

Matanuska Valley's 34th Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Results

The 2013 Matanuska Valley Christmas Bird Count (CBC) took place on Sunday, December 15th. During the CBC, Field Teams and Feeder Counters at home counted all the birds that they saw within the Matanuska Valley Count Circle, a 15 mile diameter circle centered on Four Corners. Count totals for this year's Count are:

Mallard - 515

Bald Eagle (Adult - 113) / (immature - 30)

Bald Eagle - total - 143 New high - previous - 94 (Most at Palmer

Rock Pigeon - 5

Great Horned Owl - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Downy Woodpecker - 19

Hairy Woodpecker - 17

American Three-toed Woodpecker - 1

Northern Shrike - 3

Gray Jay - 13

Black-billed Magpie - 122

Common Raven - 453

Black-capped Chickadee - 707 (includes 3 w/deformed beaks)

Boreal Chickadee - 8

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 41

American Dipper - 11

European Starling - 115

Bohemian Waxwing - 153

Snow Bunting - Count Week

White-crowned Sparrow - 2

Dark-eyed Junco - 15

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch - 20 High/Previous High 8. Species found at a

home feeder in the Butte. All previous Mat. Valley observations for this

species have also been in the Butte.) Pine Grosbeak - 123

Common Redpoll - 5

Total Count Day species: 23 (record: 35)

Landfill)

Total birds seen: - 2493

Temperatures ranged from 12 to 19 degrees, and heavy snow on trees made it difficult to find those birds that were out and about. At the end of Count Day, we finished up with a very delicious potluck at Nancy Moore's home, where Counters did their best to amaze everyone with their species' counts.

A very special thanks to Nancy Moore for hosting our wrapup/potluck meeting, and to Nancy Wade for taking care of gathering all of our Field Team and Feeder Counter's count data.

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