

Count Summary Report

Printout Date: 1/14/2026

Count Name:	Matanuska Valley	Count Code:	AKMV	Count Date:	12/14/2025
Organizations & Sponsors:	Mat-Su Birders	# of Party Hours:	51.00	Species reported on count date:	23

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Start & End Times

Start time	End time
06:00 AM	09:00 PM

Effort

Observers			
In Field	Total Number:	27	
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight):	27	
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight):	27	
At Feeders	Total Number:	13	

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	2.00	2.60	Miles
Car	49.00	353.00	Miles
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle			
Dog Sled			
Golfcart			
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis			
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			

Other Time and Distance			
	Hours	Distance	Units

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At Feeders	26.70		
Nocturnal Birding	0.00	0.00	
Total Party	51.00	355.60	Miles

Weather

Temperature	Minimum:	9.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum:	40.0 Fahrenheit
Wind Direction	Northeast			
Wind Velocity	Minimum:	23.00 Miles/hour	Maximum:	70.00 Miles/hour
Snow Depth	Minimum:	1.00 Inches	Maximum:	2.00 Inches
Still Water	Frozen			
Moving Water	Partly Frozen			
AM and PM Conditions				
Cloud Cover	AM:	Clear	PM:	Clear
AM Rain	None			
AM Snow	None			
PM Rain	None			
PM Snow	None			

Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Mallard	422		1231/105	46	
Northern Goshawk	2		18/101	29	
Bald Eagle	10		351/119	44	
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's)	1		1/126	3	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	83		380/101	46	
Northern Hawk Owl	cw		5/100	16	
Downy Woodpecker	12		35/105	46	
Hairy Woodpecker	9		34/116	46	
Northern Shrike	2		10/87	44	
Gray Jay	2		28/116	43	
Black-billed Magpie	90		286/106	46	
Common Raven	311		979/110	46	
Black-capped Chickadee	275		1098/116	46	
Boreal Chickadee	1		53/92	44	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	44		117/118	38	
American Dipper	2		80/107	45	

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		2/103	3	
American Robin	9		9/126	13	
European Starling	44		756/119	46	
Bohemian Waxwing	3251		4310/123	44	
Dark-eyed Junco	1		35/113	13	
Pine Grosbeak	31		497/93	46	
Common Redpoll	139		2404/105	44	
Total Individuals	4742				
Total Species Reported	23				

cw = Reported count week

US = Flagged as an unusual species

HC = Flagged as an unusually high count

LC = Flagged as an unusually low count

Species Requiring Rare Bird Reports to be Submitted to Regional Editor

Species

Special Aspects

The weather will take the lead story in this 126th Christmas Bird Count Summary! Counters and birds alike bore winds from 20-70 MPH and temps from 9F to 40F. Needless to say the birds were hiding out in areas where the wind was high. The wind also kept counters from covering the Central Landfill. The landfill normally has high numbers of Bald Eagles, Common Ravens, and European Starlings, so those birds from the landfill were not counted this year.

Despite the weather, we did manage to count some great birds!

Bohemian Waxwings had the high count with 3,251 birds. Two Northern Goshawks were sighted and a Red-tailed Hawk!

A few summer birds were toughing it out including, nine American Robins, one Dark-eyed Junco and one very hardy Ruby-crowned Kinglet! The only other time a Kinglet was sighted was 23 years ago!