



MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS 20 May 2012

CENSUS CONDITIONS:	TIME 08:20 – 11:20	CLOUD COVER 100%	PRECIP LIGHT RAIN
OPEN WATER ALL	FOG NONE	WIND NONE	TEMP 54 - 57
			SNOW COVER NONE
PARTICIPANTS: Barbara Petersen, Etta Cosey, Sharon Cormier, Terry Thurber, Grace & Ollie Oliver, Matt Knox and Knute Hansen (ponds) Roger Orness (meadows)			

SPECIES

1. Canada Goose 20	*1	17. Rufous Hummingbird 7	34. Swainson's Thrush 2	
2. Gadwall 18		18. Downy Woodpecker 2	35. American Robin 23	
3. Mallard 15	*2	19. Northern Flicker 2	36. European Starling 11	
4. Northern Shoveler 4		20. Western Wood-Pewee 1	37. Cedar Waxwing 36	
5. Canvasback 1		21. Warbling Vireo 5	38. Common Yellowthroat 24	
6. Pied-billed Grebe 3		22. American Crow 12	39. Yellow Warbler 19	
7. American Bittern 1		23. Purple Martin 1	*5	40. Wilson's Warbler 2
8. Great Blue Heron 15	*3	24. Tree Swallow 150	41. Spotted Towhee 5	
9. Osprey 2		25. Violet-green Swallow 50	42. Savannah Sparrow 35	
10. Red-tailed Hawk 2	*4	26. N. Rough-winged Swallow 1	43. Song Sparrow 37	
11. American Coot 5		27. Cliff Swallow 10	44. White-crowned Sparrow 4	
12. Killdeer 1		28. Barn Swallow 20	45. Black-headed Grosbeak 2	
13. Wilson's Snipe 1		29. Black-capped Chickadee 7	46. Red-winged Blackbird 10	
14. Glaucous-winged Gull 1		30. Bushtit 7	47. Brown-headed Cowbird 13	
15. Vaux's Swift 20		31. Bewick's Wren 6	48. House Finch 20	
16. Anna's Hummingbird 4		32. Marsh Wren 21	49. American Goldfinch 30	
		33. Western Bluebird 1	*6	50. Evening Grosbeak 12

NOTES

- *1 In addition to the goose numbers, a brood of four goslings that were older than two weeks was observed.
- *2 In addition to the Mallard numbers, two broods of four and seven that were several weeks old were observed.
- *3 There were four heron nests observed with young herons in them and one nest had three. SEE MORE NOTES.
- *4 Both NW adults were observed, one soaring and one perched in an evergreen and vocalizing. No others seen.
- *5 A female Purple Martin was perched in a dead tree with four other swallow species and a first for the census.
- *6 A single bright male bluebird was perched on the fence rail near the main entrance gate to the meadow trail.

MORE NOTES

The heron nests are less visible now with the new leaves preventing an accurate count without disturbing them. A single brown rabbit crossed the dike in front of the pond team, just east of the northeast cell near the east weir. No owl activity has been reported since the one owlet was found below the nest box, except fresh mutes below.