

Rhinoceros Auklet		1									1	
Rock Pigeon	60							57	15		132	
Band-tailed Pigeon									4		4	
Eurasian Collared-Dove						cw			2		2	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	1				2						3	hc
Barred Owl	1						cw		cw		1	
Anna's Hummingbird	2	1	1			1		2	11		18	hc
Belted Kingfisher	3	1		1	3			1	1		10	
Red-breasted Sapsucker									cw		0	cw
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	1	2	3			2	1	9	21	
Hairy Woodpecker	1		5		5			4	1	9	25	hc
Northern Flicker	35	14	10	25	30	44		5	7	45	215	hc
Pileated Woodpecker	2	1	1	2	1	2		5	2	6	22	
Northern Shrike	1	1		1		1				1	5	hc
Hutton's Vireo	1		1								2	
Steller's Jay	12	4	12	15	4	7		9	4	67	134	
Northwestern Crow	292	1049	142	68	113	154	154	10	109		2091	hc
Common Raven	14	11	10	49	9	7		42	10	24	176	
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	48	38	26	51	181	46		59	20	271	740	hc
Bushtit	2		20	22	18			14		92	168	hc
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	3	18	13	1	6		3	1	69	120	
Brown Creeper	2			2	2	2		1		4	13	
Bewick's Wren	5	5	1	3	1	3		6	2	13	39	hc
Pacific Wren	5	11		6	5	21		22	1	7	78	
Marsh Wren									1		1	
American Dipper					1			2			3	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	55	20	24	12	56	40		66	19	2	294	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	4	1		2	5		7	9	1	31	
Townsend's Solitaire			1								1	
Hermit Thrush	2							4		2	8	
American Robin	38	17	62	207	17	61		63	46	43	554	
Varied Thrush	22		9	24	47	30		4	11	89	236	hc
European Starling	17	40	176	990	24	109		119	248	86	1809	
Orange-crowned Warbler										1	1	
Townsend's Warbler						1				4	5	
Spotted Towhee	23	12	16	38	43	29		7	31	107	306	hc
Savannah Sparrow										7	7	
Fox Sparrow	2	8	5	1	2	7		1	10	20	56	
Song Sparrow	10	17	29	17	22	19		8	13	50	185	
White-crowned Sparrow	2	2		4		1			1	24	34	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	16	8	14	36	4	53		21	21	18	191	
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	102	40	201	236	162	194		134	70	551	1690	
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco										cw	0	
Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	39	51	12	25		1		21	151	
Western Meadowlark									1		1	
Brewer's Blackbird	74	3	273	950	33	30			23	21	1407	hc
Purple Finch	4	3	81			20				21	129	
House Finch	13	34	36	8	3	34			10	72	210	
Red Crossbill								3			3	
Pine Siskin		50			120	20				34	224	
American Goldfinch	13	3							10	5	31	
Evening Grosbeak	13								cw	43	56	hc
House Sparrow	31			6	1	6			4	66	114	hc
total individuals/team	2791	2297	3226	4147	3596	2097	1539	1614	2220		23527	
total species/team	86	65	61	46	72	59	42	67	50		23527	
TEAM #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	FC			

-116 total species –all groups including Feedercount -23,527 total individuals - all groups including Feedercount
-Count Week species (cw)- Chukar, Western Grebe, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, American Coot, Herring Gull, Red-breasted Sapsucker. -19 high count (hc) -4 low count (lc) -Owling effort- 5 teams by foot & car: 7.25 hours & 54 km
-35 birders in the field in 8-9 teams: -by foot, 44.75 hours & 44.5 km -by car, 36.5 hours & 608 km
-37 Feedercounters -50 species -2,220 total individuals -101 hours
-weather: 2 to 8 degree Celsius -partly cloudy all day -mostly calm winds -open water -no snow
-teams:1-Parkville/Little Mtn 2-SanP/Rath Trevor/Inland 3-Craig&NWBays/Inland 4-Errington Etc
5-MSWA/Westside 6-Qualicum Beach 7-Inland Empire 8-Columbia Beach/Inland

50 people came to the potluck/wrap-up at St. Anne's/Edmunds Hall ... a good time was had by all.
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SPECIAL ASPECTS -- 111th CBC -- 20th PARKSVILLE QUALICUM BEACH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT -- 19Dec2010

We had a very good weather day although early morning winds kept our owls quiet.

One Canvasback was seen with a large flock of Greater Scaup and re-sighted a few days later, still with the scaup.

Our most unusual bird was the Orange-crowned Warbler, grey headed form, that was seen at suet feeders repeatedly in Parksville. This bird confirmed by photos, (I have already emailed them), and by several experienced birders.

Highlights include: 140 Ring-necked Ducks, 10 Northern Shovelers & 1 Marsh Wren (new site), all at Morningstar Golf ponds; 14 Hooded-mergansers together in a very small rural pond in Errington; Chukar reported from 3 sites recently; 1 Yellow-billed Loon off the mouth of Englishman River; 1 Red-throated Loon off Qualicum Beach; 2 Greater Yellowlegs in flooded fields 7km inland from their usual sites; 30 Surfbirds seen at close range at Wallbeach Pt; 1 shrike attracted to feeder activity in downtown Parksville; 1 white Common Raven was seen during count week; 1 Townsend's Solitaire at Wallbeach; 1 Western Meadowlark at a new location south of Hodges & Lowrys Rds; 5 Townsend's Warblers at suet feeders; 7 Savannah Sparrows at feeders from 2 sites; finches noticeably absent, but 56 Evening Grosbeaks in Parksville & French Creek neighborhoods.

Anna's Hummingbird numbers continue to climb with 13 sites represented in the Count and another 5 known sites.

American Green-winged Teal were mostly missed, many more are usually found at Englishman and LQ Rivers estuaries and interior flooded fields. Trumpeter Swan, Harlequin, Ring-necked Pheasant also at lower than usual numbers.

Northwestern Crow numbers likely reflect some but not all of the population that roost on small islands off the Nanoose Peninsula.

There were a few clouds of starlings and blackbirds at farms, although some areas where large flocks are known to exist were missed, particularly Red-winged Blackbirds. I suspect the actual numbers of all three species are considerably greater.

One team came upon 3 hunters in a blind with about 70 decoy Canada Geese surrounding them, shots were heard from the area off and on all day. Another team was stopped by RCMP while owling.

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