

CENTRAL ALBERTA MAY SPECIES COUNT

Date: May 30, 31, 2015

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Participants: 48 - Dee Bagshaw, Stanley (Bud) Bargholz, Jean Bargholz, Bill Barritt, Brian Biggs, Karin Bjorge, Myron Bjorge, Sarah Bodner, Judy Boyd, Larry Boyd, Lois Burkinshaw, Phil Burkinshaw, Jerry Caddy, John Caddy, Sandra Cameron, Dennis Cressman, Amy Dale, Elizabeth Dale, Anto Davis, Eileen Ford, Stewart Ford, Bill Heinsen, Philip Hennock, Jodie Hill, Scott Hoyland, Gordon Johnston, Keith Kline, Joyce Lemke, Claudia Lipski, Linda Marshall, Janet Martin, Carol McGillvary, Jackie Miller, Ken Miller, Keara Nelson, Clint Nissen, Tanya O'Donoghue, Alana Pay, Myrna Pearman, Doug Pedersen, Vanessa Poettner, Will Quamme, Deenie Spelt, Joanne Susat, Rick Varjassy, Althea Williams, Gail, Sandra.

Area Covered: Zone 1 (Red Deer), Zone 2 (Sylvan Lake), Zone 3 (Gull Lake), Zone 4 (Lacombe), Zone 5 (EBF), Zone 6 (Pine Lake), Zone 7 (Penhold), Zone 8 (Dickson, MRWC), Zone 12 (Crestomere), Zone 16 (Lousana), Zone 17 (Bigelow Reservoir), Zone 19 (Bowden), Zone 25 (Three Hills), Zone 26 (Dry Island Buffalo Jump), and Zone 27 (Rocky Mountain House).

Weather: Day 1: Temp. 6 to 21°C

Wind speed: 10 to 40 km/hr. Wind direction: SE, E, SSE

Cloud cover: 1-100%

Day 2: Temp. 11 to 25°C

Wind speed: 0 to 20 km/hr. Wind direction: NE, N, SE, SW, E

Cloud cover: 0-100%

Team Distance/Hours: Total Team Mileage: 1031 km; by vehicle 1061.5 km; on foot 40.5 km; by canoe 6 km, bicycle 23 km. Total Team Hours: 116 hr; by vehicle 46.25 hr.; on foot 35.25 hr, by canoe 3 hr, by bicycle 3 hr; feederwatch 27.5 hr.

Number of Species: 146

Number of Birds: 12620

Highlights: Highest recorded numbers since 2000: 1104 Mallard, 42 Cinnamon Teal, 94 Green-winged Teal, 12 Bald Eagle, 75 Sora, 17 Black-necked Stilt, 6 Solitary Sandpipers (6 also seen in 2011), 15 Marbled Godwit, 2 Common Nighthawk, 2 Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Loggerhead Shrike, 34 Marsh Wren.

Number of participants was up from last year's 47 to 48. The number of bird species went down from last year's 147 to 146. (The highest recorded number of species since 2000 was in 2008: 153.) The count of individual birds was down from last year's 14155 to 12620.

Mammals: White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Richardson's Ground Squirrel, Chipmunk, Coyote, Muskrat, Snowshoe Hare, Striped Skunk, Red Squirrel, Beaver, Jumping Mouse, Little Brown Bat, Porcupine, Mink

Amphibians: Boreal Chorus Frog, and Wood Frog.

Reptile: Red-sided Garter Snake

Insects: bumblebee, Spring Azure, Mourning Cloak, Canadian Tiger Swallowtail, Cabbage White, Clouded Sulphur, Common Alpine, Horsefly, Cherry-faced Meadowhawk, Green Darner, Blue Darner, Mayfly, Water Strider, Ladybird beetle, Blue Azure, Arctic Skipper, Persius Duskywing, Silvery Blue, Anise Swallowtail, Alfalfa Butterfly (orange Sulphas), Mustard White, Hudsonian White-face, Red-winged Clickhopper.

Canada Goose 1110
 Gadwall 170
 American Wigeon 62
 Mallard 1104
 Blue-winged Teal 442
 Cinnamon Teal 42
 Northern Shoveler 227
 Northern Pintail 37
 Green-winged Teal 94
 Canvasback 75
 Redhead 187
 Ring-necked Duck 131
 Lesser Scaup 183
 Bufflehead 118
 Common Goldeneye 98
 Hooded Merganser 1
 Common Merganser 2
 Ruddy Duck 95
 Duck species 27
 Gray Partridge 2
 Ruffed Grouse 13
 Common Loon 7
 Pied-billed Grebe 10
 Horned Grebe 31
 Red-necked Grebe 17
 Eared Grebe 540
 American White Pelican 60
 Double-crested Cormorant 4
 American Bittern 1
 Great Blue Heron 7
 Black-crowned Night-Heron 1
 Turkey Vulture 1
 Osprey 8
 Bald Eagle 12
 Northern Harrier 4
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 1
 Cooper's Hawk 1
 Northern Goshawk 1CW
 Swainson's Hawk 8
 Red-tailed Hawk 72
 Hawk species 4
 American Kestrel 13
 Merlin 2
 Sora 75
 American Coot 718
 Sandhill Crane 11
 Killdeer 45
 Black-necked Stilt 17
 American Avocet 22
 Greater Yellowlegs 1
 Solitary Sandpiper 6
 Willet 12
 Spotted Sandpiper 9
 Marbled Godwit 15
 Semipalmated Sandpiper 11
 Least Sandpiper 2
 Wilson's Snipe 59
 Wilson's Phalarope 64
 Franklin's Gull 50
 Ring-billed Gull 172
 Gull species 21
 Forster's Tern 8
 Black Tern 168
 Rock Pigeon 71
 Eurasian Collared-Dove 4
 Mourning Dove 23
 Great Horned Owl 8
 Barred Owl 1
 Great Gray Owl 1
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 1
 Common Nighthawk 2
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird 27
 Rufous Hummingbird 2
 Belted Kingfisher 1
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 13
 Downy Woodpecker 22
 Hairy Woodpecker 24
 Northern Flicker 13
 Pileated Woodpecker 3
 Western Wood-Pewee 5
 Alder Flycatcher 3
 Least Flycatcher 30
 Eastern Phoebe 13
 Say's Phoebe 2
 Western Kingbird 4
 Eastern Kingbird 36
 Loggerhead Shrike 2
 Blue-headed Vireo 2
 Warbling Vireo 8
 Red-eyed Vireo 11
 Gray Jay 2
 Blue Jay 37
 Black-billed Magpie 170
 American Crow 318
 Common Raven 59
 Horned Lark 1
 Purple Martin 124
 Tree Swallow 475
 Bank Swallow 147
 Cliff Swallow 833
 Barn Swallow 27
 Black-capped Chickadee 57
 Boreal Chickadee 7
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 6
 White-breasted Nuthatch 18
 Rock Wren 1
 House Wren 78
 Marsh Wren 34
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3
 Mountain Bluebird 106
 Hermit Thrush 1
 American Robin 276
 Gray Catbird 9
 European Starling 267
 Cedar Waxwing 33
 Tennessee Warbler 1
 Yellow Warbler 144
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 25
 Common Yellowthroat 14
 Western Tanager 1
 Spotted Towhee 1
 Chipping Sparrow 34
 Clay-coloured Sparrow 152
 Vesper Sparrow 45
 Lark Bunting 1
 Savannah Sparrow 75
 Le Conte's Sparrow 4
 Song Sparrow 50
 Lincoln's Sparrow 2
 White-throated Sparrow 29
 White-crowned Sparrow 16
 Dark-eyed Junco 8
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7
 Red-winged Blackbird 908
 Western Meadowlark 40
 Yellow-headed Blackbird 431
 Brewer's Blackbird 292
 Common Grackle 16
 Brown-headed Cowbird 47
 Baltimore Oriole 36
 Purple Finch 20
 House Finch 10
 Common Redpoll 10
 Pine Siskin 5
 American Goldfinch 118
 Evening Grosbeak 3
 House Sparrow 137