

# 40th ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT — 1981

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In the absence of Mary Houston, who is in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her husband on his sabbatical leave, I have taken on her onerous task of compiling the Saskatchewan Christmas bird counts. During the count period (19 December 1981 to 3 January 1982) 54\* counts were reported and 82 species of birds were seen, 78 of these being recorded on count day. The highest numbers of species were counted at Fort Walsh (36), Saskatoon (37), and Squaw Rapids (36).

Three species are new to the Saskat-

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\*55 with the belated receipt of the count from Togo.

chewan Christmas Bird Count — Double-crested Cormorant, Loggerhead Shrike, and Chipping Sparrow. The Double-crested Cormorant was observed at Squaw Rapids. The Loggerhead Shrike was seen at Fort Walsh by Ron Jensen who provided this description from his field notes: "Uniform grey, with black stripe over bill, hooking down BEYOND eye. Viewed in full sun (front-lit) with 8x40 binoculars for one minute at 30 feet." The Chipping Sparrow at Indian Head was a single bird that had been coming to Fred Skinner's feeder since the fall; he reported it on count day, but it was not seen after 26 December. With these new species, the all-time Saskat-



*Female Common Merganser*

*Robert J. Long*



chewan total for species seen on count day is now 133.

Some of the rarities of previous years have reappeared — 1 Turkey at Biggar, 3 Common Snipe at Fort Walsh, 1 Northern Cardinal at Saskatoon. Waterfowl are wintering in several localities, their presence explained by special circumstances that create open water. At KILLSQUAW Lake near Unity, for example, ducks are wintering at the Sifto Salt Plant. At Gardiner Dam, the reservoir was mostly open on 21 December, count day, for only the second time in nine years, and a White Pelican and three Whistling Swans were observed there with several species of ducks. Perhaps the most impressive species count was that of 52 Bald Eagles at Squaw Rapids.

In the list that follows, the names of the observers are given for each locality. Table 1 gives details of count coverage and weather, Table 2 gives the numbers seen for those species reported in more than three localities, while species seen

in three or fewer localities are reported in Table 3. Species recorded during the count period, but not on count day, have a plus sign before the number of individuals seen.

In the tables, only birds identified as to species appear. Thus the number of individuals given in the table will be less than the number actually seen on the count if any of those seen were not positively identified. In a few cases, the number of species listed at the bottom of the column will also be less than the number actually seen. For example, at Regina an accipiter (either a Cooper's or Sharp-shinned) and three blackbirds (the only ones seen on the count) would bring the published total of 26 species up to 28. On several counts, there were buteos and small owls not seen well enough to be sure of the species. Information on these, as well as dates of species seen during the count period but not on count day, and descriptions of the count areas, are available in the files.

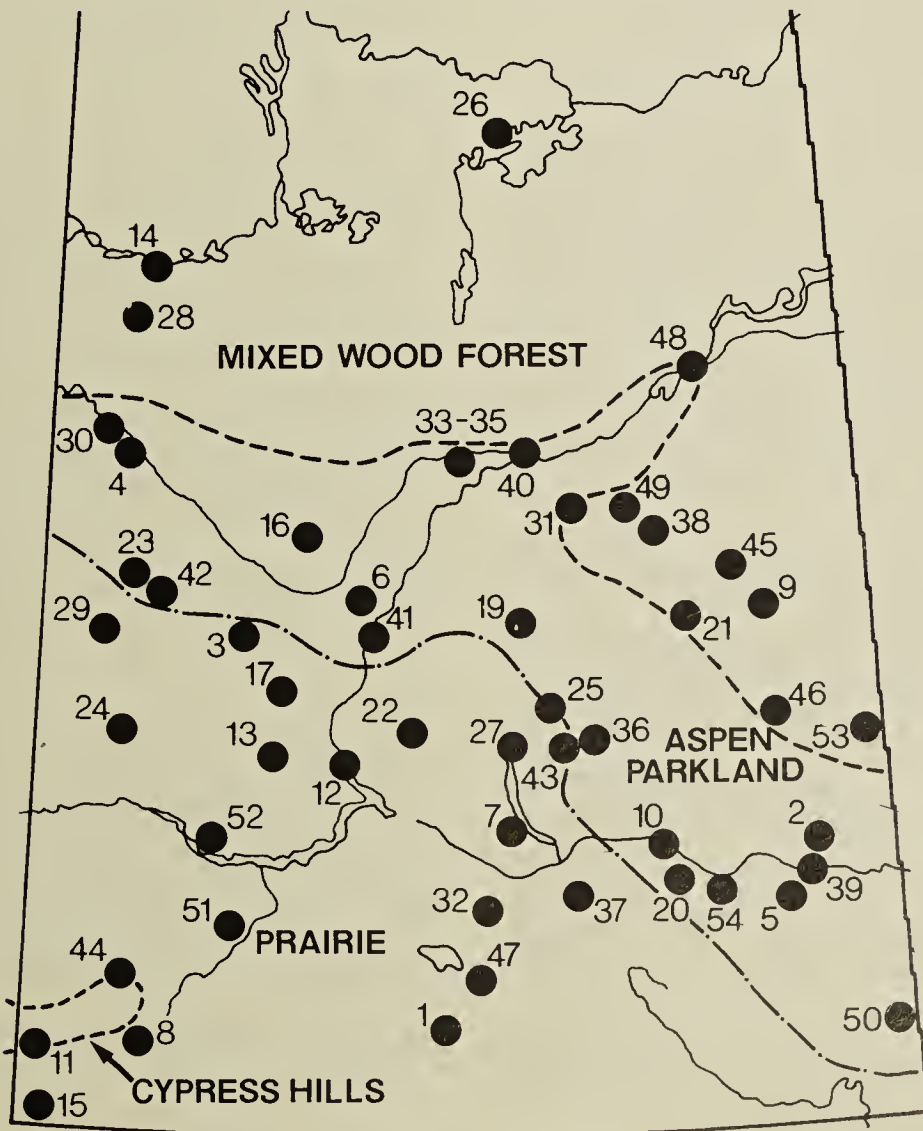


*Gray Partridge*

*Fred Lahrman*



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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. ASSINIBOIA          | 28. LOON LAKE          |
| 2. BANGOR              | 29. LUSELAND           |
| 3. BIGGAR              | 30. MAIDSTONE BRIDGE   |
| 4. BIG GULLY CREEK     | 31. MELFORT            |
| 5. BROADVIEW           | 32. MOOSE JAW          |
| 6. DALMENY             | 33. PRINCE ALBERT      |
| 7. DILKE               | 34. PRINCE ALBERT      |
| 8. EASTEND             | 35. PRINCE ALBERT      |
| 9. ENDEAVOUR           | 36. RAYMORE            |
| 10. FORT QU'APPELLE    | 37. REGINA             |
| 11. FORT WALSH         | 38. ROUND LAKE         |
| 12. GARDINER DAM       | 39. ROUND LAKE         |
| 13. GLAMIS-WISETON     | 40. SASKATCHEWAN FORKS |
| 14. GOODSOIL           | 41. SASKATOON          |
| 15. GOVENLOCK          | 42. SCOTT              |
| 16. HAFFORD            | 43. SEMANS             |
| 17. HARRIS             | 44. SKULL CREEK        |
| 18. HERBERT            | 45. SOMME              |
| 19. HUMBOLDT           | 46. SPIRIT LAKE        |
| 20. INDIAN HEAD        | 47. SPRING VALLEY      |
| 21. KELVINGTON         | 48. SQUAW RAPIDS       |
| 22. KENASTON           | 49. TISDALE            |
| 23. KILLSQUAW LAKE     | 50. WAUCHOPE           |
| 24. KINDERSLEY         | 51. WEBB               |
| 25. KUTAWAGAN LAKE     | 52. WHITE BEAR         |
| 26. LA RONGE           | 53. WHITEBEECH         |
| 27. LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE | 54. WOLSELEY           |

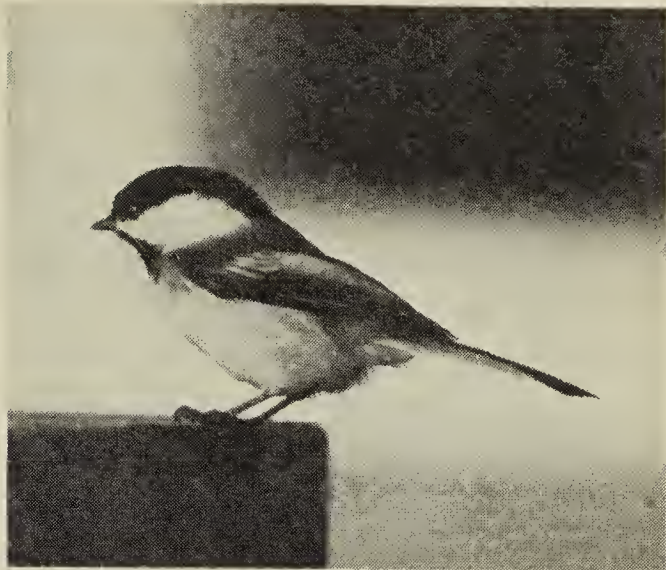


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38. ROUND LAKE (South of Porcupine Plain). James Donovan.
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40. SASKATCHEWAN FORKS (North of Weldon). Kevin Aschim (compiler), Kim Hruska.



*Black-capped Chickadee*

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52. WHITE BEAR. Darryl, Gary and Laine Jordheim, Sig Jordheim (compiler).
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*Pine Grosbeak*

*Fred Lahrman*



Table 1. CHRISTMAS COUNT COVERAGE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.

LOCALITY	COVERAGE AND CONDITIONS	KILOMETERS BY VEHICLE	KILOMETERS ON FOOT OR SKIS	HOURS BY VEHICLE	HOURS ON FOOT OR SKIS	HOURS WATCHING FEEDERS	TEMPERATURE RANGE (°C)	WIND SPEED (KM/HR)	SNOW DEPTH (CM)	SKY
ASSINIBOIA		40		1			-26	24-32	20-25	partly cloudy
BANGOR		5					-10/-25	4	20	clear
BIGGAR		268	25	11	9		-10/-8	5-15	10-40	overcast, light snow
BIG GULLY CREEK		80	5	3	3		-33/-27	0-10	10-20	clear
BROADVIEW		64	3	3½	1½		-22/-24	20-24	10-20	partly cloudy
DALMENY			25		20		-22/-20	7-10	5-15	overcast, clearing
DILKE		81	6	3	2		-37/-27	5	5-30	overcast
EASTEND		96	1	5½	½		-27/-23	5	1-20	clear
ENDEAVOUR			1		3		-36/-12	0	10-12	partly cloudy
FORT QU'APPELLE		306		16		3	-15	30	15	clear
FORT WALSH		126	45	22	29		-8/ +2	0-60	10-30	partly cloudy
GARDINER DAM		240	8	13	3½		-8/ -3	40-60	10-40	overcast, snow
GLAMIS-WISETON		43	3	2	1		-8/-12	5-10	5-15	clear, becoming cloudy
GOODSOIL		5		1		8	-40/-30	0-5	15-25	clear
GOVENLOCK		125	13	10	7		-5/ +3	0-8	0-5	clear
HAFFORD		75	2	3	1		-13/ -9	0-5	4-6	clear, clouding over
HARRIS		239	11	6	4		-28/-22	10-0	10-40	light snow, clearing
HERBERT		10	2	1	1		-16/-16	8-8	3-6	partly cloudy
HUMBOLDT		30	8	1	1½	2	-18/-25	0-0	8-10	clear
INDIAN HEAD		65	5	3	2½	1½	-2/ 0	0-25	7-15	mostly clear
KELVINGTON		15	1	2	½	½	-25/-32	15-20	20-25	mostly clear
KENASTON		48	6	2	4		-26	0	38	clear
KILLSQUAW LAKE		122	2	4½	2		-3/ -6	15-25	15	clear, clouding over
KINDERSLEY			3				-10	5	2	?
KUTAWAGAN LAKE		130	2	5	1		-31/-28	10-30	10-20	clear
LA RONGE		60	2	2	1		-26/-14	0-6	25-50	partly cloudy, light snow
LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE		120	2	5	1		-25/-20	10-30	5-15	clear
LOON LAKE		25		½		5	-15/-10	0-5	25	light snow, clearing
LUSELAND		88	15	2½	3	1	-26/-22	0-0	2-20	clear
MAIDSTONE BRIDGE		85	5	4	5	1	-37/-28	5-20	10-20	clear
MELFORT		55	5	4	3	1	-22/-38	0-8	15-20	clouding over
MOOSE JAW		144	19	7	8	2	-12/-10	5	½-2	clear
PRINCE ALBERT (ASCHIM)			16		7	3	+4	0-60	0-1	overcast, light snow & rain
PRINCE ALBERT (DODGE)		24		1			-2/ +2	60-70	0-2	overcast, snow & rain
PRINCE ALBERT (KYLE)						2	-29/-26	19-19	8-10	partly cloudy, light snow
RAYMORE		165	15	8	6	1	-33/-21	0-10	6-15	clear
REGINA		615	54	30	25	2	-16/-17	20-9	10-30	partly cloudy, fog & snow
ROUND LAKE		15	5	1½	2½		-15/-20	20-60	2-5	clear, changing to snow
ROUND LAKE-QU'APPELLE V.		69	4½	4½	2	2	-32/-22	5-20	10-15	cloudy
THE SASKATCHEWAN FORKS			5	2	2		-27	15	10	clear
SASKATOON		536	113	45½	58	12	-27/-14	0-7	5-7	overcast, clearing
SCOTT		230	12	7	4		-25/-20	0-10	10-50	clear
SEMANS		120	5	3	2		-21/-30	6-20	1-35	partly cloudy, clearing
SKULL CREEK		20	6	3	2		-18/ 0	0-30	3-5	mostly clear
SOMME		122	3	6	5	12	-10/ -8	9-5	23-25	overcast
SPIRIT LAKE		92	9	4½	4	1	-2/ +4	10-25	0-2	mostly clear
SPRING VALLEY		66	½	3	½		-32/-16	10-5	45-50	?
SQUAW RAPIDS		70	22	9	15		-22/-12	0-8	10-20	light fog, clearing
TISDALE		70		1½			-10/-20		20-25	partly cloudy
WAUCHOPE		25	26	1	9½		-5	0	25-40	overcast
WEBB		192	4	4½	1½		-3/ -5	30-70	0-20	overcast
WHITE BEAR		24	45	½	8	½	-9/-21	0-5	4-8	clear
WHITEBEECH			5		2	8	-22/-24	1-2	8-9	mostly clear
WOLSELEY		55	1	2	½		-2	25-30	16-21	clear

Table 2-1. SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN THREE LOCALITIES DURING COUNT PERIOD. A PLUS SIGN INDICATES A HIGH COUNT FOR A SPECIES SEEN DURING COUNT PERIOD BUT NOT ON COUNT DAY.

SPECIES	LOCALITY	ASSINIBOIA January 5	BANGOR January 4	BIGGAR December 22	BIG GULY CREEK January 2	BROADVIEW January 3	DALMENY December 26	DILKE January 1	EASTEND January 2	ENDEAVOUR December 25	FORT QU'APPELLE December 19	FORT WALSH December 19
CANADA GOOSE											+3	
MALLARD											53	1
COMMON MERGANSER											+1	
GOSHAWK				1			1		2	+1		3
RED-TAILED HAWK						+1						1
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK												
GOLDEN EAGLE									1		+1	2
BALD EAGLE									+1			1
PRAIRIE FALCON												1
MERLIN				1				1				
RUFFED GROUSE						1					4	1
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE				83	5	5		24		9	3	13
RING-NECKED PHEASANT		16				1			2			14
GRAY PARTRIDGE		174		93		10	7	33	+7		9	21
ROCK DOVE				202	1	60		44	21		104	5
GREAT HORNED OWL		2		2	2		1				1	7
SNOWY OWL		6		1				+1			2	
SHORT-EARED OWL									+1			
HAIRY WOODPECKER			1	2	1		1		1		2	5
DOWNY WOODPECKER			2	+1	3					1	2	6
HORNED LARK				24				20		1		13
GRAY JAY												
BLUE JAY					+1	1					6	1
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE		21	1	110	11	9	28	35	114	6	43	230
COMMON RAVEN										20		
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE			5	20	15	4	7	3	7	2	38	127
BOREAL CHICKADEE												
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH											2	
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH												7
BROWN CREEPER									+1			2
AMERICAN ROBIN									9		+1	
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET												13
BOHEMIAN WAXWING			12	175		1			140		91	271
NORTHERN SHRIKE												2
STARLING				3		1			7			
HOUSE SPARROW		470	6	1120	70	2	31	190	30		236	167
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD				4								7
RUSTY BLACKBIRD												3
EVENING GROSBEAK			4		13	4			11		24	
PINE GROSBEAK					4				2	16	+6	2
HOARY REDPOLL					3							3
COMMON REDPOLL				1378	243	280	68	82	310	9	168	68
RED CROSSBILL												1
DARK-EYED JUNCO												1
TREE SPARROW									2			16
SNOW BUNTING			300	315	96	140	83	437	+25	25	5	325
NO. SPECIES IN TABLE 3				1					1		3	3
NO. COUNT DAY SPECIES		6	8	18	13	14	9	10	15	9	18	36
NO. COUNT PERIOD SPECIES		6	8	19	14	15	9	11	21	10	26	36
NO. COUNT DAY INDIVIDUALS		689	331	3535	467	519	227	869	659	89	793	1346



Table 2-2. SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN THREE LOCALITIES DURING COUNT PERIOD. A PLUS SIGN INDICATES A HIGH COUNT FOR A SPECIES SEEN DURING COUNT PERIOD BUT NOT ON COUNT DAY.

GARDINER DAM December 21	GLAMIS-WISETON December 27	GOODSOIL December 27	GOVENLOCK December 20	HAFFORD December 19	HARRIS January 2	HERBERT December 26	HUMBOLDT December 29	INDIAN HEAD December 20	KELVINGTON January 3	KENASTON January 2	LOCALITY  SPECIES
								+3			CANADA GOOSE
145								7			MALLARD
2											COMMON MERGANSER
		1						1	+3		GOSHAWK
											RED-TAILED HAWK
			1								ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK
			1								GOLDEN EAGLE
7								1			BALD EAGLE
											PRAIRIE FALCON
											MERLIN
								10			RUFFED GROUSE
10	27	2	4	1	14			7		4	SHARP-TAILED GROUSE
			9					2			RING-NECKED PHEASANT
57	12		11		54		+8	38		41	GRAY PARTRIDGE
31	100			117	229	6		8	3	27	ROCK DOVE
1			1		1	1	1	3		1	GREAT HORNED OWL
1	3				1		+1	2		1	SNOWY OWL
											SHORT-EARED OWL
		1		3			+1	5	1	+1	HAIRY WOODPECKER
		2		1	1	1		6	1	+1	DOWNY WOODPECKER
8	3		277		7					5	HORNED LARK
											GRAY JAY
		6		1	1			3			BLUE JAY
35	15	25	2	17	150	2	+10	30	+10	15	BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE
		5		3					5		COMMON RAVEN
4		5		29	4			9	15	4	BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE
		5									BOREAL CHICKADEE
		1							1		WHITE-BREADED NUTHATCH
									5		RED-BREADED NUTHATCH
									+1		BROWN CREEPER
											AMERICAN ROBIN
											GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET
139				15	81	35		+50	+46	+12	BOHEMIAN WAXWING
											NORTHERN SHRIKE
					3				+2	3	STARLING
311	100		361	95	835	70	275	600	70	168	HOUSE SPARROW
			1					1			RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
			3								RUSTY BLACKBIRD
		20							130		EVENING GROSBEAK
2		1		1					5	+1	PINE GROSBEAK
			1		1						HOARY REDPOLL
179			465	784	179	1	48	8	2	526	COMMON REDPOLL
								2			RED CROSSBILL
											DARK-EYED JUNCO
			3								TREE SPARROW
240	70	+25	527	24	40		+282	224	250	34	SNOW BUNTING
4			2	1			1	1			NO. SPECIES IN TABLE 3
20	8	12	17	14	16	7	4	23	10	11	NO. COUNT DAY SPECIES
20	8	13	17	14	16	7	10	26	14	16	NO. COUNT PERIOD SPECIES
1188	330	74	1676	1092	1601	116	333	980	471	825	NO. COUNT DAY INDIVIDUALS



Table 2-3. SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN THREE LOCALITIES DURING COUNT PERIOD. A PLUS SIGN INDICATES A HIGH COUNT FOR A SPECIES SEEN DURING COUNT PERIOD BUT NOT ON COUNT DAY.

SPECIES	LOCALITY	KILLSQUAW LAKE December 19	KINDERSLEY December 26	KUTAWAGAN LAKE December 28	LA RONGE December 26	LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE December 29	LOON LAKE December 26	LUSELAND December 29	MAIDSTONE BRIDGE January 3	MELFORT January 3	MOOSE JAW December 26	PRINCE ALBERT (ASCHTM) December 20
CANADA GOOSE												
MALLARD		4										1
COMMON MERGANSER												
GOSHAWK						1			+1			
RED-TAILED HAWK												
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK						1					1	
GOLDEN EAGLE												
BALD EAGLE												
PRAIRIE FALCON											1	
MERLIN												
RUFFED GROUSE									1	4		1
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE					1	1		8	6	1		
RING-NECKED PHEASANT											16	
GRAY PARTRIDGE		4	17			50		33	+6	8	78	
ROCK DOVE		58				12		4			800	12
GREAT HORNED OWL		1		1		2	2	1	1		1	1
SNOWY OWL			1	2			+1	2			21	
SHORT-EARED OWL						4					2	
HAIRY WOODPECKER				1	2			1	2	+1	2	2
DOWNY WOODPECKER					1		1	1	1	+1	3	3
HORNED LARK			5	1		3			1			
GRAY JAY					8							2
BLUE JAY							1	2	4	1		3
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE		5	27			35		20	7	3	40	10
COMMON RAVEN					40		12		2	1		23
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE		2			14		12	1	4	1	19	26
BOREAL CHICKADEE		2			9							3
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH											2	2
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH											1	
BROWN-CREEPER												
AMERICAN ROBIN											4	
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET											3	
BOHEMIAN WAXWING		50	+30					75	8	10	15	10
NORTHERN SHIRKE									+1			
STARLING						1		6			191	
HOUSE SPARROW		38	25	120		433	50	450	120	197	5620	34
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD												
RUSTY BLACKBIRD												
EVENING GROSBEAK							40		15			155
PINE GROSBEAK									4			12
HOARY REDPOLL				7								
COMMON REDPOLL		465	2	250	20	953		225	131	3	83	
RED CROSSBILL											20	2
DARK-EYED JUNCO											1	1
TREE SPARROW												
SNOW BUNTING				61		7453		265	160	18	260	
NO. SPECIES IN TABLE 3		3			1				1		2	1
NO. COUNT DAY SPECIES		13	4	10	9	13	7	15	17	11	24	20
NO. COUNT PERIOD SPECIES		13	5	10	9	13	8	15	20	13	25	20
NO. COUNT DAY INDIVIDUALS		635	33	487	97	8949	118	1094	468	247	7186	310



Table 2-4. SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN THREE LOCALITIES DURING COUNT PERIOD. A PLUS SIGN INDICATES A HIGH COUNT FOR A SPECIES SEEN DURING COUNT PERIOD BUT NOT ON COUNT DAY.

PRINCE ALBERT (DODGE) December 20	PRINCE ALBERT (KYLE) January 3	RAYMORE December 30	REGINA December 26	ROUND LAKE December 20	ROUND LAKE - QU'APPELLE V. January 3	THE SASKATCHEWAN FORKS December 27	SASKATOON December 26	SCOTT December 31	SEMANS January 3	SKULL CREEK December 26	LOCALITY SPECIES
			425		2		1				CANADA GOOSE
			70				5				MALLARD
							1				COMMON MERGANSER
		1	1				+1				GOSHAWK
											RED-TAILED HAWK
											ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK
										+2	GOLDEN EAGLE
											BALD EAGLE
										+1	PRAIRIE FALCON
			3		+1		8				MERLIN
		+1		1	5		1				RUFFED GROUSE
		16	14	6	18	1	68	15		1	SHARP-TAILED GROUSE
		2			5		4		1	1	RING-NECKED PHEASANT
		80	261		10		35	27	5	2	GRAY PARTRIDGE
		160	771				2319	47	31		ROCK DOVE
		17	3		3		1	2	1	5	GREAT HORNED OWL
		1	8					5	+1		SNOWY OWL
											SHORT-EARED OWL
	2	3		3	2		12				HAIRY WOODPECKER
	2	+1	+1		2		13			3	DOWNY WOODPECKER
		2	1					18	4	10	HORNED LARK
				3						+1	GRAY JAY
	1	2		1	1	2	18				BLUE JAY
3	2	67	34	2	18	7	279	30	6	29	BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE
3	1			19		6	1				COMMON RAVEN
5	4	12	10	5	14	6	158	4		23	BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE
							1	2			BOREAL CHICKADEE
2	2				3		4				WHITE-BREADED NUTHATCH
			2				12				RED-BREADED NUTHATCH
			1								BROWN CREEPER
			2		2		1	1			AMERICAN ROBIN
			4				1				GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET
		+250	2		200		3614	22		229	BOHEMIAN WAXWING
		1					1				NORTHERN SHRIKE
		45	209				86				STARLING
	50	1430	3097		25		2589	554	118	50	HOUSE SPARROW
											RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
		1								+6	RUSTY BLACKBIRD
	200	6		7	50		8			+15	EVENING GROSBEAK
		+5				3	12				PINE GROSBEAK
		1	15		60		52	1			HOARY REDPOLL
		1264	515		115		2291	331	267	41	COMMON REDPOLL
											RED CROSSBILL
											DARK-EYED JUNCO
							2			15	TREE SPARROW
		2608	199		30	310	20	255	339		SNOW BUNTING
			6		1	1	6				NO. SPECIES IN TABLE 3
4	9	20	26	9	19	8	37	15	9	12	NO. COUNT DAY SPECIES
4	9	24	29	?	21	8	38	15	11	16	NO. COUNT PERIOD SPECIES
13	264	5719	5672	47	565	336	11723	1314	772	409	NO. COUNT DAY INDIVIDUALS



Table 2-5. SPECIES RECORDED FROM MORE THAN THREE LOCALITIES DURING COUNT PERIOD. A PLUS SIGN INDICATES A HIGH COUNT FOR A SPECIES SEEN DURING COUNT PERIOD BUT NOT ON COUNT DAY.

SPECIES	LOCALITY	SOME December 23	SPIRIT LAKE December 20	SPRING VALLEY December 30	SQUAW RAPIDS December 24	TISDALE January 2	WAUCHOPE December 26	WEBB December 21	WHITE BEAR December 30	WHITEBEECH January 2	WOLSELEY December 20	NO. OF COUNTS PER SPECIES
CANADA GOOSE												5
MALLARD					6			40				10
COMMON MERGANSER					11							4
GOSHAWK		2	+1		10				+1			17
RED-TAILED HAWK			1		1							4
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK		2	1		2							6
GOLDEN EAGLE				+1				1	1			8
BALD EAGLE		+1			52							6
PRAIRIE FALCON									+1			4
MERLIN		+1							1			7
RUFFED GROUSE		+2	3				1			+1	3	16
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE		13	1	16	7	8		1	31		5	36
RING-NECKED PHEASANT				+2			1					14
GRAY PARTRIDGE		30		81			29		77		28	34
ROCK DOVE		40		26			1	94	55			30
GREAT HORNED OWL		1	3	2	2		1		+1		1	35
SNOWY OWL		+1		+2	1							22
SHORT-EARED OWL				+1								4
HAIRY WOODPECKER		3	7		7		2			1	1	31
DOWNY WOODPECKER		3	8		2	2	5		+1	2		33
HORNED LARK		1		9				16	18			22
GRAY JAY		5			13							6
BLUE JAY		6	1		12	4						23
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE		18	24	3	27	3	17	12	108		3	50
COMMON RAVEN		61	1		83	4				+1		19
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE		22	22		19	3	25		2	5	1	44
BOREAL CHICKADEE		6			6							8
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH		+1	2		1							12
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH												5
BROWN CREEPER		+1										5
AMERICAN ROBIN												7
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET					1							5
BOHEMIAN WAXWING		15	8					10		+4	+27	31
NORTHERN SHRIKE		+1	+1		2							7
STARLING		1	1	3					4			16
HOUSE SPARROW		124	142	262	3	10	486	400	200		27	47
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD												4
RUSTY BLACKBIRD												4
EVENING GROSBEAK		76	11		8					10		20
PINE GROSBEAK		26	5		36					+4		19
HOARY REDPOLL		+5	8		3							13
COMMON REDPOLL		+40	104	+15	148		134	70	41	4	31	43
RED CROSSBILL												4
DARK-EYED JUNCO			+1									4
TREE SPARROW												5
SNOW BUNTING		54	66	+900	251	20	97	400	80		18	42
NO. SPECIES IN TABLE 3		2	1		10				1			
NO. COUNT DAY SPECIES		22	21	8	36	8	12	10	12	5	10	
NO. COUNT PERIOD SPECIES		33	24	14	36	8	12	10	17	9	11	
NO. COUNT DAY INDIVIDUALS		510	420	402	828	54	799	1044	618	22	118	



Table 3. SPECIES SEEN IN THREE OR FEWER LOCALITIES.

SPECIES	LOCALITIES AND NUMBERS SEEN
WHITE PELICAN	GARDINER DAM, 1.
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	SQUAW RAPIDS, 1.
WHITSLING SWAW	GARDINER DAM, 3.
GADWALL	KILLSQUAW LAKE, 2.
NORTHERN SHOVELER	KILLSQUAW LAKE, 1.
LESSER SCAUP	FORT QU'APPELLE, +1; KILLSQUAW LAKE, 3.
COMMON GOLDENEYE	GARDINER DAM, 11; SASKATOON, 21; SQUAW RAPIDS, 97.
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	GARDINER DAM, 1.
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER	SQUAW RAPIDS, 2.
COOPER'S HAWK	FORT QU'APPELLE, +1.
GRYFALCON	HAFFORD, 1; SQUAW RAPIDS, 1; WHITE BEAR, +1.
AMERICAN KESTREL	FORT QU'APPELLE, +1
SPRUCE GROUSE	SQUAW RAPIDS, 1.
WILLOW PTARMIGAN	LA RONGE, 2.
SAGE GROUSE	EASTEND, +1; GOVENLOCK, 5.
TURKEY	BIGGAR, 1.
COMMON SNIPE	FORT WALSH, 3.
BARRED OWL	SQUAW RAPIDS, 1; SOMME, +1.
GREAT GRAY OWL	SQUAW RAPIDS, 1.
SAW-WHET OWL	MAIDSTONE BRIDGE, 1.
COMMON FLICKER	MOOSE JAW, 2; REGINA, 9; SASKATOON, 2.
PILEATED WOODPECKER	SPIRIT LAKE, 1; SQUAW RAPIDS, 1.
BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER	THE SASKATCHEWAN FORKS, 1.
NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER	FORT WALSH, 2; SOMME, 1; SQUAW RAPIDS, 2.
CEDAR WAXWING	HUMBOLDT, +6; REGINA, 14; SASKATOON, 8.
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	FORT WALSH, 1.
COMMON GRACKLE	REGINA, 1.
NORTHERN CARDINAL	SASKATOON, 1.
PURPLE FINCH	MOOSE JAW, +2; REGINA, +1; ROUND LAKE-QU'APPELLE VALLEY, +2.
PINE SISKIN	PRINCE ALBERT (ASCHIM), 7; SASKATOON, 70.
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	REGINA, 1.
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL	SOMME, 6; SQUAW RAPIDS, 7.
CHIPPING SPARROW	INDIAN HEAD, (1).
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	SASKATOON, 3.
SONG SPARROW	REGINA, +1.
LAPLAND LONGSPUR	GOVENLOCK, 4.



## TOGO, Dec. 20

Again, interested people set up feeders within an 11.5 km radius of Togo and carefully recorded all observations at their feeders from 20 December to 2 January. Their best day was 20 December when the following species were recorded: unidentified hawk, 1; Great Horned Owl, 1; Snowy Owl, 1; Pileated Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Blue Jay, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Common Raven, 4; Black-capped Chickadee, 15; Boreal Chickadee, 24; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 102; House Sparrow, 200+; Evening Grosbeak, 92; Pine Grosbeak, 30; Common Redpoll, 20.

In addition the following species were seen during count period: Ruffed Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Gray Partridge, Dark-eyed Junco and Snow Bunting.

Observers were: Doris and Bert Franklin, Olga and Vic Hilderman, Gladys and Geo. Izzard, Wanda and Cusie May, Elizabeth and Archie Parker, Mary and Dick Smith, and Donelda and Howard Wilson.

We regret this count was received too late to include with the other Christmas Bird Counts.



*Short-eared Owl*

*Kathleen Morck*

## FORT SMITH, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

DATE: 26 December 1981.

WEATHER: Sunny and clear; temp.  $-26^{\circ}$  C; snow 60 cm; daylight hours 0900-1600.

ROUTES COVERED: Fort Smith west along NWT Highway 5 to the Salt River Bridge; Fort Smith south along the Pine Lake road to Salt River; Fort Smith east along the Hay Camp road to Fort Fitzgerald. 140 km in 3.5 hours.

BIRDS SEEN: Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Gray Jay, 3; Common Raven, 127; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Boreal Chickadee, 4; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 42; Hoary Redpoll, 2; Common Redpoll, 8. Nine species, 191 individuals. (Add: Spruce Grouse, 1, Dec. 24; Snowy Owl, 2, Dec. 26.)

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## PRAIRIE NEST RECORDS SCHEME

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