

**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 0900-1800 hours.

ROUTES COVERED: Fort Smith 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 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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