

The number of species went down this year: from 279 last year to 272 this year and the number of individual birds also went down: 257,605 from 310,396. In 2011, the most numerous species was the Franklin's Gull with 138,350. Second was the Red-winged Blackbird with 8,956 and third was the Cliff Swallow with 7,725. This year, the most numerous species was again the Franklin's Gull with 38,894. Second was the Cliff Swallow with 15,953 and third was the Canada Goose with 10,752.

Last year, 26 species were seen in only one location and 19 species were found in only two locations around the province. This year, of the single sightings: American Tree Sparrow, and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch were each seen at BowKanBirders; Semipalmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Western Sandpiper, and Dunlin were each seen at Brooks; Surf Scoter, Clark's Grebe, Northern Hawk Owl, and Northern Pygmy Owl were each seen at Calgary. Eurasian Wigeon was seen at Cardston. Short-billed Dowitcher was seen at Central Alberta. Northern Mockingbird was seen at Claresholm. Yellow Rail, Sedge Wren, Black-throated Green Warbler, and Bay-breasted Warbler were each seen at Cold Lake. Pacific-slope Flycatcher, and Common Redpoll were each seen at Crowsnest Pass. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was seen at Fort McMurray. Virginia Rail was seen at Lac La Biche. Great Egret was seen at Lethbridge. Yellow-breasted Chat was seen at Medicine Hat. Brewer's Sparrow was seen at Taber-Vauxhall. Pine Grosbeak was seen at Waterton.

Of the species found in two locations: Northern Goshawk was seen at Central Alberta and Calgary. Rough-legged Hawk was seen at Brooks and Medicine Hat. Peregrine Falcon, and Golden-crowned Kinglet were each seen at Calgary and BowKanBirders. American Golden Plover and Chestnut-sided Warbler were each seen at Calgary and Cold Lake. Hudsonian Godwit was seen at Brooks and Calgary. White-rumped Sandpiper was seen at Brooks and Cold Lake. Burrowing Owl was seen at Brooks and Milk River. Black-backed Woodpecker was seen at Calgary and Fort McMurray. Philadelphia Vireo was seen at Fort McMurray and Lac La Biche. Stellar's Jay and Cassin's Finch were each seen at Crowsnest Pass and Waterton. Gray-cheeked Thrush and Grasshopper Sparrow were each seen at Brooks and Taber. Palm Warbler was seen at Cold Lake and Yamnaska. Connecticut Warbler was seen at Cold Lake and Lac La Biche. Canada Warbler was seen at Cold Lake and Fort McMurray. Bullock's Oriole was seen at Calgary and Claresholm.

Last year we had three species in all areas. This year we had only one species in all areas: American Robin. Last year four species were found in all but one area, and thirteen species were found in all but two areas. This year eight species were found in all but one area: Canada Goose, Mallard, Bufflehead, Wilson's Snipe, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Red-winged Blackbird and Brown-headed Cowbird. This year six species were found in all but two areas: Sora, Northern Flicker, American Crow, Common Raven, Yellow Warbler, and Chipping Sparrow,

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