



MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS 19 February 2012

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CENSUS CONDITIONS:	TIME 08:20 – 11:30	CLOUD COVER 100%	PRECIP NONE
OPEN WATER ALL	FOG NONE	WIND NONE	TEMP 38 - 46
PARTICIPANTS: Barbara Petersen, Etta Cosey, Liz and Sharon Cormier, Matt Knox and Scott Ramos (ponds) Wayne Sladek and Roger Orness (meadows)			

SPECIES

1. Canada Goose 51	*1	19. Cooper's Hawk 1	*7	38. Golden-crowned Kinglet 15
2. Trumpeter Swan 2	*2	20. Red-tailed Hawk 4	*8	39. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10
3. Gadwall 11		21. American Kestrel 1	*9	40. Hermit Thrush 2
4. American Wigeon 192		22. Peregrine Falcon 1	*10	41. American Robin 65
5. Mallard 70		23. American Coot 36		42. Varied Thrush 1
6. Northern Shoveler 41		24. Glaucous-winged Gull 4		43. European Starling 2
7. Northern Pintail 6		25. Anna's Hummingbird 1		44. Yellow-rumped Warbler 21
8. Green-winged Teal 10		26. Belted Kingfisher 2		45. Spotted Towhee 15
9. Ring-necked Duck 12		27. Downy Woodpecker 2		46. American Tree Sparrow 2
10. Bufflehead 15		28. Northern Flicker 3		47. Fox Sparrow 6
11. Common Goldeneye 2		29. Western Scrub-Jay 3		48. Song Sparrow 46
12. Hooded Merganser 2		30. American Crow 19		49. Lincoln's Sparrow 2
13. Pied-billed Grebe 4		31. Barn Swallow 8	*11	50. White-crowned Sparrow 4
14. Double-crested Cormorant 6		32. Black-capped Chickadee 17		51. Golden-crown Sparrow 2
15. Great Blue Heron 24	*3	33. Brown Creeper 1		52. Dark-eyed Junco 4
16. Bald Eagle 1	*4	34. Bushtit 48		53. Red-winged Blackbird 7
17. Northern Harrier 1	*5	35. Bewick's Wren 9		54. Purple Finch 1
18. Sharp-shinned Hawk 1	*6	36. Pacific Wren 2		55. American Goldfinch 10
		37. Marsh Wren 20		

NOTES

- *1 In addition to those countable, a flock of 600 mixed canadas and cacklers flying overhead, too high to count.
- *2 The trumpeters were preceded by 3 flocks totaling 14, that earlier flew up from the lagoon and continued S.
- *3 Although no herons were observed in their nests, there were 20 standing in their nests earlier in the week.
- *4 A sub-adult flying and scaring up many of the ducks on the ponds, then flew offsite to E. perching on a pole.
- *5 A female size second year juvenile with brown eyes perched on a mid-meadow root ball. SEE MORE NOTES.
- *6 The adult sharpie flew from E. to W. and soared up high over the meadow team before moving off to the NW.
- *7 The adult cooper's flew up from the ground to a tree near the SW. tower, then flew to E. SEE MORE NOTES.
- *8 One SW. adult on snag W. of S. tower; both NW adults, one on nest and one SY juvenile. SEE MORE NOTES.
- *9 The male kestrel was seen in various meadow trees and later was perched atop one of our new artificial snags.
- *10 The peregrine interacted with harrier, perched in tree near lagoon, then immediately displaced by adult red-tail.
- *11 The swallows were seen at different times, feeding together over the main dike and constructed wetlands.
- *12 Most all the warblers seen were identified as Audubon's with four of the warblers identified as Myrtles race.
- *13 Both sparrows together, low in trees and brush along the meadow trail, just N. of the interior service road.

MORE NOTES

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Eye color confirmed her sex before she resumed hunting and later likely same harrier interacted with the peregrine. Possibly a second adult Cooper's Hawk seen crossing river and landing in the snag top tree by nursery entrance. The NW. adult male chased a SY (second year) juvenile red-tail off the property towards the east, then shortly after he displaced the peregrine, he delivering a small tree branch to the nest. No incubation was observed at this time. Three River Otters were seen along the far western edge of the Lagoon swimming in a southerly direction.