| BCPQ-Dec19, 2010-Results                    |           |          |     |        |            |         |          |     |           |                 |         |
|---|-----------|----------|-----|--------|------------|---------|----------|-----|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| team #                                      | 1         | 2        | 3   | 4      | 5          | 6       | 7        | 8   | FC        | totals          | flags   |
| Greater White-fronted Goose                 |           |          |     |        |            | 2       |          |     |           | 2               |         |
| Brant                                       | 12        |          |     |        | 4          |         |          |     |           | 16              |         |
| Cackling Goose<br>Canada Goose              | 88        | 126      | 2   | 154    | 2<br>301   | 119     | 1<br>195 | 55  | 50        | 3<br>1090       |         |
| Trumpeter Swan                              | 00        | 120      | 2   | 154    | 301        | 119     | 195      | 55  | 50        | 1090            | lc      |
| Gadwall                                     | 6         |          |     |        |            |         | 12       |     |           | 6               |         |
| Eurasian Wigeon                             | 1         | 1        | 2   |        |            |         |          |     |           | 4               |         |
| American Wigeon                             | 91        | 54       | 286 | 840    |            |         | 24       | 8   |           | 1303            |         |
| Mallard                                     | 65        | 90       | 18  | 168    | 65         | 124     | 113      | 135 |           | 778             |         |
| Northern Shoveler                           |           |          |     |        |            |         |          | 10  |           | 10              |         |
| Northern Pintail                            | 33        | 37<br>30 |     | 6<br>2 | 3          |         |          | 1   |           | 77<br>38        |         |
| American Green-winged Teal<br>Canvasback    | 3         |          | 1   | 2      | 3          |         |          |     |           | <u> </u>        | lc      |
| Ring-necked Duck                            |           |          | 10  | 3      | 20         |         | 30       | 140 |           | 203             | hc      |
| Greater Scaup                               | 17        |          | 288 |        | 25         |         |          | 13  |           | 343             |         |
| Lesser Scaup                                | 3         |          |     |        |            |         |          |     |           | 3               |         |
| scaup sp                                    | 45        |          |     |        |            |         |          |     |           | 45              |         |
| Harlequin Duck                              | 1         | 2        | 12  |        | 23         | 12      |          | 3   |           | 53              | lc      |
| Surf Scoter                                 | 168       | 20       | 282 |        | 188        | 37      |          | 21  |           | 716             |         |
| White-winged Scoter                         | 12<br>4   | 3        |     |        | 474<br>252 | 5<br>57 |          | 1   |           | 494<br>314      |         |
| American (Black) Scoter<br>Long-tailed Duck | 4         |          |     |        | 252        | 10      |          | T   |           | <u>314</u><br>6 |         |
| Bufflehead                                  | 39        | 64       | 133 | 13     | 136        | 49      | 4        | 22  |           | 460             |         |
| Common Goldeneye                            | 37        | 33       | 18  | 10     | 105        | 14      |          | 20  |           | 227             |         |
| Barrow's Goldeneye                          | 8         | 4        | 95  |        | 9          |         |          | 2   |           | 118             |         |
| Hooded Merganser                            | 1         | 2        | 8   | 19     | 7          |         | 7        | 5   |           | 49              | hc      |
| Common Merganser                            | 13        | 8        | 10  | 1      | 72         |         | 1        | 22  |           | 127             |         |
| Red-breasted Merganser                      | 32        | 102      | 44  |        | 16         | 4       |          | 2   |           | 200             | <b></b> |
| Chukar                                      |           |          |     |        |            |         |          |     | CW        | 0               | CW      |
| Ring-necked Pheasant                        |           |          | 10  | 1      |            | 00      |          | CW  | <b>F7</b> | 1               | lc      |
| California Quail<br>Red-throated Loon       | 2         |          | 12  | CW     |            | 30<br>1 |          |     | 57        | <u>101</u><br>1 |         |
| Pacific Loon                                | 44        | 95       | 6   |        | 68         | 12      |          | 63  |           | 288             |         |
| Common Loon                                 | 12        | 5        | 16  |        | 59         | 5       |          | 6   |           | 103             |         |
| Yellow-billed Loon                          |           | 1        | 10  |        | 00         | Ű       |          | Ű   |           | 1               |         |
| Horned Grebe                                | 37        | 22       | 7   |        | 36         | 15      |          | 1   |           | 118             |         |
| Red-necked Grebe                            | 18        | 14       | 1   |        | 4          | 2       |          | 3   |           | 42              |         |
| Western Grebe                               |           |          |     |        |            |         |          | CW  |           | 0               | CW      |
| Brandt's Cormorant                          |           |          | 3   |        |            |         |          | 10  |           | 3               |         |
| Double-crested Cormorant                    | 41        | 10       | 55  |        | 4          | 3       |          | 10  |           | 123             |         |
| Pelagic Cormorant<br>Great Blue Heron       | 6         | 8        | 31  |        | 2<br>21    | 1       | 2        | 7   | 2         | 54<br>33        |         |
| Bald Eagle adult                            | 14        | 5        | 13  | 10     | 21         | 13      | 26       | 2   | 10        | 123             | =191    |
| Bald Eagle immature                         | 7         | 4        | -   | 9      | 29         | 10      | 15       | 1   | 2         | 68              | 101     |
| Northern Harrier                            | cw        |          |     |        |            |         |          |     |           | 0               | cw      |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk                          |           |          | 2   | 1      |            |         |          |     | 1         | 4               |         |
| Cooper's Hawk                               |           |          | 1   | 1      |            | 1       |          |     | 2         | 5               |         |
| Red-tailed Hawk                             |           |          |     |        | 2          | 2       | 3        | 1   |           | 8               | <b></b> |
| American Kestrel                            | CW        |          |     |        | 0          |         |          |     | 4         | 0               | CW      |
| Merlin                                      | 1         | 1        |     |        | 2          | 1       | 2        |     | 1         | 6<br>3          |         |
| Peregrine Falcon<br>Virginia Rail           | 1         | 1        | CW  |        |            | 1       |          |     |           | <u> </u>        |         |
| American Coot                               |           |          | cw  |        |            |         |          |     |           | 0               | CW      |
| Black-bellied Plover                        | 53        | 5        | 8   |        | 4          |         |          | 33  |           | 103             |         |
| Killdeer                                    | 1         |          | 9   | 1      |            | 25      |          |     |           | 36              |         |
| Black Oystercatcher                         |           | 12       | 4   |        | 29         | 9       |          | 15  |           | 69              | hc      |
| Greater Yellowlegs                          |           |          |     | 2      | 1          |         |          | 2   |           | 5               | hc      |
| Black Turnstone                             | 16        | 11       | 12  |        | 25         | 5       |          | 35  |           | 104             |         |
| Surfbird                                    | 074       |          | 30  |        | 40         |         |          | 50  |           | 30              | hc      |
| Dunlin<br>Wilson's Snipe                    | 371<br>4  | 1        |     |        | 12         |         |          | 50  |           | 433<br>5        |         |
| Bonaparte's Gull                            | 4         | 1        |     |        |            | 52      |          |     |           | 54              |         |
| Mew Gull                                    | 85        | 23       | 228 | 58     | 101        | 19      |          | 67  |           | 581             |         |
| Ring-billed Gull                            | 1         | 1        |     |        |            |         |          |     |           | 2               |         |
| California Gull                             | 9         |          |     |        |            |         |          | 1   | 1         | 11              |         |
| Herring Gull                                |           |          |     |        |            | CW      |          |     |           | 0               | CW      |
| Thayer's Gull                               | 4         | 4        |     | 3      | 4          | 100     |          | 7   |           | 122             |         |
| Western Gull                                |           |          |     |        | 2          |         |          |     |           | 2               |         |
| Glaucous-winged Gull                        | 280       | 91       | 363 |        | 182        | 400     | 53       | 165 | 15        | 1549            |         |
| gull sp<br>Common Murre                     | 100<br>53 | 2        |     | 11     | 335<br>12  |         | 284      | 15  | 33        | 763<br>82       |         |
|   |           |          |     |        |            |         |          | 15  |           | 82              |         |
|   | 1 1       | 1 1      |     |        |            |         |          |     |           |                 |         |
| Pigeon Guillemot<br>Marbled Murrelet        | 1<br>9    | 1        |     |        | 1          |         |          | 15  |           | 25              |         |

| Rhinocerous Auklet              |      | 1        |      |      |      |          |      |      |      | 1     |    |
|---------------------------------|------|----------|------|------|------|----------|------|------|------|-------|----|
|                                 | 60   | 1        |      |      |      |          |      | 57   | 15   | 132   |    |
| Rock Pigeon Band-tailed Pigeon  | 60   |          |      |      |      |          |      | 57   |      | -     |    |
|                                 |      |          |      |      |      |          |      |      | 4    | 4     |    |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove          |      |          |      |      | 0    | CW       |      |      | 2    | 2     | ha |
| 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                   |      | <u> </u> |      |      |      | <u> </u> | 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 |
|                                 |      |          |      |      |      |          |      |      |      | 114   |    |
| 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, Nothern Harrier, American Kestrel, American Coot, Herring Gull, Redbreasted 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-Parksville/Little Mtn 2-SanP/Rathtrevor/Inland 3-Craig&NWBays/Inland 4-ErringtonEtc 5-MSWA/Westside 6-QualicumBeach 7-Inland Empire 8-ColumbiaBeach/Inland

50 people came to the potluck/wrap-up at St.Anne's/Edmunds Hall ... a good time was had by all. -Compiler Sandra Gray, 250-248-5565, <u>saninerr@shaw.ca</u>

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## SPECIAL ASPECTS -- 111<sup>th</sup> CBC -- 20<sup>th</sup> 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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