

## 2024 Mat-Su Christmas Bird Count Report

Included below are the difference in the **number** of individuals of each species that were seen this year compared to last year. Mainly, much less overall. The irruptive birds, the waxwings and redpolls in particular made the overall number hard to compare. Take those out and there's some strikingly fewer bald eagles, black-capped chickadees, red-breasted nuthatches, pine grosbeaks and woodpeckers, keeping in mind we had fewer feeder counters this year, and the numbers are not adjusted for effort. The species count was just 2 lower (we had some good rarities last year).

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Thank you again to all those who braved the fresh snow and went out there and counted!

SPECIES	COUNT	DIFF# 2023
Mallard	524	15
Common Merganser	6	6
Ruffed Grouse	1	-1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1
Bald Eagle (adult)	82	
Bald Eagle (imm)	62	
<b>Bald Eagle Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>-196</b>
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	175	25
Great Horned Owl	2	2
Great Gray Owl *	1	0
Downy Woodpecker	10	-10
Hairy Woodpecker	15	-3
American Three-toed Woodpecker	3	3
Black-backed Woodpecker *	1	1
Northern Shrike	3	-1
Gray (Canada) Jay	4	3
Steller's Jay	1	1
Black-billed Magpie	158	17
Common Raven	542	176
Black-capped Chickadee	322	-302

Boreal Chickadee	3	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	38	-37
American Dipper	1	0
American Robin	1	-4
European Starling	306	-14
Bohemian Waxwing	2585	1954
Dark-eyed Junco	1	0
Pine Grosbeak	10	-258
Common Redpoll	3	-880

**Total Individuals 4330**    3850

**Total Species 27**                    29

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