



## MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS 23 MAY 2010

## FINAL DRAFT 6/1/2010

CENSUS CONDITIONS	TIME 08:20 – 12:00	CLOUD COVER 100%	PRECIP LIGHT SHOWERS
OPEN WATER ALL	FOG NONE	WIND 0 to 5 mph	TEMP 45 - 51
PARTICIPANTS: Amy Shillinger, Barb Petersen, Bill & Mary Bush, Ollie & Grace Oliver, Scott Ramos and Terry Thurber (ponds) Barb Deihl, Carol Schulz, Lisa Johnson, Liz Cormier, Sharon Cormier, Kurt Beattie and Roger Orness (meadows)			

### SPECIES

1. Canada Goose 10	21. Vaux's Swift 1	42. American Robin 32
2. Gadwall 23	22. Anna's Hummingbird 1 H	43. European Starling 17
3. Mallard 14	23. Rufous Hummingbird 8	44. Cedar Waxwing 54
4. Cinnamon Teal 1	24. Downy Woodpecker 1	45. Orange-crowned Warbler 4
5. Northern Shoveler 1	25. Northern Flicker 9	46. Yellow Warbler 16
6. Green-winged Teal 1	26. Western Wood-Pewee 3	47. Yellow-rumped Warbler 1 *9
7. Pied-billed Grebe 4	27. Willow Flycatcher 2	48. Common Yellowthroat 63
8. American Bittern 3	28. Western Kingbird 1 *7	49. Wilson's Warbler 5
9. Great Blue Heron 12 *1	29. Cassin's Vireo 1 *8	50. Spotted Towhee 10
10. Osprey 2 *2	30. Warbling Vireo 4	51. Savannah Sparrow 49
11. Bald Eagle 1 *3	31. American Crow 24	52. Fox Sparrow 4
12. Red-tailed Hawk 2 *4	32. Tree Swallow 40	53. Song Sparrow 56
13. American Kestrel 1 *5	33. Violet-green Swallow 60	54. White-crowned Sparrow 4
14. Virginia Rail 1 H	34. N. Rough-winged Swallow 10	55. Black-headed Grosbeak 6
15. American Coot 2	35. Cliff Swallow 50	56. Red-winged Blackbird 18
16. Greater Yellowlegs 1 H *6	36. Barn Swallow 40	57. Brown-headed Cowbird 37
17. Mew Gull 2	37. Black-capped Chickadee 14	58. Bullock's Oriole 1
18. Ring-billed Gull 3	38. Bushtit 17	59. House Finch 6
19. Glaucous-winged Gull 3	39. Bewick's Wren 9	60. American Goldfinch 75
20. Rock Pigeon 1	40. Marsh Wren 19	
	41. Swainson's Thrush 4	

### \*NOTES\*

- \*1 Four occupied heron nests were observed from the NE. access road. One adult was adding to a small nest.
- \*2 At least two adults were seen hunting the lagoon at various times and later two perched in the SW. quadrant.
- \*3 One adult flying S. out of the area, mobbed by crows and later same, or second adult flew W. over NW. quad.
- \*4 One SW. resident adult on territory, one NW. adult on territory and possibly a second, but was not verified.
- \*5 A male perched on pole above kestrel box, then hunted and perched in wet meadows tree, NE. of SW. tower.
- \*6 Yellow-legs heard only from the NW. meadow, was a single flyover and diagnosed only by the three note call.
- \*7 Perched on a metal post near the meadow service road interior drive gate, flushed S. to another metal post.
- \*8 First heard along the main dike road and flew closer for a positive, visually confirmed ID. SEE MORE NOTES.
- \*9 First heard from the NW. meadow, then seen in a brief flyover and ID. was not further determined, as to race.

### MORE NOTES

Documentation on the Cassin's Vireo sighting should now be sufficient. The bird was first identified by song, confirmed by a fly-over and remained in the same set of shrubs along the main dike road, *aka* 'superhighway'. Views were about as good you will ever get of this vireo, showing not only the spectacles but the nice nuances of yellow shading on the underside, the wing bars and the overall shape. This species was a first for the Census.

No evidence of recent pellets and no owls seen in the Anderson Park pines. Loss of adjacent habitat suspected.