

2007 MAY SPECIES COUNT for BIRDS

Provincial Summary

Compiled by Judy Boyd

The number of species was up this year: 276 from 271 but the number of individual birds: went down: 219,781 down from 225,981. The most numerous number of individual birds for a species was the Franklin's Gull at 31,286. The second most numerous number was the Black-bellied Plover at 15,473 birds and the third most numerous number was the Canada Goose at 11,160 birds.

Last year twenty three species were located in only one location and twenty four species were located in only two locations. This year, twenty six species were found in only one location. Of the single sightings Northern Hawk-Owl was seen at Bow Valley. Clark's Grebe, Dunlin (Count Week bird) and Gray-cheeked Thrush were seen at Brooks. Tundra Swan, Dusky Grouse, Northern Pygmy-Owl, "Western" Flycatcher, Western Bluebird and American Pipit were seen at Calgary. Spruce Grouse was seen at Cardston. Long-eared Owl, Wood Thrush and Gray-crowned Rosy-finch were seen at Claresholm. Virginia Rail, Sabine's Gull, Sedge Wren and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow were seen at Cold Lake. Surf Scoter, Great Crested Flycatcher, Bay-breasted Warbler and Common Redpoll were seen at Lac La Biche. Red-headed Woodpecker was seen at Lethbridge. Semipalmated plover (Count Week) and Boblink were seen at Milk River. Burrowing Owl was seen at Taber-Vauxhall.

Greater White-fronted Geese were seen at Cold Lake and Wakamo Lake. Ross's Geese were seen at Calgary and during Count Week at Cold Lake. Yellow Rails were seen at Calgary and Cold Lake. Hudsonian Godwit was seen at Cold Lake and Taber-Vauxhall. Red Knot was seen at Brooks and Calgary. Boreal Owl was seen at Fort McMurray and Lac La Biche. Lewis' Woodpecker was seen at Calgary and during Count Week at

Milk River. Veery was seen at Cold Lake and Waterton. Blackburnian Warbler was seen at Cold Lake and Lac La Biche. Harris's Sparrow was seen at Central Alberta and Fort McMurray. McCown's Longspur was seen at Brooks and Milk River. Bullock's Oriole was seen at Claresholm and Taber-Vauxhall. Pine Grosbeak was seen at Lac La Biche and during Count Week at Waterton. White-winged crossbill was seen at Medicine Hat and Waterton.

Last year we had eight species seen in all areas. This year we had ten species seen in all areas: Canada Goose, Mallard, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, American Robin, Yellow Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird and Pine Siskin. Last year four species were found in all but one area and five species were observed in all count areas except two. This year three species, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Flicker and American Crow, were found in all areas except one and five species, American Wigeon, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Common Raven and Yellow-rumped Warbler, were found in all areas except two.

Banff

Date: May 27, 2007

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Participants: Tomo Fujimori, Toni Hess, Brenda Lepitzki, Dwayne Lepitzki, Diane McIvor, Mike McIvor, Peter Poole, Michiko Shimizu, Reno Sommerhalder, Ed Whittingham

Weather: Temp. 4 to 13°C

Comments: unsettled, mainly cloudy, some sun through high clouds, brief showers in morning

Team Distance/Hours: information not available.

Number of Species: 85

Number of Birds: 904

Beauvais Lake Provincial Park

Date: May 31, 2007

Compiler: Teresa Dolman

Participants: Doug Dolman, Teresa Dolman, Bill Sharp

Area Covered: Within Park boundaries

Weather: Temp. 12 to 22°C

Wind speed: 0 to 17 km/hr.

Wind direction: E

Precipitation: nil

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team Mileage 13 km;
by vehicle 0;
on foot 13 km

Total team hours 9 hr;
by vehicle 0 hr;
on foot 9 hr.

Number of Species: 51

Number of Birds: 304

Other species seen during count week: none

Highlights: No new species were added to this count, but Northern Goshawk, Eastern Kingbird, Western Tanager and Lazuli Bunting were recorded for only the second time ever.

BowKanBirders (Bow Valley)

Compiler: Cliff Hansen

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Chase Cooper, Fiona & Mac Koether, Kevin Barker, Mary Dumka, Andre Gareau, Floyd Black, Gian Giger, Anita Walker, Hanne Seidel, Rose & Laura Reid, Eva Zidek, Bill Wilson, Milton Spitzer, Jim & Marg Jorgenson, Lucy Pesata, & Bob Bendick, and Lee & Barry Sprawl

Area Covered: Bow River Valley, Canmore to Hwy 40, Kananaskis River Valley south to Nakiska, all hike-able tributary valleys

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp. 2 to 20°C

Wind speed: 2 to 10 km/hr.

Wind direction: generally southerly

Precipitation: nil

Comments: alternate cloud and sun - pleasant

Day 2:

Temp. 4 to 20°C

Wind speed: 1 to 24 km/hr.

Wind direction: generally southerly

Precipitation: nil

Comments: alternate cloud and sun - pleasant

Team Distance/Hours:

Team mileage on foot:

121 km on Day 1

51 km on Day 2;

by vehicle:

61 km. on Day 1

46 on Day 2.

Team hours:

Day 1: 45 hours estimated

Day 2: 19 hours estimated

Number of Species: 117 (+ 2 cw)

Number of Birds: 2174 (+ 2 cw)

Other species seen during count week: Say's Phoebe (1) and Gray Catbird (1).

Highlights: Spring this year was significant by being unsettled. There were no long stretches of either warm and sunny or cold and wet/snowy weather. Many bird species were back but others were delayed. Cedar Waxwings and many swallows were not seen in large numbers here until mid June. The trees had leafed out but many blooming plants were delayed. We had a good turnout of birders which included some new participants and they covered our usual area well.

Two conditions worked against our birding efforts. The trees and bushes were ahead of schedule in developing obscuring foliage but the weather on the count weekend was pleasant. Luckily, the birds were not silent and many species could be identified and/or located by their song.

Our grand total count of 2176 birds was much lower than our 15 year May average of 2917 and our 119 species was slightly less than our average of 121 (the May 2006 count had the same result). Most species were down in numbers, even Canada Geese, Ducks, Ravens and Swallows. As in 2006, we are still missing Finches. Normally we count at least three species of the nine expected (Gray-crowned Rosy-finch, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, Purple and Cassin's Finch, Red and White-wing Crossbills, Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin). This spring we only identified one species, Pine Siskin, but their numbers (140 birds) were slightly above the average of 97.

Our list of species "counted only once" was reduced by one (Horned Grebe) but two new species were added to the list (American Bittern and Northern Hawk Owl). Perhaps, our records of the past 15 spring counts are still not mature as indicated by the new species. These new species are known to be here at least during migration times, but we have not identified them on past counts. The "reported only once" numbers are still growing.

The sighting of the Spotted Towhee deserves a special comment because it also appeared to be a "first." In the past (1994 and 2002), our group recorded Rufous-sided Towhees but that designation has been replaced by two species: Spotted and Eastern Towhees. I had to make a choice and my decision was to list our records under the most likely, the Spotted Towhee. This year's sighting was confirmed by the bird's distinctive song.

I was involved in two bear sightings. The sighting of the Grizzly was interesting. I was quietly and slowly

moving along a densely treed forest path with limited visibility with many singing birds when the bear stepped out in front of me about 25 metres ahead. We were both very surprised and my reaction was to backup. The bear did the same. After a couple of minutes, I returned along the path to a more open area and saw the bear off to the side across a flooded area galloping away. I believe we both experienced an adrenalin high. Making noise is a good way to reduce the chances of such an encounter but that is not compatible with birding. Later that same day we saw a Black Bear under more favourable conditions from our point of view.

All-in-all, we had an enjoyable and successful count. What could be better than being outdoors with nature with its surprises?

Brooks/Lake Newell

Date: May 19 and 20, 2007

Compiler: Bob Parsons

Participants: 38 in total

Weather: Temp. 8 to 16°C

Wind speed: 10 to 20 km/hr.

Wind direction: E

Precipitation: 2 cm

Comments: same both days. Partial cloud, some rain showers. Brisk wind late afternoon.

Team Distance/Hours:

Team mileage

1917 km by vehicle;

10 km on foot.

Team hours

140.5 hours by vehicle;

7.5 hours on foot

Number of Species: 167

Number of Birds: 64341

Other species seen during count week: Dunlin (1), Ovenbird (1)

Highlights: I arrived six days prior to the count weekend, enabling me to contact local press and radio who have always been very supportive. This count is a joint Calgary/Edmonton initiative, a multi-club activity and is traditionally held on the long weekend. Linda Hajash, my liaison in Brooks,

had done a great job distributing brochures and flyers and it was a joy working with her! Ben Velner from the 'Hat helped with the scouting during the week and I enjoyed his expertise as always.

Increased sponsorship funding from EnCana Energy, TransCanada Pipelines enabled me to freely spend gas-scouting dollars daily (\$40 average per day)!! Both have offices in Brooks and along with D.U. were all generous with maps, door-prizes and hats. Tillebrook PP was again HQ but generally the park was quiet bird-wise. Many species seemed to have gone through/were late or avoided the area altogether! The first morning out around Cassils and San Fran Lake area really got the enthusiasm going - Whimbrel, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit and two species of Plover all in one field. Rolling Hills, as usual, featured 100's of Whimbrel as well as Red Knot and 500 Plovers. Not bad for the first day of scouting!

Throughout the scout period, I found many ponds and sloughs (after the wet spring) and reservoirs had quite a few mud-flats and sandbars. Stilt Sandpipers, Black-necked Stilts were seen in good numbers but generally peeps were hard to find. Pectoral and Baird's were observed in a few locations and Red Knot numbers looked promising. There was the usual Dowitcher confusion; even Rick Martin from E.I.D. was confused as to which species was around! Anyhow, by the time the weekend arrived, I was all geared up and ready to go.

Count Weekend

As is the custom, 9 zones were all adequately counted. Close to 40 participants from 8 different clubs saw/counted a total of 167 species (plus 2 count week). There was also some plant study undertaken by a couple of experts! This number of species is about average with no new species added this year. However we did miss a few, namely Western Sandpiper, Burrowing Owl, Say's

Phoebe, Violet-green Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Bobolink and as usual Rusty Blackbird! We did break a few records naturally... White-faced Ibis (6), Black-bellied Plover (over 16,000), Black-necked Stilt (276), all 3 wren species, Sprague's Pipit (151), Grasshopper Sparrow (10), Chestnut-collared Longspur (506) and Baird's Sparrow (96).

Birds seen in lesser numbers included Red-tail Hawk, Forster's Tern, Black Tern, Mallard, McCowan's Longspur and some sparrow species. I feel sure that Greater Scaup is breeding in the area (Sibley take note) as 73 were counted, and Milk River had good numbers too. I should add here that a Sage Thrasher and a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher were both spotted outside the count circle. Drat!!

I made sure that certain species were not double-counted but I think the final numbers, when published, will be a very accurate reflection of what was counted. Thanks to the many participants, especially the enthusiastic crew from Calgary as well as Red Deer, and many thanks to the sponsors whose logos were spotted everywhere!

Buffalo Lake

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Wayne Kinsella

Participants: Claudia Cameron, Marion Chayer, Lee Grother, Wayne Kinsella, Wilma Zurfluh

Area Covered: From the south shore of Buffalo lake to the south shore of Ewing Lake and from the east edge of Stettler to the western edge of Erskine Lake.

Weather: Both days had scattered clouds and temperatures in the +20 deg. Range.

Team Distance/Hours: 3 teams walked and drove 110 km in 19 hours.

Number of Species: 66

Number of Birds: 1919

Highlights: The one very interesting sighting this year was the concentration of 18 Black-necked Stilts that were observed at the Stettler sewage

lagoons.

Cardston

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Shirley Sillito

Participants: Fay Clawson, Jack LeRoux, Ruth LeRoux, Ruth Olsen, Vicki Romeril, Don Shaw, rod Shaw, Shirley Sillito, Weldon Sillito, Althena Snyder, Michelle Snyder, Mira Snyder, Saska Valhala, Angie Wagner, Mark Wagner

Area Covered: Cardston, Woolford Provincial Park, Leavitt, Police Outpost Lake Provincial Park, Kimball, Springhill Park, Mountain View

Weather: Temp. 5 to 20°C

Wind speed: 0 to 30 km/hr.

Wind direction: SW

Precipitation: nil

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team Mileage 514.5 km;

by vehicle 503;

on foot 11.5 km.

Total team hours 52 hr;

by vehicle 40 hr;

on foot 9 hrs;

watching feeders 3 hrs.

Number of Species: 107

Number of Birds: 4731

Other species seen during count week:

American Kestrel (1), Merlin (1), Black-headed Grosbeak (1)

Highlights: Three “new” species were added to the list – Spruce Grouse, Dusky Flycatcher and Brewer’s Sparrow. For the second time only, Eurasian Wigeon was recorded.

Calgary and area

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Milt Spitzer

Participants: Mary-Lou Adams, Sandra Antonation, Linda Bailley, John Bargman, Bruce Barnetson, Al Borgard, Pat Bulman, Alicia Bulmer, Allan Cole, Amanda Cole, Phil Cram, Brian Donnelly, Jean Dunn, John Duthie, Brian Elder, Anne Elliot, Joan Falcione, Dick and Lenora Flynn,

Dave Gibson, Bernard Goulet, Therese Goulet, Horst Grothman, Ian Halladay, Michael Harrison, Ken Harvard, Frank Hennessy, Terry Korolyk, David Lieske, Don Magnusson, Simone Marler, Wayne Mcgonicle, Rich and Lynn Moore, Mike Mulligan, Aileen Pelzer, Nimali Seneviratne, Andrew Slater, Ena Spalding, Pat Spiller, Milt and Elaine Spitzer, Jim St. Laurent, Judy Swan, Don and Phillip Stiles, Tony Timmons, Nicolas Totino, Mary Jo Van Order, Rob Vorona, Bill Walker, Doug Walcott, Jim Washbrook, Bill Wilson, Ray Woods, Gus Yaki, Colin Young, Walter and Lois Zwick

Area Covered: Fish Creek Provincial Park (37th St to Bridge 6), Fish Creek Provincial Park (Bridge 6 to McLeod Trail), Fish Creek Provincial Park (McLeod Trail to Bridge 14 and Varsity Village Area), Burnsmead South to Hwy 22X, Fish Creek Provincial Park (Mallard Point to Burnsmead), Carburn Park to Beaverdam Flats Park, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, North Glenmore/Weaselhead, South Glenmore/Weaselhead, Bowmount Natural Area, Lowery Gardens/Edworthy Park, Springbank Area, Pinebrook, West of Highway 2 Olds/Crossfield, Water Valley North, Water Valley South, Cochrane North, Bow Valley Provincial Park and Exshaw, Horse Creek Road, Mount Lorette, Sibbald Flats, Elbow River Basin, Gorge Creek Road, Millarville Area, Priddis Area, Brown/Lowery Provincial Park, South of Calgary, Upper Sheep River Basin, Southside Sheep River Basin, Highwood River Basin West of Longview, Central Highwood River Basin, Didsbury East Bluebird Trail, Irricana North, Strathmore North, East of Calgary, Carseland/Dalmead/Langdon Reservoir, South of Strathmore, Frank Lake and High River East, McKinnon Flats.

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp. 6 to 21°C

Wind speed: 0 to 10 km/hr.

Wind direction: W to SW

Precipitation: 0 cm

Comments: light fog in low lying areas early in a.m.

Day 2:

Temp. 7 to 22°C

Wind speed: 10 to 20 km/hr.

Wind direction: W to SW

Precipitation: 0 cm

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team Mileage:

by vehicle 3545;

on foot 197 km .

Total team hours:

by vehicle 175 hr;

on foot 165 hr.

Number of Species: 207

Number of Birds: 58473

Other species seen on count week: Lazuli Bunting

Highlights: In 2007 the circle was sub-divided into eleven areas within the city, two additional areas on the western outskirts of the city and 26 areas outside of Calgary. Sixty-one people participated fully in the count and their data was supplemented by special observations from three individuals birding within the area during the weekend. Participants were extremely dedicated and put in long hours and great distances to provide excellent coverage. Many of the participants surveyed more than one area while others spent two days in their area to complete their coverage. This concerted effort is invaluable and sincere thanks are due to each and every participant for such dedication.

The weather for this count was nearly ideal for a change (the count has a record of being conducted under extreme weather conditions often with high winds, cold temperatures or precipitation and some times a combination of all three.) This year the temperatures varied from a low of 5C to a high of 22C with little wind on Saturday and a bit more breezy conditions on Sunday; ideal for birding. Early in the am on Saturday some fog was present in low lying areas in the east and north of the circle.

A total of 207 species of birds were counted during this survey. The same number as last year and is second only to 2002 when 216 were recorded. A total of 58,400 individuals were counted second in numbers to last years' 64,700. In all record high

numbers of 33 species were recorded. One new species was added to the count, a Cackling Goose found in the Springbank area.

Central Alberta (Red Deer and area)

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Judy Boyd

Participants: Frank Allen, Jean Bargholz, Bud Bargholz, Brian Biggs, Myron Bjorge, Karin Bjorge, Adam Blake, Tony Blake, Judy Boyd, Fred Brittain, Shannon Brown, Danielle Coutre, Eileen Ford, Laurel Ford, Stewart Ford, Robert T. Hall, Carol-Anne Haring, Randy Haring, Dorothy Hazlett, Bill Heinsen, Brandi Hodgson, Michael Hodgson, Peggy Kady, Gerry Kadey, Jessie Kinley, Keith Kline, Bill Mokoski, Vera Mokoski, Edward L. Nygren, Doug Pedersen, Marg Powell, Steve Rose, Helga Sinton, Eric Sinton, Brandon Speelman, Joanne Susut, Joan Susut

Area Covered: Dodds Lake (Innisfail), Kin Canyon & Bower Woods (Red Deer), Kevisville Area, Crammond Area, Alix, Lousana, Penhold Area, Ponoka County, Battle River Valley, Slack's Slough (Red Deer), River Bend (Red Deer), Spruce Coulee, Davey Lake, Knee Hills Creek, Innisfail sewage ponds, Buffalo Creek, Gull Lake, Birch Lake, McKenzie Trails (Red Deer), Medicine River Wildlife Centre, Dickson Dam, The Pines (Red Deer), Fabris property (35 km east of Red Deer), Dry Island Buffalo Jump, Eckville area

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp. 2 to 23°C

Wind speed: 0 to 10 km/hr.

Wind direction: SW, E, EBE, S, SE
Comments: 0-100% cloud cover. One area reported patches of snow on the ground and fog.

Day 2:

Temp. 8 to 23°C

Wind speed: 0 to 10 km/hr.

Wind direction: NW, SW, SSW-NNW

Comments: 0-100% cloud cover

Team Distance/Hours:

Total mileage 1044.94 km;

by vehicle 972.99 km;

on foot 61.95 km.
 Total team hours 124.37;
 by vehicle 46.75 hours;
 on foot 50.62 hours; feeder watching 27
 hours

Number of Species: 134

Number of Birds: 9090

Other Species seen during count week: Black-and-white Warbler (1) and a Baird's Sparrow were reported on May 22 in the Bentley area.

Highlights: The number of species went down slightly from 135 to 134 but the number of individual birds went up from 7146 to 9090.

Species seen this year but not in other years were: Common Nighthawk, Black-bellied Plover, Harris's Sparrow. Most numbers of individual birds went up from last year but those species that had the highest recorded number since 2001 were: Northern Shoveler, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Gray Partridge, Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, Northern Goshawk, Prairie Falcon, Sandhill Crane, Spotted Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Least Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Common Raven, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, White-throated Sparrow, and House Finch.

Claresholm

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Grace Norgard

Participants: Jason & Ruth Attwell, Rich & Susan Burton, Rob & Robin Chisholm, Don & Shirley Clark, Gary Cotter family, John & Kerry Hart, Audrey Helmer, Mike & Betty Horre, Leo & Joan Larson, Stan Lewis, Debbie Lozeman, Judy Lucas, Bill Moore, Grace Norgard, Myrt Norgard, Jack Peacock

Area Covered: 40 km radius of Claresholm, including part of Porcupine Hills

Weather:

Temp. 10 to 20°C

Wind speed: 0-10 km/hr

Wind direction: SW

Precipitation: nil

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team Mileage 436 km;

by vehicle 432;

on foot 4 km.

Total team hours 39.5 hr;

by vehicle 22.5 hr;

on foot 3 hr;

feeder watching 14 hr.

Number of Species: 142 (+ 1 cw)

Number of Birds: 7009 (+ 1 cw)

Other species seen during count week: Say's Phoebe (1)

Highlights: 142 species for this count is excellent – it is the second highest ever (147 were seen in 2002.) Five species were added to the list – Peregrine Falcon (1), Sandhill Crane (2), Red-necked Phalarope (5), Black-chinned Hummingbird (1) and Wood thrush (1). The Black-chinned Hummingbird, a male, spent a few days at a feeder at a home near Pine Coulee Dam, west of Claresholm. The Wood Thrush likewise was seen for only a few days, at a home in Claresholm. It was reported by the couple whose yard it came to, and was also seen by the count coordinator, Grace Norgard. Besides these first-time species, four others were recorded for only the second time on this count: Black-necked Stilt (2), Dusky Flycatcher (1), Bullock's Oriole (1) and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (2).

Cold Lake

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Ted Hindmarch

Participants: B Bretsch, N Donnelly, D Ellenwood, M Ellenwood, Iris English, Wes English, C Etue, T Hindmarch, D Huget, C Hummerstone, R Klauke, K Kumpula, G Newton, L Paulus, P Paulus, E Reddecliff, El Reddecliff, P Roxborough, P Shore, B Simpson, J Simpson, J Torgersen, L Wilson

Area Covered: May Species count efforts this year concentrated on the following Atlas squares in the circle. Efforts were concentrated on getting a cross-section of habitat by surveying in the following areas:

Zone 1: Hilda/Crane (WR34), Ethel(WR44), Bourque(WR35) and Marie Lake(WR45) areas;
Zone 2: Cold Lake Provincial Park: North Bay(WR55), English Bay(WR44/45 Lund's point/ Long Bay (WR53). Zone 3: Cherry Grove area(WR52/62), Angling Lake Rieta Creek area(WR40,41); Zone 5: Bonnyville's Moose Lake (east end) Jessie and Charlotte Lake(WR10,11,21), Zone 6: WR 02,12; Zone 7 Beaver River Valley (Lessard, Big Meadow area – WR02,12,22), Zone 8: Manatokan(WR03) and wetland NW of La Corey(WR13), and the Crane, Edward and Harold Lake areas (WR23). There was no group available to cover Zone 4 this year – Beaver River Valley WR42.

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp min 3 to 22°C,

Wind speed: 0 km/hr in AM but increasing to 20-30km/h 11AM-8PM before decreasing back to ~10km/h

Wind Direction: SSE to S

Precipitation: 0 cm.

Comments: Partly Cloudy moving to Scattered clouds mid-day and mostly Cloudy in evening.

Day 2:

Temp. 7 to 24°C

Wind speed: 5 to 13km/hr, increasing for period at 2-4PM to 22km/hr.

Wind direction: SE

Precipitation: 0 cm

Comments: Mostly Cloudy AM to overcast in PM and thundershowers in evening. Thundershowers started at 7PM.

Team Distance/Hours:

Km by vehicle: 1364;

vehicle party hrs: 91.45;

Km on foot: 51.85;

on foot party hrs: 36.3;

km by boat: 5;

by boat party hrs: 4.5;

feederwatch party hrs: 0;

total party hrs 132.25

Number of Species: 171 (+ 8 cw)

Number of Birds: 12454 (+ 11 cw)

Other species seen during count week: Ross'

Goose (1), Ruddy Turnstone (4), Pectoral Sandpiper (1), Nashville Warbler (1), Palm Warbler (1), Mourning Warbler (1), Wilson's Warbler (1), Fox Sparrow (1)

Highlights: Count totals of 179 (171 Weekend, 8 CW) is the 3rd lowest total species count results in the 7 year history of the count, and was marginally below the 172 weekend average, and the 182 total species average over the 7 yrs. Some time was spent in scouting this year, and party hours were again up with a very healthy number of participants, many of whom, however, were new to birding and joined into larger party groups. Once again this year there was a much reduced shorebird migration through the area and many of the warblers and flycatchers were only just coming into the area. Several regularly observed species were missing again this year (eg. Surf Scoter, Semipalmated and American Golden Plover, Three-Toed or Black-Backed Woodpecker, Baybreasted and Mourning Warblers.) Firsts but not unexpected additions to the count included the Sabine's Gull, Virginia Rails, our area firsts for Eurasian Wigeon and a vagrant Lark Bunting. Total abundance values per party hour was down to 87.3, down from a healthy 110 in 2006, and 2004's 123, but better than 2005's 77. Again in 2007, this was greatly assisted by the high number of Black Terns and Franklin's Gulls that had returned, and the number of Canada Geese in the area.

Coyote Lake (Warburg)

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Javan Green

Participants: Javan Green, Penny Green, Cale Green

Area Covered: Mixedwood, Coniferous, Deciduous, Grassland, Cultivated, Creek, Pond/ Slough, Lake, Marsh, Bog/Fen. Dominant Habitat: Deciduous

Weather: The temperature ranged from 4°C in the morning to 21°C in the afternoon. The skies were mainly clear, and there was almost no wind.

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team hours: No information available on

mileage.

2.5 hr by vehicle;

3.5 hr by foot.

Number of Species: 88 (+ 4 cw)

Number of Birds: 643 (+ 4 cw)

Other species seen during count week:

Northern Shoveler (1), Belted Kingfisher (1), Alder Flycatcher (1), Dark-eyed Junco (1).

Crooked Creek Conservancy Society of Athabasca

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Deidre Griffiths

Participants: Deidre Griffiths, Jack Sherman, Joan Sherman

Area Covered: Crooked Lake, old growth mixedwood forest (dominant), old growth conifer forest (white spruce dominant), Crooked Creek, marsh & treed shrub, gaminoid fens, Wolf Lake, Mud (Fen) Lake, willow fen, beaver-cut shrub slopes, minor road edge, forest patch, pasture, residential.

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp. 7 to 22°C

Wind direction: S

Precipitation: 0 cm.

Comments: decreased bird singing and audibility

Day 2:

Temp. 8 to 22°C

Wind direction: NW

Precipitation: 0 cm.

Comments: ideal observing, hearing conditions

Team Distance/Hours:

Total Team mileage 43.7 km;

by vehicle 14.2 km;

on foot 29.5 km.

Total team hours 45.5 hr;

by vehicle 0.5 km;

on foot 45 hr.

Number of Species: 80 (+ 3 cw)

Number of Birds: 1156 (+ 4 cw)

Other species seen during count week: Solitary Sandpiper (1), Black-billed Magpie (2), Boreal Chickadee (1).

Highlights: Winter began early with the first persisting snow by the third week of October. From then on the snow accumulated steadily throughout the winter, with only a few brief thaws, resulting in a seasonal accumulation of ~ 68 cm of undrifted snow in undisturbed old-growth Mixedwood Forest. Late snowfalls did not extend into May, and the ground was bare by the last week of April. Although Crooked Lake ice broke-up completely on May 6, much of the month was cool with frequent rain; May total in the Crooked Lake area = 130 mm. Combined with a fairly rapid snowmelt, augmented by 75 mm of rain May 1-5, as well as the unrepaired Elbow Beaver dam (0.6 km below the lake's outlet) the high water in Crooked Lake poured down Crooked Creek turning it into a small river. Thus, water levels in all wetlands downstream were even higher than in mid-May 2006, and with additional rain through to May 19, the levels did not decline before the May Count. Wolf Lake level, despite its small watershed was also exceptionally high. The high water reduced the number and density of some waterbirds, especially Canada geese, dabbling ducks, red-necked Grebes, Eared Grebes, Sandhill Cranes, Yellowlegs and Snipe. In Mud (Fen) Lake NW winds loosened many semi-floating cattail stands (east of the main creek channel), that then drifted to the south end of the lake impeding outflow and raising the lake even higher. Cool weather slowed growth of all plants and retarded tree leaf-out. Several land bird species that are regular nesters did not appear until a few days after the Count, in contrast to their arrival in 2006 when the winter and early spring were milder, although May was also cool and rainy.

We consider it is still too early in the history of the May Count in this area to draw any conclusions about population trends or range shifts. However, we have noted that both the Blue Jay and the Evening Grosbeak are becoming more frequent in summer, and some are apparently nesting. However, this is primarily in the vicinity of the small acreage residential subdivision on part of the east shore of Crooked Lake where some residents

maintain year round feeders. With respect to the Evening Grosbeak I have so far seen only one pair with obvious leg scale mites which is such a common condition in the Edmonton region, which may indicate that this is a local sub-population. . . observations will continue. This year was the first time any of our visiting White Pelicans have been seen on Crooked Creek, although they are frequent, in numbers up to 60 or so, on Crooked Lake, intermittently from late April well into August. But neither is the flow in Crooked Creek often like a river!

The Crowsnest Pass Birding Festival

Date: May 25-27, 2007

Compiler: Marilyn Liddell

Participants: Erin Bryant, Denise Coccioloni-Amalto, Marilyn Liddell, David McIntyre, Peter Sherrington, Christopher Smith, Nel Van Kamer, Patricia Wagenaar.

Area Covered: Burmis Lake and vicinity, Municipality of Crows Nest, Beauvais Lake, south end of Livingstone Ridge, Lundbreck Falls to Todd Creek, Lee Lake, Livingstone Gap

Weather:

Wind speed: 6 to 29 km/hr.

Precipitation: 0 cm.

Comments: conditions went from clear with a few clouds to cloudy or overcast

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team hours 29.25 hr.

Number of Species: 103

Number of Birds: 1788

Other species seen during count week: Great Horned Owl (1), Barred Owl (2), Calliope Hummingbird (1), Hairy Woodpecker (2), Lincoln's Sparrow (1), House Finch (9)

Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

Date: May 20, 2007

Compiler: Nicole Dancey

Number of Participants: 17

Area Covered: Spruce Coulee Road, Reesor Lake/ Road, Horseshoe Cyn/ Bvr Crk trails

,Elkwater Lake, S. Shore Elkwater, Interior Roads, Sunset trail / Beaver Pond, Soggy Bottom Trail, Elkwater Outer Roads, Jackpot Road, Thelma / Eagle Butte Rd., Battle Creek, Spring Creek x-Country, Beaver Creek (loop trail), Church camps, Graburn road, Graburn Creek

Weather:

Temp. 8 to 20°C

Precipitation: 0 mm

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 67 km;

by vehicle 40 km;

on foot 27 km.

Number of Species: 90

Number of Birds: 1329

Highlights: 17 birders participated in the 21st *Annual Spring Bird Count* at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park and 19 attended the birding orientation presented by park staff the afternoon prior to the count. Although the turnout was lower than last year (26 birders) the number of birds was very similar (1356 in 2006) and the number of species sighted was the same (91).

For Far Park (Athabasca)

Date: May 20, 2007

Compiler: Jim Lange

Participants: Mario Chirka, Jim Lange, Cecilia Rodriguez, Heather Ronnes, Alf Scott

Area Covered: For Far Rec. Park campground, (mixed boreal forest), north end of Bollaque Lake, unnamed lake north of Sec. #663 at Westlock County line, Dan Hauck property off Sec. #663 at Westlock County line.

Weather:

Temp. 7 to 21°C

Wind speed: 0 to 20 km/hr.

Wind direction: NW

Precipitation: nil

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 31 km;

by vehicle 25km;

on foot 9 km.

Total team hours 11 hr;

by vehicle 0.45 hr;

on foot 10.25 hr.

Number of Species: 58

Number of Birds: 204

Other species seen during count week: Ruby-throated Hummingbird (1), Northern Flicker (1).

Highlights: This is a campground run by the County of Athabasca and located along Sec. #663 which runs between Hwy #44 at Fawcett through to Boyle and beyond going east. It is located on Long & Narrow Lakes approximately 6 km east of the Westlock/Athabasca County line. The campground is all mixed boreal forest with White Spruce/Aspen woods as well as a small beaver pond just off the edge and is situated high up on the east side of Long Lake. It is a more basic campground without all those fancy services for RV & pampered campers. No plug ins, water hook ups, paved roads or trails, heated washrooms with flush toilets, and showers. Just a good place to bird for boreal dwelling warblers. It is located on the eastern edge of the count area, which over the years I have shrunk and changed my focus slightly due to physical and time constraints. In comparison to Wakomao, this is all walking on seismic lines and old cutlines, mostly on private land with a short jaunt around the north tip of Bolloque Lake. The entire area is mixed wood boreal with some Jack Pine but mainly willow, White Spruce/Aspen with some sections of Black Spruce which are crossed as well. To do a real thorough job would require several teams of experienced birders with ability to identify calls and by sight. Oh, just thought I would add one more little qualifier which is the ability to hike up to 15 km per day. It is though to find those people so this is one reason I now only do it over the one day and split the weekend with Wakomao being done on the Saturday.

To maximize songbird results is difficult because without being able to split into teams (birders not familiar with area would get lost and not experience birders) one has to always balance the time spent in the campground vs the other sections. All the areas are good habitat with lots of access. Oh well, that's how it goes!

We bird the campground for a couple areas, then drive to the old Narrow Lake fire tower road and bird the lake shore and woods before heading west across the muskeg to another small pond approximately 2 km away. We come out halfway up the east shore and after checking for Moose, Loons and Sandhill Cranes, start back toward the trailhead (highway) following the east side of the lake, bordered by young willow and mature aspen forest. In years such as this with high spring water table, it means rubber boots or cold we feet for this portion of the day. Time and weather permitting, we cross to the south side of the highway and do a loop along the north tip of another small lake and then cut across on a cutline to the northeast side of Bolloque Lake.

This count is a physically demanding one which for reasons listed above does not attract a huge crowd of helpers!! However, this is my kind of birding and even though the species totals are a lot lower than other counts, it is still a good area. The average is around 65-70 with a high one year of 107. That year we covered more area including Canoe Lake east of Colinton and had several birders with excellent hearing as helpers. Nonetheless, it has some interesting flowers in the area and I get track animals so that is the bonus. Lynx, Moose, Black Bear, Wolves and occasionally River Otter live in the area.

Fort McMurray

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Lorie Eddy

Participants: Linda Ball, Lorie Eddy, Jane Elser, Alison Finstad, Knut Finstad, Cheryl Freeman, Sharlene Graves, Bernice Grey, Robert Grey, Dawn Hall, Dustin Hall, Pat Marlowe, Kristina Norstrom, Allan Reeves, Sandy Reeves, Christine Sparling, Steven Stryde

Area Covered: urban, suburban, downtown; parks (provincial and town); urban trails through woodlands; marshy areas, wetlands; grasslands; boreal forest, mixed deciduous; roadsides, paved, gravel; abandoned rail bed; lakes, ponds, streams,

river, including Athabasca by boat; gravel pit; landfill – all within 50 km range of Fort McMurray, except for count week birds. Area covered: north of Fort McMurray as far as Canterra Rd, south to peat bogs just south of the city and many areas within the city itself.

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp. 8 to 25°C

Windspeed: 20 to 29 km/hr.

Wind direction: E to W

Precipitation: none
Comments: clear day, high scattered clouds intermittently. Excellent birding day.

Day 2:

Temp. 8 to 30°C

Wind speed: 12 to 19 km./hr

Wind direction: W to E

Precipitation: 0 cm

Comments: high scattered clouds, another beautiful day of birding

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 298 km;

by vehicle 240 km;

on foot 58 km.

Total team hours 76.25 hr;

by vehicle 26.75 hr;

on foot 49.5 hr.

Number of Species: 119 (+ 1 cw)

Number of Birds: 2847 (+ 2 cw)

Other species seen on count week: American Bitterns (2) seen 56 km. north of Fort McMurray.

Highlights: Our members also got a great picture of the Sandhill Cranes and Broad-winged Hawk.

We were pleased to find a Brown Creeper – a year-round bird that eludes us many, many times. The Tennessee Warblers were abundant. We felt we undercounted them. However, one disturbing trend was the lack of Kestrels. There was only one found over the two-day period. For 20 years, I have had one in my neighbourhood, but not this year. We wonder where they have gone, and whether this is a trend across the province.

However, we did well on the owls when two intrepid members went out owling in the middle of

the night – then got back up very early Sunday morning to continue birding for several hours.

Lac La Biche

Date: May 26 and 27, 2006

Compiler: Jennifer Okrainec

Participants: Bob Dunn, Bernie Gauthier, Millie Gauthier, Ted Johnson, Annette Maccagno, Tom Maccagno, Andy Miller, Muriel Mueller, Jennifer Okrainec, Joe Niederleitner, Don Welke, Jean Welke, George Wicher, Barbara-Ann Wicher.

Area Covered: information not available

Weather:

Temp. 7 to 24°C

Windspeed: 20 to 29 km/hr.

Comments: clear and sunny in the morning and partly cloudy in the afternoon.

Team Distance/Hours: information not available

Number of Species: 168

Number of Birds: 12690

Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park

(numbers are included in the Lac La Biche Count)

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Stan Gosche

Participants: Carol Gosche, Mark Gosche, Stan Gosche, Tim Gosche, Janos Kovacs, Dave Nadeau, Dan Stoker, Terry Thormin, Percy Zalesky

Area Covered: Sir Winston Churchill Park
Dominant Habitat: Mixed Wood Forest Visited

Habitats: Lake, Mixed Wood Forest, Pond / Slough

Weather: Sky: clear, few clouds Wind: < 2 kph - smoke rises vertically

Team Distance/Hours:

Total mileage: 25 km;

by vehicle 9 km;

on foot 16 km.

Total team hours: 14 hours;

by vehicle 1.5 hr;

on foot 12.5 hr.

Number of Species: 107 (+ 2 cw)

Number of Birds: 1666 (+ 2 cw)

Other species seen on count week: Ruddy

Turnstone (1), American Three-toed Woodpecker (1)

Highlights: The count is a little more laid back now; we concentrate on the species but the main thing is to have a great outing with friends and enjoy the event. We mostly travel together and therefore, not many total party hours but at the same time, just about everyone gets a chance to see everything. We actually broke our record for total number of species in the part, coming in at about 109 species. Birds like the Ruddy Turnstone, Chestnut-sided Warbler and Saw-whet Owl added to the interest.

Upon our arrival Wednesday before the count weekend, it seems that migration was mostly over; no large numbers, no “fallout” and very little movement.

Lethbridge

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Graeme Greenlee

Participants: Anne Brown, Bill Brown, Douglas Dolman, Teresa Dolman, Lois Everett, Graeme Greenlee, Patricia Greenlee

Area Covered: residential areas and river valley parks of Lethbridge; Park Lake Provincial Park; Keho Lake

Weather:

Temp. 5 to 22°C

Wind speed: light.

Wind direction: W

Precipitation: nil

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 99 km;

by vehicle 74;

on foot 25 km.

Total team hours 27 hr;

by vehicle 5 hr;

on foot 21 hr;

feeder watching 1 hr.

Number of Species: 111 (+ 4 cw)

Number of Birds: 4117 (+ 5 cw)

Other species seen within 3 days: Tennessee Warbler (1), Blackpoll Warbler (1), MacGillivray’s Warbler (1), White-crowned Sparrow (1).

Highlights: Three “new” species were added to the list. The single Eurasian Collared-Dove was not unexpected given the recent invasion of this species into the province. Cassin’s Vireo breeds in the southwestern corner of the province and so the single bird observed was only slightly off course in its migration. The third new species, Black-throated Sparrow, was entirely unexpected and entirely out of its normal range (southwestern United States and Mexico.) This bird cooperated and remained in the area long enough for many birders to observe it. In Alberta the Black-throated Sparrow is classified as Accidental.

Medicine Hat

Date: May 27, 2007

Compiler: Sarah McPike

Participants: Judy Anderson, Barry Anderson, Stew Boyd, Eileen Cowtan, Corlaine Gardner, Rob Gardner, Lauren Hider, Dale Holmes, Phil Horch, Jan Komanchuk, Cam Lockerbie, Valerie Martins, Sarah McPike, Martha Munz-Gue, Michael O’Shea, Carol Porter, Graham Thursfield, Ben Velner, Michael Velner

Area Covered: information not available

Weather: information not available

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 226.75 km;

by vehicle 181 km;

on foot 45.75 km.

Total team hours 47.25 hr;

by vehicle 15 hr;

on foot 32.25 hr.

Number of Species: 118 (+ 6 cw)

Number of Birds: 6661 (+ 6 cw)

Other species seen within 3 days: Broad-winged Hawk, Red-naped Sapsucker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher, Purple Martin, Lazuli Bunting.

Highlights: The weather was lovely for count day and birders enjoyed their time out tallying the birds and flowers. The numbers are very average for most species. The number of counters and therefore the hours counting etc... were lower than average. This, doubtless, had some influence on the

tallies. Great thanks to those who committed the time and got the numbers in!

Notable numbers are as follows:

RECORD NUMBERS (old record in brackets):

Highs – Common Merganser 50 (same as 2001)

Lows - Northern Harrier 1 (2006 - 2)

Horned Larks 11 (2002 – 41)

Black-billed magpies 143 (1988 – 160)

As in 2006, no new species were added, but there were a few birds seen that haven't been recorded on the count very often. This was the second appearance for Greater Scaup (5). Ring-necked pheasants were counted at double the last two years. Lazuli Buntings were absent from the count, but have subsequently been spotted around town. House Finch numbers were up from last year's 29, with 80 individuals being spotted.

The top five is as follows: European Starlings (845), Canada Goose (606), American Robin (443), Common Grackle (377), and Red-winged Blackbird (295).

Milk River/Writing-on-Stone

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Bob Parsons

Participants: 20 participants for both days

Area Covered: woodlots, native grassland, ponds, lakes, river, coulees, town sites, agricultural, camp sites.

Weather:

Temp. 6 to 25°C

Wind speed: 5 to 10 km/hr.

Wind direction: W

Precipitation: nil

Comments: some wind in afternoon, did not deter.

Sunny, calm, no rain.

Number of Species: 136 (+ 4 cw)

Number of Birds: 19109 (+ 4 cw)

Other species seen within 3 days:

Semipalmated Plover (2), Common Tern (60),

Lewis' Woodpecker (1), Red-breasted Nuthatch

(1).

Highlights: After the terrific Brooks weekend,

some participants took off for various parts of S Alberta and also Manitoba, promising to show up on time at Writing-on-Stone PP, the traditional HQ. A new interpretive centre had just been opened and as usual Barry (camp contractor) had everything ship-shape after the long weekend activity!

The scouting period started off with cold, wet, windy conditions. Fields and grazing lands were wetter than in previous years and the coulee hot-spots looked promising with many Ibis, Bittern and Black-crowned Night Heron much in evidence. Turkey Vultures circled the campground and across the river Prairie Falcons were dive-bombing 3 Golden Eagles! Incessant rain-showers mid week resulted in bad road conditions but many puddles opened up and fields remained wet. Baird's, Pectoral and Semipalmated were seen in good numbers but Lark Bunting and Grasshopper Sparrow were unusually tough to spot during the scout period. Thursday was one of the coldest, rainy days I have ever birded. I was around Aden, the 500 right on the Montana border but my notes say "best birding day ever" with Bobolink, 3 Eagles, lots of Pipits and Longspurs. A visit to the carwash was not a great success with mud everywhere! However by the time the weekend arrived, there was a general improvement in conditions as the participants started to show up, including Curtis and Michelle who were canoe-ready!

Count Weekend

This was the 7th year of the sponsored Milk River count and this year we had over 20 participants including a keen party from Canmore. We were also fortunate to have Eric Tull from Calgary at both events and his enthusiasm was very infectious!! The canoe party had a great day on the Milk and increased numbers of certain species were recorded...Brown Thrasher, Common Yellowthroat, Marsh Wren and Towhee. The final figure of 136 species was a real surprise but we did have some exceptional birders this year.

First time count birds included Purple Martin, Common Loon, Caspian Tern but we managed to miss the count week Lewis Woodpecker. Missing notables included quite a few sparrow species as well as most of the peeps and other shorebirds/waders....Clark's Grebe, Dowitcher, Snipe. Burrowing Owl was missed for the 2nd year in a row and thrush species were hard to find. There was a re-occurring absence of Bullocks Oriole, Black-headed Grosbeak and Chat. Warblers decided to take another route north but they might have gone through earlier?

We tried to avoid the endless driving around by concentrating most of our efforts on Crow Indian Lake, Etzicom Coulee, Verdigris lake, Vernon Lake (D.U.) and West Pakowki (which was a bit of a bust this year). Very unique country down here and a joy to bird and plant study, but tough to find gas stations!! I always say the same thing every year, "I did not come all this way to count ducks!" but yup I counted!!

Taking a quick look at my estimated totals, we managed to set some new record numbers for White-faced Ibis (36), Ruddy Duck, Golden Eagle (7), Pectoral Sandpiper (120), Mourning Dove (130), Eastern Kingbird (88), Marsh Wren (214), Chestnut-collared Longspur (488), Pine Siskin (go figure 42). Numbers down included some ducks, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Willet and Pelican. There was no Sage Grouse survey this year in the area so that species is missing for the first time in the count's history.

I really enjoyed this count this year despite the endless driving around during count week but guess someone has to do it whilst counting ducks!! Thanks sponsors and see you all again next year!!

Taber-Vauxhall

Date: May 26 and 27, 2007

Compiler: Lloyd Bennett

Participants: Lloyd Bennett, Glen Gardner

Area Covered: Taber, Vauxhall, Purple Springs Sand Dunes

Weather:

Temp. 6 to 20°C

Wind speed 4 to 32 km/hr.

Wind direction WSW

Precipitation: nil

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 561:

by vehicle 550 km;

on foot 11 km.

Total team hours 31.5;

by vehicle 17 hr;

on foot 5.5 hr; feeder watching 9 hr.

Number of Species: 134 (+ 1 cw)

Number of Birds: 6730 (+1 cw)

Other Species seen during count week: White-throated Sparrow (1)

Highlights: The Taber-Vauxhall Spring Bird Count held May 26 and 27, turned out better than expected, with a total of 134 species, plus one more on count week. Not too many migrant birds were found, especially songbirds, but most of the expected summer residents were found. Four new species were found. Three Eurasian Collared-Doves were found in Taber, in the same area where they had showed up last winter. A group of seven Greater Scaup was studied at close range in Taber Lake, and a single Hudsonian Godwit was seen NW of Vauxhall. The fourth new species, White-breasted Nuthatch, was found by a feeder-watcher in Taber. These usually leave our area by April. Some of the other unusual birds found included a Ruddy Turnstone, Stilt Sandpipers, and a Hooded Merganser at Taber Lake, a Broad-winged Hawk NE of Taber, 2 Barrow's Goldeneyes near Vauxhall, and a Snow Goose at Fincastle Lake, which appeared to be injured. Some other uncommon birds found were 3 Loggerhead Shrikes, 3 Burrowing Owls in the Purple Springs Dunes, 3 Bullock's Orioles, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and 3 Caspian Terns. Only 2 migrant warblers were found, with a single Wilson's and Yellow-rumped. Many birds appeared to be just arriving on the Count weekend, such as the first Lark Buntings, Baird's Sparrows, and a Common

Nighthawk.

For mammals, for the first time ever, more White-tailed Deer were found than Mule Deer. Also, there has been a great increase in the number of Nuttall's Cottontails in the Taber area in the last couple of years, with many now being found in farmyards.

Wakomao Lake

Date: May 26, 2007

Compiler: Jim Lange

Participants: Mario Chirka, Jim Lange, Dave Nadeau, Cecilia Rodriguez, Heather Ronnes, Alf Scott, Terry Thormin

Area Covered: Wakomao Lake and surrounding area: lake, pond, marsh, mixed wood boreal, agriculture.

Weather:

Temp. 8 to 22°C

Wind speed: 15 to 20 km/hr.

Wind direction: SE

Precipitation: 0 cm.

Comments: winds dropped in mid afternoon.

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 66 km;

by vehicle 65 km;

on foot 1 km.

Total team hours 9.5 hr;

by vehicle 8.5 hr;

on foot 1 hr.

Number of Species: 88

Number of Birds: 725

Other species seen within 3 days: Cinnamon Teal (2), Common Loon (1), Sandhill Crane (3), Wilson's Phalarope (1), Gray Catbird (1), Western Meadowlark (1), Brewer's Blackbird (1).

Highlights: This Count was done here for the second year now and is proving to be a great area to bird. Several years back I was asked to do some Atlas Surveys in this area and the results indicated to me that it would be simple and productive to try to incorporate a May Species Count in the area. Problem was I had been doing an intensive Count in the ForFar Park area for many years which required the full weekend.

The Wakomao Lake region has very good access for roadside birding with County roads along and through all sides. It is comprised of agricultural land on the west, southwest, and some to the east. The north, northwest and southeast are mostly lowland with mixed boreal forest and some clearing. South of Hwy. 18, Rge Rd. 244 goes past a small beaver pond and then merges with a Township Road following a small creek which provides a boundary on the south and is good for songbirds which like the thickets. Rge Rd 245 goes up the west side of the lake to Twp Rd 602. This acts as a split between the lakeshore, willow and marsh environment with the farmland on the west side. Twp Rd 602 is a main road cutting through the centre of the area and splits the northern tip of Wakomao from the main lake. This provides wonderful habitat for waterfowl and grebes to loaf and nest as well as Marsh Wrens and Blackbirds. As one travels to the east the habitat changes to a mixed boreal forest with several ponds and marshes before terminating at Bridge Lakes approx. Rge Rd 240A. This area is all predominately Jack Pine and mostly dry sandy environment. Traveling back west on Twp Rd 604 it is a mixture of sandy Jack Pine, farmland and some acreages. A few small sections of wet boreal forest occur along the north side.

An ideal situation would be to have a campground in the area so one could go out on the Friday evening to get an early start on Count Day. This is not a big deal; it just means starting from Edmonton early Saturday morning. The Count is done almost totally from the road using binoculars and scopes to identify waterfowl or other distant birds.

A one day Atlas training day, June 9, 2005, resulted in 79 species, the 2006 Count with two very competent birders produced 86 species. This year, 2007, resulted in 88 species. Water levels were much higher this year compared to the last two years which may affect totals. When looking at a list of missed or potential species which could be found in the area at this time of year then a total of about 115 species is not out of line. It is a great

birding area and I will continue to do a count here. The Count area is a 10 km square comprised of Atlas Square UR30 and is located off Hwy 18 just east of the village of Clyde. This is a busy road going west through to Westlock/Barrhead/Swan Hills and east to Thorhild and has lots of transport truck traffic. Birding along the highway is totally out of the question due to road noise and safety but with lots of other gravel side roads, it does not impede the count. A full day of birding, around 10 hours or more, is needed to do a thorough job!

Waterton Lakes National Park

Date: June 2, 2007

Compiler: Teresa Dolman

Participants: Lloyd Bennett, Douglas Dolman, Teresa Dolman, Graeme Greenlee, Patricia Greenlee, Cyndi Smith, Derek Tilson.

Area Covered: Within Park boundaries

Weather:

Temp. 12 to 24°C

Wind speed: 6 to 15 km/hr.

Wind direction: SE

Precipitation: 0 cm.

Team Distance/Hours:

Total team mileage 169.5 km;

by vehicle 156 km;

on foot 13.5 km.

Total team hours 25 hr;

by vehicle 17 hr;

on foot 7.5 hr;

feeder watching 0.5 hr.

Number of Species: 106

Number of Birds: 845

Other species seen within 3 days: Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Common Goldeneye, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Glaucous Gull, Downy Woodpecker, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher, Boreal Chickadee, Brown Creeper, Brewer's Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Baltimore Oriole, and Pine Grosbeak.

Highlights: Two "new" species were added this year – Horned Lark (1) and Yellow-breasted Chat

(1). On the official bird list for Waterton Lakes National Park, Horned Lark is rated as Very Rare and the Yellow-breasted Chat as Accidental. The large number of "count week" birds is due to the fact that three of the observers could not participate on the count days, but reported their sightings for the "count week" period. Amongst these "count week" birds is a Glaucous Gull – this species is not even on the official bird list for the Park.

Yamniska

Date: May 25 and 26, 2007

Compiler: Mike McIvor

Participants: Fumie Craven, Kyle Craven (child), Zephyr Craven (child), Sonja Frebold, Solena Frebold (child), Nan Hughes, Brenda Lepitzki, Dwayne Lepitzki, Diane McIvor, Mike McIvor, Peter Poole, Irene Poole (child), John Poole (child), Frances Robinson, Michiko Shimizu, Bob Smith, Jack Whitworth, Eva Zidek.

Weather:

Day 1:

Temp. 4 to 19°C

Comments: clear, sunny

Day 2:

Temp. 2 to 18°C

Comments: sunny early, some afternoon cloud, some wind.

Team Distance/Hours: information not available

Number of Species: 58

Number of Birds: 443

	Bnff	Beau	B-K	Brks	Buff	Card	Buff	RedD	Clar	Cold	Coyo	Crook	Crow
Greater White-fronted Goose										1			
Snow Goose							2			2			
Ross's Goose							1			1cw			
Brant													
Cackling Goose							1						
Canada Goose	102	32	161	1169	97	723	3945	599	712	898	24	14	164
Trumpeter Swan						2	2				1		
Tundra Swan							1						
swan species													
Wood Duck	7		1				30						
Gadwall	4		4	782	41	88	516	152	68	66		4	
Eurasian Wigeon						2	1			2			
American Wigeon	2		10	324		36	350	33	14	65	1	26	2
American Black Duck													
Mallard	56	3	78	854	187	230	1712	446	291	339	16	52	72
Blue-winged Teal	7		8	766	119	125	1147	240	157	349	8	4	6
Cinnamon Teal	7		2	140		39	283	16	37				6
Northern Shoveler				986	94	85	1112	273	112	213	1cw	2	3
Northern Pintail				655	12	27	163	40	27	27			1
Green-winged Teal	6			52	15	7	113	43		125	5	3	1
Canvasback			6	140	43	53	348	69	40	126	2	4	3
Redhead				286	39	56	332	160	28	137			
Ring-necked Duck		3	34	51		5	259	89	26	61	4	29	29
Greater Scaup			24	73						5			
Lesser Scaup			22	850	44	94	845	296	103	280	8	41	6
Harlequin Duck							9						1
Surf Scoter													
White-winged Scoter				2			2			15			
Black Scoter													
Long-tailed Duck													
Bufflehead	10		28	42	22		274	159	18	151	12	26	4
Common Goldeneye			2	6	19	1	268	80	13	94	4	17	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1		43			7	39						2
goldeneye species													
Hooded Merganser			2	4		4	12		4	5			1
Common Merganser	1		10	3		3	127	15	13	60			9
Red-breasted Merganser				2						4			
Ruddy Duck			6	288	87	34	498	202	44	101		1	2
Duck species													
Gray Partridge				61		13	83	11	29	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant				60			51		8				
Ruffed Grouse		6	11		2	8	42	3	2	11	3	2	6
Greater Sage-Grouse													
Spruce Grouse						2							
Willow Ptarmigan													
White-tailed Ptarmigan													
Dusky Grouse							2						
Sharp-tailed Grouse				2			2		20	1			
Wild Turkey									8				
Red-throated Loon													
Pacific Loon													
Common Loon	4	1	10	3		4	24	4		20	5	5	5
Yellow-billed Loon													
Pied-billed Grebe		1	2	5		3	20	5		15		6	2
Horned Grebe			1	28	16		22	10		19			
Red-necked Grebe	3	4	2	162		26	101	41	1	86	14	21	2
Eared Grebe				182	18		915	488	42	33		4	1
Western Grebe			1	60	2		45		4	117			
Clark's Grebe				1									
American White Pelican				388	38	51	161	82	266	21	2	13	49
Double-crested Cormorant				254	20	9	108	1	22	70			15

	Cyp	Ffar	FMcM	LLB	SWC	Leth	MedH	Milk	TabV	Wako	Wlnp	Yam	Total
Greater White-fronted Goose										1			2
Snow Goose				7		2			1				14
Ross's Goose													1
Brant													0
Cackling Goose													1
Canada Goose	74	3	2	437	8*	318	606	767	305	90	4	16	11262
Trumpeter Swan				2							2		9
Tundra Swan													1
swan species													0
Wood Duck							5						43
Gadwall	5			52	3*	22	45	300	116	5			2270
Eurasian Wigeon													5
American Wigeon	25	2	23	86	8*	44	29	75	61	3	2	2	1215
American Black Duck													0
Mallard	27	7	36	210	10*	116	135	210	89	10	22	8	5206
Blue-winged Teal	16	7	13	195	2*	31	48	147	74	11	7	3	3488
Cinnamon Teal						13	1	58	43	2 cw	cw		645
Northern Shoveler	7		11	66		57	57	255	131	14	cw		3478
Northern Pintail	6			1		12	26	107	60	4			1168
Green-winged Teal		8	25	62	3*	2		4	8	5	1		485
Canvasback	9		10	120	2*	5	31	39	66	11			1125
Redhead	12		7	81	2*	42	11	129	57	10			1387
Ring-necked Duck	14	22	39	21		2		34	5	9	10	8	754
Greater Scaup			46	32			5	4	7				196
Lesser Scaup	13			202	6*	20	6	160	167	35		2	3194
Harlequin Duck											3		13
Surf Scoter				1									1
White-winged Scoter				61	48*			2	6				88
Black Scoter													0
Long-tailed Duck													0
Bufflehead	9	8	34	108	9*	10		37	19	10	5	12	998
Common Goldeneye		4	27	83	30*	1	11	29		5	cw		664
Barrow's Goldeneye									2		1	5	100
goldeneye species													0
Hooded Merganser			1	4	2*		1		1			2	41
Common Merganser			1	52	32*	2	50	5	3		12		366
Red-breasted Merganser				9	9*			7					22
Ruddy Duck	4	1	1	62		10	2	248	45	9			1645
Duck species								1000					1000
Gray Partridge						10	14	76	29				327
Ring-necked Pheasant						9	29	19	30				206
Ruffed Grouse	5	2	3	17	4*						8	4	135
Greater Sage-Grouse													0
Spruce Grouse													2
Willow Ptarmigan													0
White-tailed Ptarmigan													0
Dusky Grouse													2
Sharp-tailed Grouse	1							1					27
Wild Turkey	14			1									23
Red-throated Loon													0
Pacific Loon													0
Common Loon		3	12	23	4*			1		1cw	1	2	127
Yellow-billed Loon													0
Pied-billed Grebe		3	1	15					2	8	1		89
Horned Grebe				15		1		2		4	cw		118
Red-necked Grebe	5	2	15	158	17*	42		18	23	3	cw		729
Eared Grebe	2			26			5	472	96	20			2304
Western Grebe				45	9*			179	60				513
Clark's Grebe													1
American White Pelican	7	1		229	18*	48	51	105	350		5		1867
Double-crested Cormorant	5		1	3370	350*	1	4	26	145	2			4053

	Bnff	Beau	B-K	Brks	Buff	Card	Buff	RedD	Clar	Cold	Coyo	Crook	Crow
Dunlin				1cw									
Stilt Sandpiper				77			11			20			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper													
Short-billed Dowitcher				34			1	5					
Long-billed Dowitcher				29			23			4			
Dowitcher species										1			
Wilson's Snipe	18		3	118	8	17	206	36	12	34	6	5	20
Wilson's Phalarope				674	20	78	489	48	133	29			7
Red-necked Phalarope				37			20		5				
Red Phalarope													
Parasitic Jaeger													
Gull species										16			
Franklin's Gull				16895	20		9630	262	141	2888		20	
Bonaparte's Gull				4			5	15		74	3		
Mew Gull													
Ring-billed Gull				1712	24	71	180	320	125	222	8		6
California Gull		2		450	26	23	3660	2	5	65			2
Herring Gull										19			
Thayer's Gull													
Glaucous Gull													
Sabine's Gull										1			
Caspian Tern				11									
Common Tern				202	15	8	11		3	38			
Forster's Tern				5			24			71			
Black Tern				95	21	66	116	217	12	671	2	102	16
Tern species													
Rock Pigeon	2		4	183	23	43	743	121	116	102			
Band-tailed Pigeon													
Eurasian Collared-Dove				3				1	6				
Mourning Dove			1	242		19	70	20	72	2	1		4
Black-billed Cuckoo													
Great Horned Owl			1	14		4	11	14	21	2	1		1cw
Snowy Owl													
Northern Hawk Owl			1										
Northern Pygmy-Owl							1						
Burrowing Owl													
Barred Owl												1	2cw
Great Gray Owl							4	1					
Long-eared Owl									1				
Short-eared Owl				1			2		1				
Boreal Owl													
Northern Saw-whet Owl										4			
Common Nighthawk				1				1	3	1			
Common Poorwill													
Black Swift													
Vaux's Swift													
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			3		6		1	13	6	5	1		
Calliope Hummingbird			9				2						1cw
Rufous Hummingbird	1	2	16			8	11		6				14
Black-chinned Hummingbird									1				1
hummingbird species													
Belted Kingfisher	2		6			2	10		1	2	1cw		3
Lewis's Woodpecker							1						
Red-headed Woodpecker													
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1		3		26	17		7	4	7	
Red-naped Sapsucker		2	3			1	27						
Sapsucker species													
Downy Woodpecker			2	1	1	3	34	13	16	9		3	2
Hairy Woodpecker		1	4			5	10	10	7	10	2	4	2cw
American Three-toed Woodpecker			1				2					1	

	Cyp	Ffar	FMcM	LLB	SWC	Leth	MedH	Milk	TabV	Wako	Wlnp	Yam	Total
Dunlin													0
Stilt Sandpiper									3				111
Buff-breasted Sandpiper													0
Short-billed Dowitcher													40
Long-billed Dowitcher													56
Dowitcher species													1
Wilson's Snipe	14	2	10	10		1	20		7	3	6	4	560
Wilson's Phalarope			2			31	23	200	60	1 cw			1794
Red-necked Phalarope								1	5				68
Red Phalarope													0
Parasitic Jaeger													0
Gull species							20	200					236
Franklin's Gull	3	10		1294		5	23	11	40	40	4		31286
Bonaparte's Gull			12	20	8*			13		5			151
Mew Gull													0
Ring-billed Gull	15		5	99	36*	1020	122	72	400		28		4429
California Gull			100	1074	45*	1	58	4	930				6402
Herring Gull			41	12	1*								72
Thayer's Gull													0
Glaucous Gull											cw		0
Sabine's Gull													1
Caspian Tern							1	1	3				16
Common Tern			2	48		4	7	60cw	40				378
Forster's Tern				6	5*			19	4				129
Black Tern		20	40	128		1	4	21	9	30	10		1581
Tern species													0
Rock Pigeon				5		10	272	74	119	1			1818
Band-tailed Pigeon													0
Eurasian Collared-Dove						1	4		3				18
Mourning Dove	7			1	1*	67	195	130	78		2		911
Black-billed Cuckoo													0
Great Horned Owl				1	1*	3	7	23	13		2		117
Snowy Owl													0
Northern Hawk Owl													1
Northern Pygmy-Owl													1
Burrowing Owl									3				3
Barred Owl		1	1										3
Great Gray Owl			1	2									8
Long-eared Owl													1
Short-eared Owl								3					7
Boreal Owl			6	1									7
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1	1	1*								6
Common Nighthawk				6	2*				1		1		14
Common Poorwill													0
Black Swift													0
Vaux's Swift													0
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		1cw		30	3*					1			66
Calliope Hummingbird												3	14
Rufous Hummingbird											1		59
Black-chinned Hummingbird													2
hummingbird species													0
Belted Kingfisher	1		4	2		5	3		1		1		43
Lewis's Woodpecker								1cw					1
Red-headed Woodpecker						3							3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		10	26	4*					1	1		104
Red-naped Sapsucker	5						cw	1			4	2	45
Sapsucker species													0
Downy Woodpecker	5		8	12	1*	3	8	2	3		cw		125
Hairy Woodpecker	3	1	18	17	3*	1	1		1		1		96
American Three-toed Woodpecker			6	1	1cw						cw		11

	Bnff	Beau	B-K	Brks	Buff	Card	Buff	RedD	Clar	Cold	Coyo	Crook	Crow
Black-backed Woodpecker													
Northern Flicker	5	3	13	13		14	117	18	21	25	2	6	6
Pileated Woodpecker	3		2				7	1		6	1	1	3
Woodpecker species	1												
Olive-sided Flycatcher			6				6			19	2	1	
Western Wood-Pee-wee				5		1	96	4	2	8	1		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher													
Alder Flycatcher							3	1		1	1cw	1	
Willow Flycatcher			1				1		2				
Least Flycatcher	3		19	69		14	384	76	11	37	31	34	
Empidonax species													
Hammond's Flycatcher													
Dusky Flycatcher	1		4			1	28		1				
"Western" Flycatcher							3						
Eastern Phoebe				1			12	11	2	19	2	4	
Say's Phoebe			1cw			2	6		1 cw				
Great Crested Flycatcher													
Western Kingbird				241		3	52		24				
Eastern Kingbird	1	2	1	119	9	42	146	6	77	10	2		8
Loggerhead Shrike				5			1						
Northern Shrike													
Cassin's Vireo			2				11						
Blue-headed Vireo	1		1				2	1		12	2	9	
Warbling Vireo	10	2	22	24			143	11		1	5		1
Philadelphia Vireo													
Red-eyed Vireo				3			10	1	1	37	5	17	
vireo species													
Gray Jay	6		3				38	2	8	5	2	5	4
Steller's Jay													
Blue Jay				2	2	4	23	18	3	29	3	1	
Clark's Nutcracker	2	2							7				6
Black-billed Magpie	15		13	126	26	89	886	149	184	127	2	2cw	21
American Crow	15		105	104	34	73	578	167	141	286	11	1	25
Common Raven	16	3	38	15	3	17	279	45	175	86	16	9	68
Horned Lark				1055		47	26	3	76				
Purple Martin					10		5	81		70			
Tree Swallow	9	10	48	96	89	207	2460	388	124	273	18	5	192
Violet-green Swallow	13		1				6						16
Northern Rough-winged Swallow													
	11		13	35			124		35				12
Bank Swallow			18	207			1110	58	138				
Cliff Swallow	7		1	934		92	1960	390	258	359			125
Barn Swallow	4		23	180	27	63	340	26	49	106	2		16
swallow species													
Black-capped Chickadee	6	5	15	1	1	7	208	52	25	23	6	15	2
Mountain Chickadee	10		27				24		8				4
Boreal Chickadee	2						23	2			2	1cw	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10		27	2		1	140	7	7	3	3	3	12
White-breasted Nuthatch		8					8	10		5	1		1
Brown Creeper			2				1		1	2	1	1	
Rock Wren				4			6						
House Wren		4	3	96	19	64	393	82	46	22	10	1	3
Winter Wren	1		2				2			5		4	
Sedge Wren										3			
Marsh Wren		3		354			39	11		3		4	20
American Dipper	3						9						1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	5	2				27			4	7	3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	23	20	121	4			274	9	2	35	7	15	7
Eastern Bluebird													
Western Bluebird							1						
Mountain Bluebird		2			11	45	250	126	88		11		31

	Cyp	Ffar	FMcM	LLB	SWC	Leth	MedH	Milk	TabV	Wako	Wlnp	Yam	Total
Black-backed Woodpecker													0
Northern Flicker	8	1cw	18	27	4*	20	30	5	5	1	10	8	375
Pileated Woodpecker		1	2	12	5*		1				1	1	42
Woodpecker species													1
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1		1			cw				4	2	42
Western Wood-Pee-wee		2	1	6	1*	12	9		7	3	2	3	162
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher													0
Alder Flycatcher			1	6	1*		cw	2			1		16
Willow Flycatcher			3										7
Least Flycatcher	41		40	60	20*	30	36	24	21	2	8	14	954
Empidonax species								3					3
Hammond's Flycatcher													0
Dusky Flycatcher											cw	8	43
"Western" Flycatcher													3
Eastern Phoebe			5	21	1*			1		1			79
Say's Phoebe		2					1	9					20
Great Crested Flycatcher				2	1*								2
Western Kingbird						24	97	30	60				531
Eastern Kingbird			1	2		29	47	88	50	3	3		646
Loggerhead Shrike							1	7	3				17
Northern Shrike													0
Cassin's Vireo						1					1		15
Blue-headed Vireo		1		12	2*					1			42
Warbling Vireo	4			4	1*	15	21	4	8	3	15	10	303
Philadelphia Vireo			5	2	2*								7
Red-eyed Vireo		4	18	35	12*	1	2			1			135
Vireo species													0
Gray Jay		3	24	19							3		122
Steller's Jay											9		9
Blue Jay	8	2	8	30	1*	2	8		5	1			149
Clark's Nutcracker											1		18
Black-billed Magpie	25		78	156	3*	46	143	44	37	8	7		2182
American Crow	12	1	21	186	37*	36	89	30	45	16	10	19	2005
Common Raven	4	3	141	62	12*	2		1		3	3	6	995
Horned Lark	2					17	11	4216	86		1		5540
Purple Martin				29			cw	1					196
Tree Swallow	30	1	66	259	2*	51	97	20	14	3	27	11	4498
Violet-green Swallow							26	26	2		9	1	100
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						32	17	12	2		1	1	295
Bank Swallow	5		1	10			8	49	56	1			1661
Cliff Swallow			302	26		22	35	1198	470		100		6279
Barn Swallow	10		3	55		6	31	480	29	3	2		1455
swallow species								114					114
Black-capped Chickadee	20	2	28	58	11*	8	25	2	2	1	4	8	524
Mountain Chickadee											1	9	83
Boreal Chickadee				15	6*						cw	1	45
Red-breasted Nuthatch	11	2	2	9	7*	2	10	1cw	4		6	10	271
White-breasted Nuthatch				9					2	1			45
Brown Creeper			1	5	2*						cw		14
Rock Wren						1	6	7	2				26
House Wren	56			25		63	148	51	20	2	9	1	1118
Winter Wren		5		15	11*						4		38
Sedge Wren													3
Marsh Wren	3		5	2				214	19	6	1		684
American Dipper											3		16
Golden-crowned Kinglet				18	6*						2	1	74
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	2	21	67	51*					1	19	17	649
Eastern Bluebird													0
Western Bluebird													1
Mountain Bluebird	13			4			1	1		2	1		586

	Bnff	Beau	B-K	Brks	Buff	Card	Buff	RedD	Clar	Cold	Coyo	Crook	Crow
Townsend's Solitaire	1		1	1			21		2				1
Veery										1			
Gray-cheeked Thrush				2									
Swainson's Thrush	3		10	35		8	42		10	13	1	3	
Hermit Thrush			3				21	2		23	5	8	
American Robin	46	35	98	521	42	221	1230	204	212	128	16	12	49
Varied Thrush			6	1			11						
Wood Thrush									1				
Thrush species										1			
Gray Catbird			1cw	4		2	57	10	9	1			
Northern Mockingbird													
Sage Thrasher													
Brown Thrasher				21			2		2				
European Starling	7		44	102	5	90	1510	242	329	33	29		45
American Pipit	2						2						
Sprague's Pipit				154			15		3				
Bohemian Waxwing													
Cedar Waxwing		3		4		6	47		10	1			
Tennessee Warbler			2	6			151	6		200		64	
Orange-crowned Warbler	5		8	3			21		3	10			
Nashville Warbler										1cw			
Yellow Warbler	6	7	48	180	1	38	610	145	26	89	31	8	45
Chestnut-sided Warbler										6			
Magnolia Warbler	1		2							15			
Cape May Warbler							7			3			
Black-throated Blue Warbler													
Yellow-rumped Warbler	28	1	101	9		4	157	8	1	36	8	39	2
Black-throated Green Warbler										9			
Townsend's Warbler	13		9				16						
Blackburnian Warbler										8			
Palm Warbler										1cw		3	
Bay-breasted Warbler													
Blackpoll Warbler	1		1	11			2			1		1	1
Black-and-white Warbler								1 cw		12	1	1	
American Redstart	6		3	2			8		4	22			
Ovenbird				1cw			15			113	13	40	
Northern Waterthrush	8		11				38			1			1
Connecticut Warbler							3			3			
Mourning Warbler										1cw			
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	3		2			7						
Common Yellowthroat	25	10	21	36			61	5	2	11	1	2	18
Wilson's Warbler	4		21	1			44		2	1cw			
Canada Warbler										8			
Yellow-breasted Chat			1										
Warbler species													
Western Tanager	1	2	2	5			10	1	3	5	1	3	
Spotted Towhee			1	2			8	1					
Black-throated Sparrow													
Chipping Sparrow	73	14	79	261	1	12	507	54	58	135	9	5	10
Clay-colored Sparrow	6	3	4	249	9	17	648	152	3	120	27	5	
Brewer's Sparrow				5		3		1					
American Tree Sparrow							1						1
Vesper Sparrow		4	5	1250		42	174	36	116	39	1		2
Lark Sparrow				12				5	4				
Lark Bunting				15						1			
Savannah Sparrow	26		9	641	17	65	517	58	65	35	7		3
Grasshopper Sparrow				10									
Baird's Sparrow				96				1 cw					
Le Conte's Sparrow	1						23	1		38			

	Bnff	Beau	B-K	Brks	Buff	Card	Buff	RedD	Clar	Cold	Coyo	Crook	Crow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow										1			
Fox Sparrow	1		3				5			1cw			
Song Sparrow	9		20	25	9	14	81	33		83	6	13	5
Lincoln's Sparrow	10	2	14	3			63	3	1	11	4	5	1cw
Swamp Sparrow	1									11	3	9	
White-throated Sparrow	1		17				75	47	3	95	23	20	
Harris's Sparrow								1					
White-crowned Sparrow	18	6	32	6	1	6	65	18	26	7			1
Golden-crowned Sparrow													
Dark-eyed Junco	36	7	73	3			119	4	6	11	1cw	24	13
Sparrow species										3			
McCown's Longspur				13									
Lapland Longspur													
Smith's Longspur													
Chestnut-collared Longspur				506									
Snow Bunting													
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							32	7	6	32	21	9	
Black-headed Grosbeak						1cw	1		7				1
Lazuli Bunting		6					1cw		3				1
Indigo Bunting													
Bobolink													
Red-winged Blackbird	28	41	69	2390	192	224	2890	342	262	505	64	258	142
Western Meadowlark	1			1854	2	84	266	24	137	7	1		12
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3		4	2288	33	142	1240	140	112	132	2		4
Rusty Blackbird					3					9			
Brewer's Blackbird			2	748	8	94	934	118	101	58	4		13
Common Grackle				186	8	49	88	1	7	5	2		
Brown-headed Cowbird	44	8	135	670	13	60	1040	67	90	94	14	21	38
Baltimore Oriole				40	1	11	129	29	25	19	5		
Bullock's Oriole									1				
Blackbird species													
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch									2				
Pine Grosbeak													
Purple Finch				1			2	15		24	3	2	
Cassin's Finch						12							8
House Finch				30		17	45	15	32				9cw
Red Crossbill													
White-winged Crossbill													
Common Redpoll													
Hoary Redpoll													
Pine Siskin	33	6	140	113	1	75	314	26	65	17	9	6	164
American Goldfinch			1	103	18	122	327	133	135	47	7		13
Evening Grosbeak		1					12	9	11	2		4	4
Grosbeak species													
House Sparrow	14		20	1064	45	207	1280	69	254	53			2
TOTAL	904	304	2174	64341	1919	4731	58473	9090	7009	12454	643	1156	1788
total # of individual CW			2	2				2	1	11	4	4	16
total species	85	51	117	167	66	107	207	134	142	171	88	80	103
total species CW			2	2				2	1	8	4	3	6

	Cyp	Ffar	FMcM	LLB	SWC	Leth	MedH	Milk	TabV	Wako	Wlnp	Yam	Total
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow													1
Fox Sparrow											1		10
Song Sparrow	19		19	104	16*	6	5	1	1	3	7		463
Lincoln's Sparrow		2	1	22	2*					1	2	4	148
Swamp Sparrow		2	2	11	2*					1			40
White-throated Sparrow	3	3	155	142	48*				1cw	5		11	600
Harris's Sparrow			1										2
White-crowned Sparrow	54		12	7	1*	2cw					19	6	284
Golden-crowned Sparrow													0
Dark-eyed Junco	12	3	5	13	5*						8	25	362
Sparrow species													3
McCown's Longspur								41					54
Lapland Longspur													0
Smith's Longspur													0
Chestnut-collared Longspur							4	488	64				1062
Snow Bunting													0
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	4	26	46	6*			2	1	3			190
Black-headed Grosbeak	1					1					5		16
Lazuli Bunting							cw				2		12
Indigo Bunting													0
Bobolink								6					6
Red-winged Blackbird	53	10	118	331	5*	156	295	1095	170	25	11	21	9692
Western Meadowlark	16					35	235	498	73	1 cw	3	1	3249
Yellow-headed Blackbird	25			14		122	115	658	310	3	2		5349
Rusty Blackbird				4									16
Brewer's Blackbird	29		16	65		80	146	187	48	1 cw	14		2665
Common Grackle	10		18	6		63	377	28	64	1	2		915
Brown-headed Cowbird	167	2	8	180	55*	73	74	399	132	77	15	35	3456
Baltimore Oriole		1		24	3*	17	22	11	16	6	cw		356
Bullock's Oriole									3				4
Blackbird species								12					12
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch													2
Pine Grosbeak				2							cw		2
Purple Finch			24	11	2*					1			83
Cassin's Finch											2		22
House Finch						29	80	20	33				301
Red Crossbill													0
White-winged Crossbill							5				3		8
Common Redpoll				2									2
Hoary Redpoll													0
Pine Siskin	8	1	17	106	14*	1	7	42	9	80	18	8	1266
American Goldfinch	19			69	1*	39	64	105	18	5	12		1237
Evening Grosbeak			11	21									75
Grosbeak species			18										18
House Sparrow				13		64	267	388	160	2			3902
TOTAL	1329	204	2847	12690	1666	4116	6661	19109	6730	725	845	443	220685
total # of individual CW		2	2		2	5	6	64	1	10	18		
total # of species	90	58	118	168	107	111	118	136	134	88	106	58	276
total # species cw		2	1		2	4	6	4	1	7	18		

2007 May Bird Count Centers in Alphabetical order, with Codes

Banff	Bnff	Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park	Cyp
Beauvais Lake	Beau	Forfar Par	Ffar
BowKan	B-K	Fort McMurray	FMcM
Brooks/Lake Newel	Brks	Lac La Biche	LLB
Buffalo Lake	Buff	Lethbridge	Leth
Calgary and Area	CGY	Medicine Hat	MedH
Cardston	Card	Milk River/Writing-on-Stone	Milk
Claresholm	Clar	Red Deer and Central Alberta	RedD
Cold Lake	Cold	Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park	SWC
Coyote Lake	Coyo	Taber/Vauxhall	TabV
Crooked Creek/Athabasca	Crook	Wakomao Lake	Wako
Crowsnest Pass		Waterton Lakes National Park	Wlnp
	Crow	Yamniska	Yam