

**MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS 17 February 2013****FINAL DRAFT 02-23-2013**

CENSUS CONDITIONS:	TIME 08:15 – 11:45	CLOUD COVER 99%	PRECIP NONE
OPEN WATER ALL	FOG NONE	WIND 0 – 5 MPH	TEMP 41 - 45
SNOW COVER NONE			
PARTICIPANTS: Barbara Petersen, Etta Cosey, Liz Cormier, Terry Thurber and Mark Crawford (ponds)			
Roger Orness (meadows)			

SPECIES

1. Canada Goose 70	15. Cooper's Hawk 2	*4	30. Bushtit 15
2. Gadwall 5	16. Red-tailed Hawk 8	*5	31. Bewick's Wren 37
3. American Wigeon 102	17. American Coot 39		32. Marsh Wren 10
4. Mallard 34	18. Glaucous-winged Gull 3		33. Golden-crowned Kinglet 18
5. Northern Shoveler 26	19. Anna's Hummingbird 1		34. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 14
6. Northern Pintail 1	20. Belted Kingfisher 1		35. American Robin 83
7. Green-winged Teal 37	21. Downy Woodpecker 3		36. Varied Thrush 2
8. Ring-necked Duck 16	22. Northern Flicker 2		37. European Starling 9
9. Bufflehead 9	23. American Kestrel 1	*6	38. Yellow-rumped Warbler 39
10. Ruddy Duck 1	24. Northern Shrike 1	*7	39. Spotted Towhee 5
11. Double-crested Cormorant 2	25. Steller's Jay 1		40. Fox Sparrow 1
12. Great Blue Heron 27	26. American Crow 68		41. Song Sparrow 34
13. Bald Eagle 1	27. Tree Swallow 2	*8	42. Dark-eyed Junco 1
14. Northern Harrier 1	28. Black-capped Chickadee 15		43. House Finch 2
	29. Brown Creeper 3		

NOTES

- *1 Although no herons were observed in their nests, the nesting area appears to have a good number of nests.
- *2 One adult was observed perching on the power tower S. of the lagoon for a brief time at the start of the count.
- *3 One adult female perched on a mid-meadow root ball, displaced by resident red-tail and hunting all meadows.
- *4 One male size juvenile low in tree NW. of SW. viewing tower and a female size juvenile in a tree on the E. knoll.
- *5 Both SW. adults soaring SW. quad, as both NW. adults displaying their territorial extents. SEE MORE NOTES.
- *6 The male kestrel was seen in various meadow trees and later was perched atop one of our new artificial snags.
- *7 One juvenile shrike seen briefly on one of our new artificial snags in the wet meadow, then flushed by a crow.
- *8 The (first of the year) swallows were observed feeding together over the main dike and constructed wetlands.
- *9 Most all the warblers seen were identified as Audubon's with approximately one third identified as Myrtles race.

MORE NOTES

While her dark morph mate soared the W. extents of the site, adjacent to the soaring SW. adults over their territory, she flew from the NE. to the SW. and directly around the grove of trees near the SW. viewing tower and back to NE.

The four wintering, juvenile red-tails were individually observed along the fringes of the resident red-tail territories.

Three River Otters were seen from the main dike; two swimming and one perched on a root ball in the main lagoon.

There were fresh owl pellets under the pines at Anderson Park. The owl box could be occupied, but not confirmed.