
| 27. Leader             | 54. Yorkton         |



**KUTAWAGAN LAKE (centered 12 miles north of Semans).** Dec. 27; 30 miles by car in 2 hours and 1 mile on foot in 1 hour; temp.  $-20^{\circ}$  to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , clear, wind NW 10 kmph; 15 cm snow; 10 species, 1088 individuals. — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

**LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE (management unit and immediate area).** Jan. 1; 80 miles by car in 5 hours and 3 miles on foot in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours; temp.  $-25^{\circ}$  to  $-19^{\circ}\text{C}$ , cloudy, wind NW 15 kmph; 25 cm. snow, 14 species, 4842 individuals. — Wayne Harris.

**LEADER.** Dec. 30; 20 miles by car in  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour and 5 miles on foot in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours; temp.  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , wind 25 kmph; 7 species, 153 individuals — Bob Godwin, Ken Lumbis.

**LEADER.** Dec. 26; 4 hours in the field; temp.  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , clear, calm, 5 cm snow; 6 species, 65 individuals. — Daisy D. Meyers.

**LUSELAND.** Dec. 28; 23 miles by car and 1 mile on foot; temp.  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ , snowing, reduced visibility; 13 species; 273 individuals. — Kim Finley.

**MacDOWALL.** Dec. 31; 25 miles by car in 2 hours; temp.  $-23^{\circ}\text{C}$ , clear, calm; 8 species, 65 individuals. — John, Mary, and Stella Shadick.

**MAIDSTONE FERRY (21 miles north of Maidstone).** Dec. 22; 35 miles by car in 2 hours and 3 miles on foot in 2 hours; temp.  $-20^{\circ}$  to  $-9^{\circ}\text{C}$ , broken cloud, wind S 15 kmph; 18 cm. snow; 19 species, 117 individuals. (Add: Common Raven, 1, Dec. 20; Tree Sparrow, 1, Dec. 21) — Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

**MOOSE JAW.** Dec. 27; 137 miles by car and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles on foot; temp.  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ , clear, light; almost no snow. 13 species, 297 individuals. (Add: Lapland Longspur, 3, Dec. 31; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 28) — Doug Francis, Ruth Hilling, John Horne, Pat Kern, Leith and Cy Knight, M. Lewis, Molly Ritchie, Jean Thomson.

**PIKE LAKE.** Dec. 27; 29 miles by car in 1 hour; temp.  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ , overcast, calm; 13 species, 492 individuals. — Mr. and Mrs. E. Christensen, John and Stella Shadick.

**PUNNICHY.** Dec. 19; 50 miles by car in 1 hour; temp.  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ , overcast, light wind; 13 species, 33 individuals. (Add: Rock Dove, 36, Jan. 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 1, Dec. 2) — Ronald Hooper.

**RANCH LAKE.** Dec. 20; around farm; 8 species, 72 individuals — Mrs. Stella Rice.

**RAYMORE.** Dec. 26, 65 miles by car in 2 hours and 8 miles on foot in 6 hours; temp.  $-16^{\circ}$  to  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , cloudy with light to heavy snowfall, wind SE 30 kmph; 18 cm snow; 18 species, 2486 individuals. (Add: North Shrike, 1, Dec. 27; Evening Grosbeak, 22, Dec. 28 to Jan. 2) — Chas., Greta and Wayne Harris, Sheila Lamont.

**REGINA.** Dec. 27; 561 miles by car in 24 hours and 43 miles on foot in  $28\frac{1}{2}$  hours plus observations at feeders; temp.  $-16^{\circ}$  to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , partly cloudy, wind N 15 kmph; 38 species, 6321 individuals. (Add: White-breasted Nuthatch, 1, Jan. 2) — Gary Anweiler, Jessie Bailey, Marg Belcher, John Beveridge, Mr. and Tom Beveridge, Eric Cooke, Bob Cosgrove, Betty Cruickshank, Robyn Donison, Duffus, Maureen DuWors, Sam F. Wayne Gemmell (compiler), Chas. Harper, Al Harrison, John Heinek, Hines (compiler), Elizabeth Johnson and Shirley Jowsey, Darlene Kauk, Kraetzig, Bob Kreba, Eric Lang, Tony L.

BIRDS RECORDED FROM MORE THAN ONE LOCALITY ON COUNT DAY.

	Pike Lake Dec. 27	Punnichy Dec. 19	Ranch Lake Dec. 20	Raymore Dec. 26	Regina Dec. 27	Round Lake Jan. 1	Saltcoats Jan. 2	Saskatoon Dec. 26	Skull Creek Dec. 25	Snowden Dec. 26	Somme Dec. 29	Spirit Lake Dec. 27	Spring Valley Jan. 1	Tuberose Dec. 26	Turtle Lake Dec. 20	Waseca Dec. 29	
Canada Goose					1075												
Cardinal					450	19		84									
Chimney Swift					2			1									
Chimney Swift					1			2									
Common Goldeneye					6	3		3									
Common Goldeneye					2	3		207									
Common Merganser								1									
Crow																	
Golden Eagle					1								1				
Great Horned Owl					1												
Great Horned Owl	1				4												
Mountain Grouse				4			3	9				6			2		4
Mountain Grouse	6			40	1		39	111				3	36				6
Ring-necked Pheasant								7	2								
Partridge	6			6	110	18	2	65			12	28	41				
Pigeon Dove				91	308			475	4				32	2			
Screech Owl		1	1	2	4	1		4			1	1					
Screech Owl					9								3	6			
Screech Owl					3								1				
Downy Woodpecker	2		2	4	2	4	4	3			1	6					3
Downy Woodpecker	3		2	2	10	4	3	23	3	1	1	7			1		4
Field Lark				11	5						1	4	78				
Field Sparrow	2									2	1	4					4
Field Sparrow	1					1	1	19			2						4
Field Sparrow	18	1	4	52	68	6	5	369	14	3	12	14	6	1	2		6
Common Raven										3	3	1					5
Common Raven																	1
Downy Woodpecker	29		4	20	27	14	18	171	12	9	3	21				30	10
Downy Woodpecker												1					
Least Nuthatch						2	1	1			2	2					
Least Nuthatch					2			2									
Least Nuthatch											1						
Robin					1												
Canadian Robin	250		26	64	333			5166					74				
Canadian Robin					1												
Common Shrike					1												
Common Shrike				6	10			65									
Common Sparrow	24	10	25	1530	3407	25	64	2059	75	8	15	216	270	15			15
Common Grosbeak			8		6	50	20	23				2					
Common Grosbeak				5		12		7				2					
Redpoll					8			4									
Common Redpoll	150	20		47	50	200		487	50								2
Bunting				602	401	150	80	78			50	6	465		34		25
Species		1			7					1							
Species	12	5	8	16	38	16	12	27	7	7	15	16	11	4	8		11

SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN ONE LOCALITY ON COUNT D

	Wauchope Jan. 1	Webb Jan. 1	White Bear Dec. 30	Whitebeech Dec. 26	Wolseley Dec. 25	Wynyard Dec. 31	Yorkton Dec. 27
Canada Goose							
Mallard		11					
Gadwall							
Redhead							
Lesser Scaup							
Common Goldeneye							
Common Merganser							
Goshawk							
Golden Eagle							
Gyr Falcon							
Prairie Falcon							
Merlin		1					
Ruffed Grouse							
Sharp-tailed Grouse	19	19	18				21
Ring-necked Pheasant			2				
Gray Partridge	7	30	43			16	
Rock Dove	17	8					
Great Horned Owl							
Snowy Owl		1					
Short-eared Owl	1	3					
Hairy Woodpecker	1			2	1	1	
Downy Woodpecker	4			2	1		1
Horned Lark		240					
Gray Jay				4			1
Blue Jay							
Black-billed Magpie	6	15	24	2	5	7	1
Common Raven				2			
Bl.-cap Chickadee	16	3		5	3	4	5
Boreal Chickadee							
W-breasted Nuthatch							
R-breasted Nuthatch							
Brown Creeper							
American Robin							
Bohemian Waxwing		8				89	25
Cedar Waxwing							
Northern Shrike							
Starling							10
House Sparrow	50	150	60		100	350	30
Evening Grosbeak					1		
Pine Grosbeak						3	
Hoary Redpoll	1	6					
Common Redpoll	70	34				108	
Snow Bunting	140	540	15		1		
Single Species					1		
Total Species	12	15	6	6	8	8	8



SPECIES RECORDED FROM ONLY 1 LOCALITY ON COUNT DAY.

Species	Locality	Map No.
Pintail	Regina	36
Canvasback	Regina	36
Ruddy Duck	Regina	36
Peregrine	Indian Head	21
American Coot	Regina	36
Glaucous Gull	Gardiner Dam	16
Mourning Dove	Regina	36
Long-eared Owl	Fort Walsh	14
Common Flicker	Regina	36
Pileated Woodpecker	Emma Lake	10
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker	Fort Walsh	14
Common Crow	Punnichy	33
Townsend's Solitaire	Fort Walsh	14
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Fort Walsh	14
Western Meadowlark	Kindersley	24
Redwinged Blackbird	Fort Walsh	14
Brewer's Blackbird	Wolseley	52
Common Grackle	Moose Jaw	31
Purple Finch	Regina	36
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	Fort Walsh	14
Pine Siskin	Snowden	41
Red Crossbill	Fort Walsh	14
White-winged Crossbill	Fort Walsh	14
Dark-eyed Junco	Fort Walsh	14
Tree Sparrow	Fort Walsh	14

George Ledingham, Bob Luterbach, Eric ... n, Juan Martinez, Helen Morrison, ... Neufeld, Rory O'Hagan, Connie ... Kathy Reid, Joe Roberts, Anneke ... mens, Bill Russon, Rick St. Pierre, ... Seib, Rodi Shaw, Barbara Shourounis, ... and Diane Smith, Frank Switzer, Dale ... Brenda Weisbrot, Christophe ... elm, Pierre Wilhelm.

**AND LAKE.** Jan. 1; 57 miles by car ... 1 1/4 miles on foot; temp. -20°C, calm; ... and lake and at feeders; 16 species, 512 ... individuals. — Doug Francis, Bill ... lleton.

**COATS.** Jan. 2; 36 miles by car in 3 1/4 ... s and at 3 feeders; temp. -21° to -14°C, ... sunny; 12 species, 240 individuals. — ... rt Barnhart.

**KATOON.** Dec. 26; 312 miles in 48 ... s by car and 78 miles in 50 hours on ... temp. -14° to -10°C, wind ESE 18 to 20 ... n, overcast with light snow; 27 ... es, 9446 individuals. (Add: Merlin, 2, ... 27; Common Flicker, 2, Dec. 25; ... nern Shrike, 2, Dec. 27; Dark-eyed ... p, 1, Dec. 27) — Mark Abley, Mary ... y, Bruce Arthur, Bob, Garth, Jeff and ... Besant, Ron Bobowski, Janny Bos, ... el and Ron Bremner, Don Buckle, Ian ... r, Bruce Donovan, Dick, Mark and

Susan Ehman, Cliff and Doug Findlay, Ber- ... nie, Madeleine and Michael Gollop, Jack ... and Louise Greaves, Eleanor Hanna, An- ... drew and Charles Hope, Clarence, Marg, ... Mary, Stan and Stuart Houston, Venta ... Kabzems, Mr. and Mrs. Erling Larsen, Ted ... Leighton, Keith Martens, Don and Jo ... McRobbie, Greg Michalenko, Mary Lou ... Monks, Alverta and Sean Morrissey, Betty ... Mundy, Arnold Nijssen, Geralyn, Lynn and ... Paul Oliphant, Jim and Pat O'Neil, John ... Polson, Wayne Renaud, Adam and David ... Schmidt, John and Stan Shadick, Jim Slim- ... mon, Allan, Edward and Gary Smith, Mary ... Strickland, Guy Wapple, Jim Wedgwood, ... Doug Whitfield, Jim Wood.

**SKULL CREEK.** Dec. 25; on foot 4 miles ... and around farmyards; light Chinook ... winds and almost no snow; 7 species, 160 ... individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 2; Prairie ... Falcon, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 25; Gray ... Partridge, 2; Snowy Owl, 1; Bohemian ... Waxwing, 30, Snow Bunting, 70) — Jim ... Bennetto, Betty, Marjorie and Patty Mann, ... Don Pearce.

**SNOWDEN.** Dec. 26; 7 miles by car and 5 ... miles on foot; temp. -25°C, winds light, ... overcast; 7 species, 55 individuals. — D. ... Jacura, J. Soroka.

**SOMME.** Dec. 29, 55 miles by car in 2 hours; temp.  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , partly cloudy, wind 30 kmph; 15 species, 106 individuals. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 13, Dec. 26; Evening Grosbeak, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 6; Common Redpoll, 2) — Gordon Banks, David Black, David Hooper, Donald Hooper, Ronald Hooper, J. Litton.

**SPIRIT LAKE.** Dec. 27; 57 miles in 4 hours by car, 4 miles in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours on foot and 4 miles in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour by snowmobile; temp.  $-28^{\circ}$  to  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$ , wind NW light to 15 kmph, clear with cloudy periods; 16 species, 323 individuals. (Add: Bohemian Waxwing, 4, Dec. 24; Common Redpoll, 1, Dec. 24) — Bill and Joyce Anaka.

**SPRING VALLEY.** Jan. 1; 49 miles by car in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours and 1 mile on foot in  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours and around 2 yards; temp.  $-22^{\circ}$  to  $-19^{\circ}\text{C}$ , wind light to calm; 15 cm snow; 11 species, 1007 individuals. (Add: Prairie Falcon, 1, Dec. 26; Common Crow, 1, Dec. 30; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 26; Common Redpoll, 16, Dec. 19; Lapland Longspur, 1, Dec. 30) — Allan and Adeline Bogdan, Flossie, Larry and Nick Bogdan.

**TUBEROSE.** Dec. 26; 34 miles by car in  $1\frac{1}{4}$  hours; temp.  $+4^{\circ}\text{C}$ , calm; light snow cover; 4 species, 24 individuals. — Cliff Matthews.

**TURTLE LAKE.** Dec. 20; 9 miles by skis and jeep; temp.  $-8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , overcast; fresh snow; 8 species, 88 individuals. (Add: Lapland Longspur 6) — Donald, Lori, Lynn and Muriel Carlson.

**WASECA.** Dec. 29; Lamont and Pike farmsteads plus Big Gully marsh and roadsides; temp.  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ , calm in P.M.; 11 species, 82 individuals. (Add: Gray Jay, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 25) — Hans de Vogel, Joyce and Tom Lamont, Christine Pike.

**WAUCHOPE.** Jan. 1; 25 miles by car and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on foot in 2 hours; temp.  $-10^{\circ}$  to  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ , clear, calm; 13 to 15 cm snow; 12 species, 332 individuals. (Add: Great Horned Owl, 1, Jan. 2; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 25; Horned Lark, 5, Dec. 31; Evening Grosbeak, 1, Dec. 25) — Dale Hjertaas.

**WEBB.** Jan. 1; 160 miles by car in 7 hours and 2 hours on foot; temp.  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , overcast, light wind; fresh snow on ground; 15 species, 1069 individuals. (Add: Ring-necked Pheasant, 4, Dec. 19; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Jan. 2) — Murray Christman, Bob Peart (compiler).

**WHITE BEAR.** Dec. 30;  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles on foot; temp.  $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ , overcast, wind W 25 kmph, light snow falling; 6 species, 162 individuals. — Orin Cates, Bill Fox, Gary, Gerald, Laine and Sig Jordheim, David and Mark Lowe, Doug Stepples.

**WHITEBEECH.** Dec. 26; 4 miles on foot wooded area in 3 hours, and at fee station; temp.  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$ , cloudy; 12 cm snow; 6 species, 17 individuals. (Add: Snow Bunting, 110, Dec. 29). — Lindsay Wotton.

**WOLSELEY.** Dec. 25; around farm and car in neighboring area; temp.  $-8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , v light; 10 cm snow, 8 species, 113 individuals. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse Dec. 20; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 20; Horned Lark, 25, Jan. 2, Bohemian Waxwing, 31, Dec. 18) — J. Donald Haywood.

**WYNYARD.** Dec. 31; temp.  $-21^{\circ}\text{C}$ , calm; wind E 5 to 20 kmph; snow cover less than 1 cm; 8 species, 578 individuals. — John Sherry Gulley.

**YORKTON.** Dec. 27; temp.  $-24^{\circ}\text{C}$ , p overcast, calm; 8 species, 94 individuals. — Margaret Bromley, Phil Pawluck.

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

DATE: December 26, 1976

WEATHER: Sunny and clear with few broken clouds; temperature minus  $25^{\circ}$  celsius; calm; snow depth approx. 20 cm; daylight 0900-1700 hours.

ROUTES COVERED: Fort Smith to Pine Lake along highway 5 to Fox Holes road intersection; Fort Smith south along Pine Lake road to Salt River; Fort Smith east along Hay Camp road to Wood Buffalo National Park border. Total 160 km by car in 3.5 hours.

BIRDS SEEN: Gyrfalcon, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 7; Ruffed Grouse, 3; White-tailed Ptarmigan, 11; Hawk Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Gray Jay, 7; Common Raven, 191; Boreal Chickadee, 1; House Sparrow, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 1. (Add: + 100 snow buntings, 1 December; 2 hoary redpolls, 1 December.)

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