

Count Summary Report

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Count Name:	Parksville-Qualicum Beach	Count Code:	BCPQ	Count Date:	12/17/2017
Organizations & Sponsors:	Arrowsmith Naturalists	# of Party Hours:	90.00	Species reported on count date:	113

Compiler(s)

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Start & End Times

Start time	End time
07:45 AM	04:15 PM

Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 52
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 9
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 14
At Feeders	Total Number: 50

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	48.00	60.00	Kilometers
Car	42.00	358.50	Kilometers
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
At Feeders	100.50		

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Nocturnal Birding	0.50	0.50	Kilometers
Total Party	90.00	418.50	Kilometers

Weather

Weather Summary			
Temperature	Minimum: 4.0 Celsius	Maximum: 8.0 Celsius	
Wind Direction	Southeast		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 5.00 Kilometers/hour	Maximum: 15.00 Kilometers/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 0.00 Centimeters	Maximum: 0.00 Centimeters	
Still Water	Partly Frozen		
Moving Water	Open		
AM and PM Conditions			
Cloud Cover	AM: Local Fog	PM: Cloudy	
AM Rain	Light		
AM Snow	None		
PM Rain	Light		
PM Snow	None		

Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Greater White-fronted Goose	4		22/110	15	
Brant	218		221/117	23	
Cackling Goose	1		13/107	14	
Canada Goose	939		2053/116	27	
Trumpeter Swan	320		860/113	27	
Gadwall	9		20/110	20	
Eurasian Wigeon	4		49/92	27	
American Wigeon	2241		2831/116	27	
Mallard	2125		3174/102	27	
Northern Shoveler	2		33/103	23	
Northern Pintail	184		234/112	27	
Green-winged Teal (American)	77		460/99	27	
Ring-necked Duck	54		203/111	26	
Greater Scaup	18	LC	1040/106	27	
Harlequin Duck	72		213/103	27	
Surf Scoter	659		2175/108	27	
White-winged Scoter	352		935/107	27	

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Black Scoter	287		719/101	27	
Long-tailed Duck	11		168/115	27	
Bufflehead	582		886/105	27	
Common Goldeneye	227		453/103	27	
Barrow's Goldeneye	58		144/116	27	
Hooded Merganser	49		53/116	27	
Common Merganser	180		402/115	27	
Red-breasted Merganser	184		503/92	27	
California Quail	68		173/103	27	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1		16/96	24	
Pacific Loon	361		3568/113	27	
Common Loon	76		242/92	27	
Yellow-billed Loon	cw		1/111	7	
Horned Grebe	41		272/116	27	
Red-necked Grebe	52		313/116	27	
Western Grebe	4		1245/92	27	
Brandt's Cormorant	3		75/110	25	
Double-crested Cormorant	43		249/110	27	
Pelagic Cormorant	26		62/110	27	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	26		56/116	27	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4		9/112	26	
Cooper's Hawk	10		18/116	25	
Northern Goshawk	1		1/118	4	
Bald Eagle	251		645/96	27	
Red-tailed Hawk	4		19/105	26	
American Coot	cw		7/109	16	
Black Oystercatcher	71		84/112	26	
Black-bellied Plover	120		296/106	27	
Killdeer	30		147/99	26	
Greater Yellowlegs	2		5/111	15	
Black Turnstone	76		252/105	27	
Surfbird	20		30/111	11	
Sanderling	2		94/100	19	
Dunlin	927		1738/106	27	
Wilson's Snipe	cw		27/103	11	
Common Murre	164		754/112	20	
Pigeon Guillemot	1		54/110	19	
Marbled Murrelet	6		26/107	22	
Ancient Murrelet	87		659/117	13	

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Bonaparte's Gull	2		468/107	19	
Mew Gull	3594	HC,	3594/118	27	
Ring-billed Gull	1		22/92	24	
Western Gull	3		11/100	19	
California Gull	45		1007/103	24	
Herring Gull	22		176/98	25	
Thayer's Gull	593		2117/115	27	
Glaucous-winged Gull	1316		5630/99	27	
Western x Glaucous-winged Gull (hybrid)	123	HC,	123/118	5	
Herring x Glaucous Gull (hybrid)	4	HC,	4/118	2	
gull sp.	3396		5300/101	20	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	87		248/104	27	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	53		89/113	9	
Mourning Dove	2		4/114	4	
Great Horned Owl	3		12/116	19	
Anna's Hummingbird	164	HC,	164/118	14	
Belted Kingfisher	16		20/116	27	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	1	LC	19/117	24	
Red-naped x Red-breasted Sapsucker (hybrid)	cw		0/118	1	
Downy Woodpecker	16		33/107	27	
Hairy Woodpecker	8		25/111	26	
Northern Flicker	100		215/111	19	
Pileated Woodpecker	13		38/107	27	
American Kestrel	2		8/117	13	
Merlin	1		9/116	26	
Peregrine Falcon	1		3/116	17	
Northern Shrike	cw		5/111	22	
Hutton's Vireo	1		5/110	19	
Steller's Jay	148		279/116	27	
Northwestern Crow	648		2091/111	27	
Common Raven	370		509/112	27	
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	693		740/111	27	
Bushtit	173		186/117	27	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	86		130/106	26	
Brown Creeper	15		41/110	27	
Pacific Wren	45		106/117	8	

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Bewick's Wren	13		39/111	27	
American Dipper	4		9/113	25	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	210		526/107	27	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	13		84/106	27	
American Robin	209		972/109	27	
Varied Thrush	35	LC	236/111	27	
European Starling	2034		2520/103	27	
American Pipit	cw		2/109	5	
Palm Warbler (Western)	cw		0/118	1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	1		4/117	7	
Townsend's Warbler	1		5/111	15	
Fox Sparrow	104	HC,	104/118	27	
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	1597		2251/110	27	
White-crowned Sparrow	92		115/116	27	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	164		233/106	27	
Savannah Sparrow	2		8/110	9	
Song Sparrow	136		198/107	27	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		4/105	9	
Spotted Towhee	280		328/117	27	
sparrow sp.	3		16/109	6	
Red-winged Blackbird	277		715/102	27	
Western Meadowlark	7		8/92	16	
Brewer's Blackbird	638		1407/111	27	
Brown-headed Cowbird	3		16/99	8	
Pine Grosbeak	2	HC,	2/118	4	
House Finch	92		362/104	27	
Purple Finch	7	LC	353/108	26	
Red Crossbill	cw	LC	247/110	22	
Common Redpoll	52	HC,	52/118	5	
Pine Siskin	87		10420/104	27	
American Goldfinch	4		56/106	13	
Evening Grosbeak	5		82/113	18	
House Sparrow	43		118/114	26	
Total Individuals	29195				
Total Species Reported	113				

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<p>cw = Reported count week US = Flagged as an unusual species HC = Flagged as an unusually high count LC = Flagged as an unusually low count</p>	
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Species Requiring Rare Bird Reports to be Submitted to Regional Editor

Species

Special Aspects

Weather conditions leading up to count day brought us heavy winds and rain, flooded fields, snow and arctic air, then a few mild days and rain for count day. Overall waterfowl, diver and dabbler numbers seem lower this year. Viewing conditions were challenging due to choppy seas and rain which also kept our owls and forest birds well hidden. There were very few finches seen but a broad assortment of our seed eaters were present. Brant arrived mid-November, early again, their numbers about the same as last year. Trumpeter Swan numbers have increased over the last 27 years but were unexpectedly low this time (320), however over 705 were seen on Dec13 during pre-count scouting at 3 sites within the count circle. Other species with lower than usual counts: Canada Goose, scaup, Great-blue Heron, all woodpeckers, Brown Creeper, Varied Thrush, all finches. Highlights include: Greater White-fronted Goose, Brant, Cackling Goose, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Pheasant, Yellow-billed Loon, Northern Goshawk, Greater Yellowlegs, Surf-bird, Sanderling, 9099 gulls, Mourning Dove, 164 Anna's Hummingbirds, hybrid Red-naped x Red-breasted Sapsucker, Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine, Northern Shrike, Hutton's Vireo, American Dipper, American Pipit, Palm Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Savannah Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, 7 Western Meadowlark, Brown-headed Cowbird, Pine Grosbeak, Red and White-winged Crossbills, Common Redpoll, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak. Most of our 9 cw species were seen several times before and after count day by multiple observers. We had 102 participants, 52 in the field and 50 at feeders, plus 10 more who helped with set up and breakdown of the popular Post Count Potluck sponsored by the Arrowsmith Naturalists. Sandra Gray, BCPQ compiler.