

The

Heron Herald



Rainier Audubon Society

March, 2012

Rainier Audubon Membership Program
March 19, 2012 7:00 P.M.
Federal Way United Methodist Church

Tales from the Montlake Fill

Constance Sidles

(book reading and signing)

Constance Sidles reads from her new book, "Second Nature: Tales from the Montlake Fill."

The Fill, as birders call it, is one of the premier birding spots on the West Coast, yet it lies in the heart of Seattle on the UW campus. Formerly a landfill, now it is an oasis of nature, offering prairie, ponds, and woods for birds and other wild creatures.

Connie's book, however, is more than a series of essays about birds. Connie uses her experience as a master birder to make observations at the Fill that give people lessons on how to live a simpler, happier life. She encourages all of us to build a stronger sense of community, find peace in urban nature, and develop a love of place that increases joy.

Her book is for everyone who loves nature, but it is also for those of us who seek peace of mind and inspiration. As Connie says,

"We are becoming more and more aware that we must develop a sustainable way to live on Planet Earth. Finding fun, challenge, and meaning in the nature near at hand is one small step in that direction."

Connie Sidles is a master birder and board member of Seattle Audubon Society. She is also a nature writer and has authored a previous book about the Montlake Fill, "In My Nature."

The Fill is a 75-acre natural area in Seattle, and a former dump. It is Connie's favorite place to bird, and proof to her that while we humans often mess up the world, we can also make it beautiful.

Join us at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.

RAS Mission Statement

To conserve and restore natural ecosystems and protect birds and other wildlife for the benefit of humanity and biological diversity in South King County and the world we live in.

SECOND NATURE



TALES FROM
THE MONTLAKE FILL
CONSTANCE SIDLES

Rainier Audubon programs are held at

Federal Way United Methodist Church, 29645 - 51st Ave.
So. 98001 (in unincorporated Auburn)

Directions: In Federal Way, take 320th St. EAST past The Commons, crossing over I-5 and Military Rd.

At 321st St, turn left. Stay on 321st as it becomes 51st Ave. So. Follow 51st Ave. to 296th. Church will be on your left.

President's Message by ???

Basic Birding Skills Workshop Series

This spring Rainier Audubon will offer a "Basic Birding Skills Workshop Series" with Adele Freeland, Cheryl White and Barbara Petersen. If you are new to birding or just wish to sharpen your skills, please join us.

We will meet indoors on two Thursday evenings, March 29 and April 26, 6:30 to 9:00, to view slides and discuss basic aspects of birding and identification skills. The location for the March meeting will be the **Federal Way Regional Library** (34200 1st Way South Federal Way, WA 98003). The April meeting location has not yet been determined, These indoor workshops will touch on basics of birding in the field, identification of bird species common to our state, basics of birding in the field, use of binoculars, bird songs, and backyard bird habitats. Thanks in advance to Dan Streiffert for the use of his excellent photos!

We'll meet for the Saturday field trips at 8:30 on March 31, April

7 and April 28, rain or shine, in order to put our new skills into practice.

These trips will last four to six hours depending on that day's destination.

We're asking for a \$10 donation per person to help with the cost of printed materials to be shared with workshop participants.

For more information or to reserve a spot in the class, contact Adele at free2nap@comcast.net or Cheryl at CMWonthewing@comcast.net or phone Barbara at (253)941-4055. Space is limited so sign up early.



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Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church conference room and are open to all members.

Volunteers Needed!

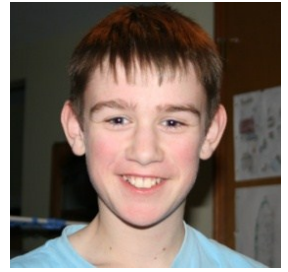
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Upcoming Events

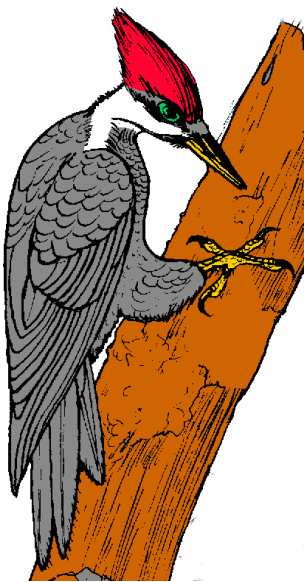
- March 7—Dan Streiffert— "Yellowstone Wildlife Photography", 7:00 PM, Wesley Terrace
- April 16 - Maria Ruth "Marbled Murrelet"
- May 21—Gary Luhm—"Adventures in Bird Photography". Rescheduled due cancellation of Feb. 2012 meeting.

Seen and Heard by Calen Randall



This month has been an exciting month for me because of all of your great reports! It never ceases to amaze me how our backyards can be so different and how we can see so many of the same species. Two reports this month were about variant species: one from Barbara Petersen about Juncos and the other from Sandra Embrey about a Eurasian Wigeon intermixed with American Wigeons. Barbara wondered if one of the female Slate-Coloured Juncos was a hybrid because it had a black head and it was more aggressive. I wondered whether there were any American X Eurasian Wigeon hybrids mixed in with the group of Wigeons that Sandra saw. In science, I have been studying about the topic of speciation—the formation of new species. The concept of what a species is and how we define a species is such an exciting topic. It is mind-boggling to think that one day (way down the road), a hybrid that you see could evolve into its own species.

At the beginning of February, I went to Vernon, BC to play hockey. The Okanagan area is a hotspot for bird species because of its grasslands; in fact, 75% of all British Columbian bird species can be found in this area. One species I was determined to find was the Red Crossbill. I have wanted to see a Crossbill ever since Charlie Wright told me about his summer work project with South Hill Crossbills in Idaho and trying to determine if it is a separate species or a subspecies of the Red Crossbill.



My Red Crossbill crusade did not turn out as expected. No Crossbills perched waiting for me outside the hockey rink or hotel. Though I was disappointed about not seeing any Crossbills, I was still excited about spotting two male Ring-Necked Pheasants strutting along the railroad tracks. My birding adventure reminded me of the excitement of birding: it is unpredictable. No matter what bird you plan on seeing, there is no guaranteed sighting. However, there is always some element of surprise.

A final note about my trip was that travelling down Raptor Alley (aka the I-5) on the way back to Washington, I noticed that several Red-tailed Hawks were no longer sitting on the light standards like sentinels—they were paired with a Valentine. The groundhog isn't the only one who can predict spring.

Recent Sightings

Thanks to reporters Ralph and Sandra Embrey (SE), Debbie and AJ Fisher (DF), Etta Cosey (EC), Barbra Peterson (BP), and Ross and Annette Tabor (AT).

Common Birds Seen & Heard this month

Bushtits, Golden Crowned Kinglets, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Bewick's Wrens, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Band-tailed Pigeons, House Finches, Fox Sparrows, House Sparrows, Gold-crowned Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Pine Siskins, Dark-eyed Juncos, Black-Capped Chickadees, Chestnut-Backed Chickadees, Spotted Towhees, American Robins, Varied Thrush, Steller's Jays, Red Breasted Sapsuckers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers (red shafted), Downy Woodpeckers, American Wigeon, Mallards, Gadwall, Green-Winged Teal, Bald Eagles, and a Cooper's Hawk

Special Sightings

The *Seen and Heard* Bird of the Month goes to Etta Cosey. Etta wrote "Yesterday while nearly everyone was focused on the Snowy Owls, this little fellow was ignored as it skittered along the beach into the tall grasses. Finding a Snow Bunting on the beach was an unexpected surprise." No kidding Etta! What a great find!

Here is a list of this months special sightings:

- Eurasian Widgeon (SE 02/07/12 new wetland area called Place of Circling Waters @ Dumas Bay & Hylebos Creek in Federal Way)
- Eurasian Collared Doves (BP 01/12 in KENT)
- American Goldfinch (DF 02/11/12 in KENT)
- Townsend's Warbler (DF 02/11/12 in KENT; BP 01/12 in KENT)
- Snow Bunting (EC 02/03/12 at DAMON POINT, OCEAN SHORES)
- Western-Scrub Jay (BP 01/12 South of Willis and West of

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Bio: Calen is a 12 year old birder. He enjoys birding around Lake Fenwick and Boeing Ponds—especially with Charlie Wright. Calen is thrilled to revive Charlie's 'Seen and Heard'. When not birding, Calen can be seen flying up and down the ice at Kent Valley Ice Center.

Field Trips by Carol Schulz



Soos Creek Owl Prowls

Saturday Night, Mar 10
10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Leaders: Joe and Liz Miles

Join Friends of Soos Creek Park volunteers Joe and Liz Miles for this late night program and walk exploring the world of owls. We'll start indoors for the first hour learning calls, ID, and info about our local owls, then venture outdoors to prowl for owls.

There is limited space for this program. Reservations are required. Best for adults and children over 13 years. Group size is limited to 15. The owls program is sponsored by Kent City Recreation Dept.

Meet: Meet at the Soos Creek Park Maintenance Shop. Soos Creek Park/Trail 24810 148th Avenue SE, Kent.

Directions: Take James Street east from Kent. To reach James St, exit I-167 at Willis, turn east to Central, and North to James. Travel east on James as it becomes SE 240th St. Travel about 4 miles, as 240th dips and turns downhill. Turn right (south) on 148th Ave near the bottom of the hill. The Soos Creek maintenance yard will be down the road about 1/4 mile on the left at a barn and chain-link-fenced parking lot.

Sign-up: Call Kent Commons, Kent City Parks and Recreation, 253-856-5000. This trip FILLS EARLY. Please register in advance.

For further info: E-mail or call Joe Miles, friendsofsooscreekpark@q.com, (253) 639-0123.

Joe can answer your questions but cannot arrange the sign-ups.

Weekly Birdwalks at Nisqually

Wednesdays 8:00 am to Noon

Leader: Phil Kelley

Join Phil Kelley on his weekly bird walks as he counts the birds at Nisqually NWR. The group walks over to an area near the visitor's center to view the entry road estuary, and then takes the boardwalk/trail loop out to the Twin Barns, and the Nisqually overlook area. From there, the group walks the dike, and back to the Riparian Forest. Some may choose to continue on the new boardwalk extension which goes out toward the mouth of McAlister Creek. It has benches and covered viewing areas. The walk totals 2.0 miles roundtrip to the boardwalk extension. The extension adds an additional 2.0 miles total, so the whole walk including the boardwalk extension is now 4.0 miles.

Bring: Good walking shoes or boots, raingear, water, snacks, and \$3 for entry fee unless you have a pass. Scopes are welcome.

Meet: At the Visitor's Center Pond Overlook.

Directions: Take I-5 south from Tacoma and exit to Nisqually NWR at exit 114. Take a right at the light.

Sign-up is not necessary. Call or email Phil Kelley if you have questions. Phil Kelley, Lacey, (360) 459-1499, scrubjay323@aol.com.

Lake Sammamish State Park

Saturday, March 24
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Leader: Carol Schulz

Join us on a field trip to various areas of Lake Sammamish State Park. We will explore trails (which may be muddy) as we look for nice birds in the woods, along trails, and at the lake. GBH's should be on their nests at the large heronry. This 506 acre park is a wonderful birding spot. We may explore some areas of the hillside camp area across the highway. Birds should be singing at this time of year.



Bring: Warm clothes, waterproof shoes or boots, or old tennis shoes, lunch, snacks, and drinks. We may walk up to 2 miles, or folks may bird near the cars. Scopes are welcome. If you bring your car, bring your Discover Pass.

Meet: At the P&R on hwy 405, exit 9 at 8:00. This is north of Renton. Take the exit, turn right 1/2 block, and turn left into the P&R. At the exit, DO NOT drive straight ahead onto the freeway on-ramp.

Sign-Up: Contact Carol Schulz at (206) 824-7618, carol.schulz50@gmail.com.

Circumnavigate Bainbridge Island Boat Trip!!

Sunday, Mar 25, 9:45am - 1:30pm

Winslow City Docks, Cost: \$65.

Leader: George Gerdtts

Join expert birder and naturalist George Gerdtts aboard the 80-foot catamaran "The Admiral Pete", as it travels the waters around Bainbridge Island. This boat is suited for wildlife viewing, with a P.A. system, and excellent viewing from outside decks or from comfortable inside seating.

Expect to see 3 species of cormorants, sea ducks (including Harlequin and Long-tailed Ducks), rocky-shore sandpipers, several species of alcids, Bald Eagles, and various marine mammals such as Harbor Seals, California and Steller's Sea Lions. And if we are lucky some porpoises. Expect great scenery and a unique, close-up view of the Bainbridge Island shoreline.

George leads tours for Kitsap Audubon, and has conducted this popular boat tour annually for several years. The trip starts at the Winslow City Dock at 9:45 AM and returns at 1:30 PM.

Signup: Call the Bainbridge Island Parks Dept. Office at 206-842-2306, (9:00 - 5:00) Mon.-Fri. Registration is quickly completed over the phone, and credit cards are accepted. Cost \$65. Call SOON! Space limited. For more details (but not signup) email or call George Gerdtts, geopandion@gmail.com, or 206-842-8138.

Fun Facts About Kinglets

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- ◆ The Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglet are two of North America's smallest birds
- ◆ Golden-crowned Kinglets weigh less than two pennies
- ◆ Kinglets winter northward to Canada and Alaska
- ◆ Golden-crowned Kinglets have been expanding their breeding range southward
- ◆ Ruby-crowned Kinglets constantly flick their wings
- ◆ The Golden-crowned Kinglet usually raises two large broods of young
- ◆ The female Golden-crowned Kinglet

feeds her large brood only on the first day after they leave the nest. She then starts laying the second set of eggs while the male takes care of the first brood

- ◆ Although the egg of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet weighs only .02 ounces, an entire clutch can weigh as much as the female herself
- ◆ Each of the Golden-crowned Kinglet's nostrils are covered by a single, tiny feather
- ◆ Golden-crowned Kinglets eat small insects and their eggs, gleaning food from tips of branches, bark and foliage

- ◆ Ruby-crowned Kinglets eat spiders, pseudoscorpions and many types of insects including aphids, ants, wasps and bark beetles. They will also eat a small amount of seeds and fruit
- ◆ Kinglets nest high in the trees

◆ Nests are made of moss, lichen, spider web, bark strip and grasses and lined with fine plant material and fur

- ◆ The nest is elastic enough to expand as the brood grows
- ◆ Breeding pairs of Ruby-crowned Kinglets stay together for two months until their chicks fledge
- ◆ Golden-crowned Kinglets stay warm on winter nights by huddling tightly together. By turning their tails outward and tucking their heads into their feathers, they collectively lower their surface-area-to-body-size ratio and greatly reduce their heat loss

Puget Loop Birding Trail map kicks off Environmental Lobby Day

Under the watchful golden eyes of a live Great Horned Owl, a species of bird regularly seen in Puget Sound, the seventh and final route of the Great Washington State Birding Trail, the Puget Loop, was unveiled in the United Churches of Olympia Jan. 25th.

Birding "trails", are self-guided driving tours to the best places to see birds. "The Puget Loop will bring new visitors and new dollars, and

gives us yet another reason to be good stewards of our lands and waters," said Dave Britzell, Washington Fish and Wildlife Assistant to the Director. "The birding trail is a guide to many of the special places along Puget Sound." said Dee Arntz, Audubon Washington Steward emeritus, who brought the concept of Birding Trails. Dave and Dee unveiled a framed copy of the map in front of 300 citizens.

"Building Pollution-Free Prosperity, one of the three environmental priorities, is critical for wildlife watching. Nature tourism is dependent upon environmental laws and regulations that provide funds, public access, and protection for public and private lands conserving our northwest habitats and birds" said Audubon Washington Birding Trail Director Christi

Norman.

The other 2012 priorities are Toxic Free Kids and Fulfill our Clean Energy Initiative.

The Great Horned Owl featured at the Puget Loop ceremony comes from Vashon Island's Wolfstown, a nonprofit facility that rescues and rehabilitates injured native birds and other wildlife, and offers them for educational presentations.

The new map can be seen online at wa.audubon.org. Copies of the Great Washington State Birding Trail maps can be [ordered online: http://wa.audubon.org/birds_GreatWABirdingTrail.html](http://wa.audubon.org/birds_GreatWABirdingTrail.html)

Christi Norman
Birding Trail Program Director
Audubon Washington

The Month of May is

BIRDATHON



What is it? It's "birding for dollars!" Count as many bird species in one day as you can! Choose any day in May. **Get friends to sponsor you**, then go birding! Afterwards, send them a list of what birds you saw, and they will donate X amount for each species you saw (i.e. 25 cents). Or they can just donate a flat fee. 100% of the proceeds support Rainier Audubon activities in south King County.

If you prefer, you can conduct your Birdathon birding on one of our field trips. Earn money for chapter activities while enjoying a great field trip led by an expert birder. Or be lazy — stay at home and bird at your feeder. Or be creative and come up with your own Birdathon experience! Sponsors are happy to support your efforts, and many look forward to being asked again the following year. They especially enjoy your list of bird species seen. We will provide helpful hints, examples of solicitation and report letters, prizes for birders, thank-you gifts for sponsors, and one-on-one help as needed.

Why do it? We need the money! The portion of your membership dues that our Rainier chapter receives does not even pay the total cost of preparing and sending out your newsletter. Birdathon is our largest fundraiser, and we depend on it to provide a stable funding base for our many activities. Funds raised go for services and activities such as: our wonderful newsletter, postage and PO box, printing

materials, envelopes, programs (speaker fees), environmental education activities, conservation committee activities, etc., We wouldn't want to have to cut back on any of our activities!

Seen and Heard (Continued from page 3)

Washington near Green River in KENT)

3 Pileated Woodpeckers all flying together over house and landing in tree (BP 01/12 in KENT)

Mystery Bird of the Month

Our mystery bird was sighted by Annette and Ross Tabor in downtown Federal Way on February 13th. Here are the clues:

Who am I?

- I'm another one of America's birds.
- I'm distinct from other "Family" members by the way I bob my tail just after perching.
- I have a dark tear streak and dark side burns--like Elvis.
- I sport a red beanie on my head.
- Even as a juvenile, both male and female have distinct plumages.
- I can perch and drop on my prey, and I can also hover over and swoop in on my prey .
- A group of me is a "flight", a "soar", or a "hover".
- I was formerly known as a Sparrow Hawk.

Send your sightings/hearings to calenbirds@hotmail.com
I love reading your reports!

Answer: American Kestrel

Our goal for Birdathon 2012 is \$5,000, which is attainable but only if everyone helps!

Stay tuned for prize announcements! First time birder, Most species seen, Most money raised.

Sponsor sheets available at our Membership Meetings.

Contact: Ross Tabor,
Rainier Audubon Birdathon Chair

Phone: (253) 927-3208
Email: rarailfan@aol.com

Thank you!

Birding Trail's Puget Loop For Sale \$4.95

Delight your favorite birders with the newest – the seventh and final – map of the Great Washington State Birding Trail: the Puget Loop. Hot off the press, this signature route features 220 of our 346 annually recorded bird species around Puget Sound from Seattle to Mt. Rainier, plus Lake Washington, Kitsap Peninsula; and Vashon, Bainbridge, Whidbey and San Juan islands.

On Sale at our January Membership Meeting and at Wild Birds Unlimited (Burien Store <http://www.southseattle.wbu.com/>).

All proceeds go to Rainier Audubon.



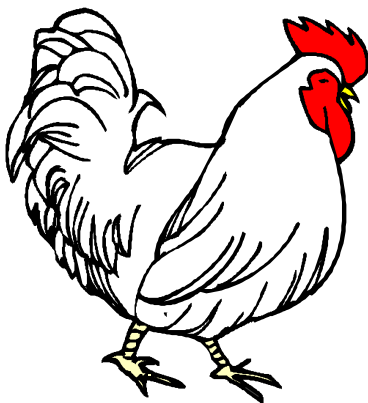
Mewsings from Millie

Hello and welcome back to my musings.

You know I am always looking and listening for interesting information about our bird friends. I was playing around on the computer the other day while my people were away and came across some fascinating tidbits thanks to Birdwatcher's Digest and I'd like to share some of them with you.

Swifts can fly up to 170 mph but the world's fastest bird is the Peregrine Falcon. It can fly more than 200 mph! The slowest flying bird is the American Woodcock with a top speed of 5 mph.

Vultures have the world's slowest wingbeat at one beat per minute. A Vulture once collided with a jetliner flying at 37,000 feet!



A group of chickens is called a peep. There are more chickens in the world than people. Chickens have only 250 to 350 taste buds compared to the 9,000 that humans have. Chickens are also the closest living relative of Tyrannosaurus rex so don't get a chicken mad at you!

Studies show that many wild birds will die in the first year of life but if they can survive that first year then they

have a strong chance of living a good long life. An American Robin can live up to twelve years, Great Blue Herons and Canada Geese can live more than twenty-three years, Blue Jays more than eighteen years and some blackbirds more than fifteen years.

An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Swans mate for life. Some Swans have more than 20,000 feathers in their plumage.

A group of Starlings decided to take a rest on the minute hand of Big Ben causing the clock to become five minutes slow.

A duck's eggshell is porous allowing the baby duckling to breathe. Research shows that ducks on the edge of a group sleep with one eye open and those in the middle of the group sleep with both eyes closed.



Arctic Terns can live for more than thirty years. During breeding season their bill color changes from black to red.

The highest price paid for a book about birds was in 1989 when a set of John James Audubon's books titled The Birds of America sold at auction for \$3.96 million dollars! Wow! People really value their knowledge about birds!

I hope you found some of this interesting if not entertaining - I know I sure did!

Speaking of entertaining I'll wrap this up with a little bird humor:

Why do hummingbirds hum?

Because they don't know the words.

What happens to a duck if it flies upside down?

It quacks up!

Until next time,

Millie, the Muse of Mews

Spring Bird Festivals

- March 23 - 25, 2012 - **Othello Sandhill Crane Festival**, <http://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org>, 1-866-726-3445, or 509-488-2802, Famous birding festival in Eastern Washington in early spring. Popular field trips in school buses, renowned speakers, activities, and programs. Register early to go on some of the field trips.
- March 30—April 1, 2012—**Olympic Birdfest 2012**, Sequim, WA, <http://www.olympicbirdfest.org/>
- April 12—15 - **John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival**, Burns, Oregon, <http://www.migratorybirdfestival.com/>

Sign up for our new Google Group!

We have recently created a new group to serve as an email list server for Rainier Audubon. The intent of this site is to assist in publicizing our activities members and the general public relating to our club activities. Anyone may join or leave the group at any time. You may sign up on our website or at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/ras-activites?hl=en>

2011 Christmas Bird Count Results

Species	Count
Gr Wht-fronted Goose	0
Snow Goose	1
Cackling Goose	826
Canada Goose	1113
Trumpeter Swan	98
Tundra Swan	6
Wood Duck	29
Gadwall	92
Eurasian Wigeon	6
American Wigeon	1727
Mallard	1707
Green-winged Teal	616
Eurasian-Gw Teal	0
Cinnamon Teal	0
Northern Shoveler	246
Northern Pintail	810
Canvasback	5
Redhead	28
Ring-necked Duck	565
Greater Scaup	5
Lesser Scaup	29
Harlequin Duck	18
Surf Scoter	51
White-winged Scoter	15
Black Scoter	11
Bufflehead	302
Common Goldeneye	97
Barrow's Goldeneye	70
Hooded Merganser	75
Common Merganser	129
Red-breasted Merganser	18
Ruddy Duck	102
Ring-necked Pheasant	0
Ruffed Grouse	0
California Quail	4
Red-throated Loon	1
Pacific Loon	1
Common Loon	11
Pied-billed Grebe	45
Horned Grebe	172
Red-necked Grebe	45
Eared Grebe	0
Western Grebe	14
Brandt's Cormorant	0
Dbl-crested Cormorant	104
Pelagic Cormorant	1
Amer. Bittern	0
Great Blue Heron	40
Green Heron	0
Osprey	1

Species	Count
Bald Eagle	18
Adult	[n]10
Immature	[n]3
No. Harrier	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6
Cooper's Hawk	12
Northern Goshawk	0
Red-tailed Hawk	72
Harlan's Hawk	0
Rough-legged Hawk	0
Amer. Kestrel	5
Merlin	3
Peregrine Falcon	7
Virginia Rail	12
Sora	0
American Coot	686
Black-bellied Plover	0
Killdeer	70
Spotted Sandpiper	0
Greater Yellowlegs	0
Black Turnstone	0
Western Sandpiper	0
Least Sandpiper	0
Dunlin	120
Long-billed Dowitcher	0
Wilson's Snipe	1
Bonaparte's Gull	0
Mew Gull	98
Ring-billed Gull	11
California Gull	1
Herring Gull	2
Thayer's Gull	1
Western Gull	3
Glaucous-Winged Gull	829
WestxGlc-Winged Gull	[n]48
Gull sp.	[n]131
Common Murre	0
Pigeon Guillemot	2
Marbled Murrelet	0
Rhinoceros Auklet	15
Rock Pigeon	1110
Band-tailed Pigeon	72
Mourning Dove	7
Barn Owl	1
Western Screech-Owl	3
Great Horned Owl	5
Northern Pygmy-Owl	0
Barred Owl	3
Short-eared Owl	0
Northern Saw-whet Owl	2

Species	Count
Anna's Hummingbird	81
Belted Kingfisher	10
Red-breasted Sapsucker	19
Downy Woodpecker	41
Hairy Woodpecker	7
Northern Flicker	117
Y-shafted	[n]
Pileated Woodpecker	17
Northern Shrike	7
Hutton's Vireo	4
Steller's Jay	89
Western Scrub Jay	12
American Crow	3499
Common Raven	10
Blk-capped Chickadee	451
Mountain Chickadee	1
Chestnut-bk'd Chickadee	109
Bushtit	355
Red-breasted Nuthatch	36
Brown Creeper	29
Bewick's Wren	68
Pacific Wren	71
Marsh Wren	48
American Dipper	1
Golden-cr. Kinglet	255
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	125
Hermit Thrush	1
American Robin	1292
Varied Thrush	28
European Starling	1708
American Pipit	94
Cedar Waxwing	15
Orange-crowned Warbler	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	21
Audubon's	[n]12
Myrtle	[n]2
Townsend's Warbler	6
Common Yellowthroat	0
Spotted Towhee	158
Savannah Sparrow	0
Fox Sparrow	144
Song Sparrow	515
Lincoln's Sparrow	27
Swamp Sparrow	0
White-throated Sparrow	1
White-crowned Sparrow	212
Golden-crowned Sparrow	210
Dark-eyed Junco	833
Slate-colored Junco	[n]3
Red-winged Blackbird	517

2011 Christmas Bird Count Results

Mode	First Name	Last Name
<i>Feeder</i>	Eldon	Davis
	Ray & Janet	Korpi
	Jean	Lotter
	Elaine & Henry	Maros
	Barbara & Tom	Nylund
	Cathea	Stanley
	Nancy	Streifert
<i>Field</i>	Caren	Adams
	Linda	Bartlett
	Merri	Berg
	Nina	Bohn
	Tom & Susan	Bowden
	Tim	Brennan
	Ken	Brunner
	Mary & Bill	Bush
	Etta	Cosey
	Sandra	Embree
	John	Felderman
	Phil & Dawn	Frazer
	Adele	Freeland
	Mark	Freeland
	Jay	Galvin
	Jill	Harper
	Geof	Jackson
	Steve & Jean	Johnson
	Carol	Johnson
	Lisa	Johnson
	Mary & Mike	Kun
	Jon	Leland
	Joe & Liz	Miles
	Annie	Myer
	Roger	Orness
	Barbara	Petersen
	Jerry	Richard
	Anita	Richard
	Bruce	Robertson
	Debra	Russel
	Kirk	Scarbrough
	Amy	Schillinger
	Carol	Schultz
	Bonnie	Scott
	Dan	Streiffert
	David	Swayne
	Joe & Ruth	Terlouw
	Terry	Thurber
	Brenda	Tom
	Jim & Ann	Tooley
	Ron	Toonen
	Pat	Toth
	Cheryl	White
	Michael	Willison
	Charlie	Wright

Species	Count
Western Meadowlark	24
Yellow-Hd Blackbird	0
Brewer's Blackbird	254
Brown-headed Cowbird	31
Purple Finch	13
House Finch	273
Red Crossbill	9
Pine Siskin	533
American Goldfinch	134
Evening Grosbeak	79
House Sparrow	141

Unusual Species	
White Breasted Nuthatch	2
Eurasian Collared Dove	79
Blue Winged Teal	4
Cassin's Finch	6
Cassin's Vireo	1

Total Individuals	25,151
Total Species	129
<cw> means "Seen during"	
[n] means "Not countable"	



Winter Robin—Dan Streiffert



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