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WESTERN MEADOWLARK

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Christmas Bird Count Supplement

The San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society has concluded another successful season of Christmas Bird Counts. We sincerely thank the 107 participants who came out for our nine CBCs – we could not do it without you! We also thank the compilers for all the time and effort they put in to organizing their respective counts. This supplement provides a summary of all birds recorded on eight of the SBVAS CBCs (Salton Sea North not provided) and the list of participants that participated in all nine SBVAS CBCs. The highest count of individuals occurred on the San Jacinto Lake CBC (33,271 individuals), while the highest number of species was recorded on the Salton Sea North CBC (141 species). Several counts recorded new species for their respective count circles: Joshua Tree - American Crow, San Jacinto Lake - Lesser Black-backed Gull and Nutmeg Mannakin, San Ana River Valley - Allen's Hummingbird and Solitary Sandpiper, Salton Sea North - Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and San Bernardino Valley - Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Black-throated Sparrow. Other highlights included a Winter Wren and a Spotted Dove on the Mojave River Valley CBC, and a Black-throated Green Warbler and a Varied Thrush on the Redlands-Mill Creek CBC. Several counts recorded Glaucous-winged Gulls and Plumbeous Vireo, and many also had high counts of Eurasian Collared-dove and Cassin's Kingbird. We would like to thank all the CBC compilers and those who contributed photos for making this supplement possible. And thank you again to all the CBC participants - we can't wait to do it again next year!

-Tom Benson

2008-2009 Christmas Bird Count Schedule

Dec 14, 2008	Idyllwild
Dec 14, 2008	Morongo Valley
Dec 14, 2008	Redlands (Mill Creek)
Dec 14, 2008	Santa Ana River Valley
Dec 16, 2008	San Jacinto Lake
Dec 20, 2008	San Bernardino Valley
Dec 27, 2008	Mojave River Valley
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Species	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total
Greater White-fronted Goose	2								**2**
Snow Goose						1			**1**
Ross's Goose			2			1			**3**
Canada Goose	40	19	307		2	44	15	64	**491**
Wood Duck							1		**1**
Gadwall			49	3	39	125	209	59	**484**
Eurasian Wigeon				1					**1**
American Wigeon	100		700	247	76	304	1474	215	**3116**
Mallard	10		369	68	40	306	193	193	**1179**
Blue-winged Teal								6	**6**
Cinnamon Teal			5			2	38	16	**61**
Northern Shoveler			177	30	4	371	2958	597	**4137**
Northern Pintail			1			1	56	87	**145**
Green-winged Teal			91	22	8	27	722	5	**875**
Canvasback			9		3	8	83	130	**233**
Redhead					4		15	17	**36**
Ring-necked Duck			158		95	12	280	418	**963**
Greater Scaup							2		**2**
Lesser Scaup			17		4	21	35	10	**87**
Scaup sp.								5	**5**
Bufflehead	8		39		30	5	111	5	**198**
Hooded Merganser			7		5		1		**13**
Common Merganser	2		27		3		2	2	**36**
Ruddy Duck			112		24	102	1424	722	**2384**
Ring-necked Pheasant							2		**2**
Mountain Quail					15				**15**
California Quail			231	30	31	37	10		**339**
Gambel's Quail		188		246					**434**
Common Loon							2		**2**
Pied-billed Grebe			29		5	13	21	20	**88**
Horned Grebe	1							1	**2**
Eared Grebe					5		154	22	**181**
Western Grebe	4		4			1	250	7	**266**
Clark's Grebe							4	14	**18**

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American White Pelican							5	1	**6**
Double-crested Cormorant			102		36	62	35	168	**403**
American Bittern							1		**1**
Great Blue Heron	4		14		6	8	15	9	**56**
Great Egret			4		8	12	21	12	**57**
Snowy Egret	1		2		14	9	35	25	**86**
Cattle Egret					47	13	548	6	**614**
Green Heron			1		1		2	4	**8**
Black-crowned Night-heron			75		6	1	8	17	**107**
White-faced Ibis							71	1716	**1787**
Turkey Vulture		2	6					21	**29**
Osprey	1					1	8	1	**11**
White-tailed Kite					1	1	11		**13**
Bald Eagle	2				1		4	1	**8**
Northern Harrier	1					2	29	3	**35**
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	8	6	2	1		1	**19**
Cooper's Hawk	1	6	6	10	8	5	8	6	**50**
Red-shouldered Hawk			12	1	5	13	9	6	**46**
Red-tailed Hawk	12	5	46	18	16	62	103	29	**291**
Ferruginous Hawk			3		1	3	5	1	**13**
Golden Eagle				2		1	4		**7**
American Kestrel		8	13	2	12	31	37	16	**119**
Merlin			2		1	3	2	2	**10**
Peregrine Falcon			1			2			**3**
Prairie Falcon		4	2	1		1	6	1	**15**
Virginia Rail			6	3			7		**16**
Sora							12	1	**13**
Common Moorhen							17	13	**30**
American Coot	20		1335	21	135	1402	5337	1166	**9416**
Killdeer	3	9	46	14	12	50	396	7	**537**
Mountain Plover							31		**31**
Black-necked Stilt				8		19	468	178	**673**
American Avocet			2				70	2	**74**
Spotted Sandpiper			1			1	3	5	**10**

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Greater Yellowlegs					8	16	44	26	**94**
Long-billed Curlew							52		**52**
Least Sandpiper				9		31	215	10	**265**
Long-billed Dowitcher						14	433	22	**469**
Wilson's Snipe			3		1	3	3	2	**12**
Bonaparte's Gull						16	400	132	**548**
Ring-billed Gull			122		6	41	3510	296	**3975**
California Gull	2		401		3	45	3568	90	**4109**
Herring Gull			2		2		198	6	**208**
Thayer's Gull							7		**7**
Lesser Black-backed Gull							1		**1**
Glaucous-winged Gull			1				21	1	**23**
Gull sp.								900	**900**
Rock Pigeon		862	439	270	163	654	634	519	**3541**
Band-tailed Pigeon	30				348	605		62	**1045**
Eurasian Collared-dove		81	6	4	8	14	27	5	**145**
Spotted Dove			1						**1**
Mourning Dove	10	432	218	138	35	177	245	215	**1470**
Common Ground-dove						1		7	**8**
Parrot sp.						1			**1**
Greater Roadrunner		3	1	5		2			**11**
Barn Owl			1	2		1			**4**
Western Screech-owl			3			1			**4**
Great Horned Owl			8		3	3	1		**15**
Burrowing Owl						8		2	**10**
White-throated Swift			22			114	15	155	**306**
Anna's Hummingbird	22	14	20	44	29	156	52	45	**382**
Costa's Hummingbird		4	4	8		20	1		**37**
Allen’s Hummingbird								5	**5**
Hummingbird sp.				3					**3**
Belted Kingfisher			5	1	1	3	1	1	**12**
Acorn Woodpecker	10				80	59	6	8	**163**
Williamson’s Sapsucker	1								**1**
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1			**1**

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Red-naped Sapsucker				1					**1**
Red-breasted Sapsucker			1		3				**4**
Sapsucker sp.			1						**1**
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		3	1	10					**14**
Nuttall's Woodpecker			57	8	11	19	19	21	**135**
Downy Woodpecker			3		3	4	4	1	**15**
Hairy Woodpecker			1						**1**
White-headed Woodpecker					2				**2**
Northern Flicker	7	6	61	43	24	74	34	28	**277**
Gray Flycatcher						2		1	**3**
Black Phoebe	18	3	25	24	35	127	111	54	**397**
Say's Phoebe		12	38	12	7	41	67	22	**199**
Vermilion Flycatcher						1			**1**
Cassin's Kingbird					3	40	45	59	**147**
Loggerhead Shrike		12	8	5	1	1	25		**52**
Plumbeous Vireo			1		1	1			**3**
Hutton's Vireo					1				**1**
Steller's Jay	2				70				**72**
Western Scrub-jay	4	25	5	117		48	3	11	**213**
Pinyon Jay		2							**2**
Clark’s Nutcracker					1				**1**
American Crow	16	2	2		199	270	178	7360	**8027**
Common Raven	16	150	776	105	42	80	189	16	**1374**
Horned Lark		59	320	149		19	725	45	**1317**
Tree Swallow							78	1	**79**
Barn Swallow							9		**9**
Mountain Chickadee	6		11	4	41	7			**69**
Oak Titmouse	2	10	1	9	13	1	1		**37**
Verdin		14	7	38					**59**
Bushtit	12	18	102	22	60	252	112	127	**705**
White-breasted Nuthatch			4	1	9	2	1		**17**
Pygmy Nuthatch	1								**1**
Brown Creeper					1				**1**
Cactus Wren		40	4	27	6				**77**

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Rock Wren		4	3	9	5	15	21	1	**58**
Canyon Wren		1			1		2		**4**
Bewick's Wren		2	41	16	10	28	17	12	**126**
House Wren				1	3	3	3	14	**24**
Winter Wren			1						**1**
Marsh Wren			19	1		1	68	6	**95**
American Dipper					1				**1**
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	8	37	25	55	42	17	22	**208**
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2			1	5	13	11	**32**
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher		3		11					**14**
Western Bluebird	17		213	13	235	225	6	32	**741**
Mountain Bluebird		1	56			14	23		**94**
Townsend's Solitaire					6				**6**
Hermit Thrush			2	1	4		1	3	**11**
American Robin	31	8	76	13	143	49	4	19	**343**
Varied Thrush					1				**1**
Wrentit					23	5	2		**30**
Northern Mockingbird	1	43	37	40	30	88	15	29	**283**
California Thrasher	2		9	34	3	12	9	10	**79**
European Starling		397	745	251	154	655	775	630	**3607**
American Pipit			18	4		58	329	31	**440**
Cedar Waxwing			30	3	47	96		37	**213**
Phainopepla		23	49	121	27	2	1	8	**231**
Orange-crowned Warbler			2	1	12	12	4	3	**34**
Yellow Warbler							1		**1**
Yellow-rumped Warbler		16	350	80	350	915	492	279	**2482**
Myrtle Warbler			3			1			**4**
Black-throated Gray Warbler					1				**1**
Black-throated Green Warbler					1				**1**
Townsend's Warbler					7				**7**
Common Yellowthroat			10	2	2	5	31	38	**88**
Western Tanager						1			**1**
Green-tailed Towhee				1		1			**2**
Spotted Towhee		5	4	5	37	29	16	17	**113**

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California Towhee	2		13	69	75	135	66	34	**394**
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	3				2	8	3	2	**18**
Chipping Sparrow			4		35	113		6	**158**
Brewer's Sparrow				4					**4**
Vesper Sparrow			2				3		**5**
Lark Sparrow			157		48	48	35	24	**312**
Black-throated Sparrow		113	5	80		1			**199**
Sage Sparrow		5	46	2		2	3		**58**
Savannah Sparrow			33		29	182	487	70	**801**
Fox Sparrow					1	1			**2**
Song Sparrow			162	8	23	52	171	166	**582**
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	2	23	11	10	29	34	4	**104**
White-throated Sparrow				2					**2**
White-crowned Sparrow	6	250	1598	1154	419	880	697	370	**5374**
Golden-crowned Sparrow			1		40	11		2	**54**
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	8	23	79	35	184	48		30	**407**
Slate-colored Junco		1	6		2				**9**
Pink-sided Junco				2					**2**
Gray-headed Junco				1					**1**
Red-winged Blackbird			702		26	30	1749	328	**2835**
Tricolored Blackbird	4						142		**146**
Western Meadowlark			4		35	74	151	217	**481**
Yellow-headed Blackbird							10		**10**
Brewer's Blackbird	25	141	670	29	142	471	811	65	**2354**
Great-tailed Grackle			471		3	4	96	8	**582**
Brown-headed Cowbird						8	106		**114**
Scott's Oriole				13					**13**
Purple Finch			11		67	2			**80**
Cassin's Finch					6				**6**
House Finch	4	227	1269	454	267	618	269	146	**3254**
Red Crossbill			2						**2**
Pine Siskin			1		30	9			**40**
Lesser Goldfinch	14		34	89	66	408	90	41	**742**
American Goldfinch	2		33			48	30		**113**

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House Sparrow		89	682	89	84	222	48	113	**1327**
Nutmeg Mannikin							8		**8**
Total Individuals	**498**	**3353**	**14420**	**4467**	**5267**	**11733**	**33271**	**19128**	**92137**
Total Species	**48**	**50**	**119**	**79**	**120**	**129**	**138**	**119**	**199**

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Participants

A special thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Bird Counts! Listed below are the participants of all nine SBVAS-sponsored CBCs. Names in bold indicate count circle compilers or co-compilers. Numbers after names indicate the number of counts in which an individual participated if more than one. Who participated in the most? Gene Cardiff came in first place with five CBCs, and Chet McGaugh, Bob McKernan, and Brad Singer tied for second place with four each.

Steve Adkison, Barbara Anderson, Madeline Bauer (2), Dan Baumann (2), **Tom Benson** (2), Vit Bielich, Chris Blonden, Mark Blonden, **Gene Cardiff** (5), Ley Cash, David Chadsey (2), Jeff Chapman, Pete Clark, Dave Cooper (2), Bob Cullen, Bill Deppe (2), John Edwards, Dave Englebretson, Diane Franco, Rich Gerston, Dave Goodward (2), John Green (2), Kay Green, Cyn Greyraven, Tom Haworth, J. C. Heisler, **Margaret Hoggan** (2), Bill Hopson (3), Andrew Howe, Sue Hurlbut, Darrell Hutchinson, Barbara Iyer, Doug Karalun, Howard King (2), Dana Klatt, **Larry LaPre**, Lorraine Leach, Sean Leeds, Andy Lerma, Stephanie Lubatti, Jerry Mannes, Barry Mantell, Corey Martinez, **Chet McGaugh** (4), Bob McKernan (4), **Tony Metcalf** (2), Bruce Miller, Carla Mingione, Nathan Moorhatch, Jane Moots, Elizabeth Morgan, **Dori Myers** (3), Michelle Myers, **Steve Myers** (3), Vesta Myers (2), Roger Nahas, George Nash (3), Maureen Newlin, David Novick, Anna O'Hare (2), Jane Olson, Ken Osborne, Sandra Pickett, Norma Pizza, Herman Platzke, Nicole Prendergast, Austin Puglisi, Crispin Rendon (3), Stephanie Ritter, Shauli Rosen-Roger, Bob Ross, Gene Rotstein, Don Ryan, Joyce Schwartz, Lidia Seebeck, Dick Shanahan, Rockey Shanahan, Laurie Shelton (2), Laura Sherrod, Brad Singer (4), Mike Smiley, Bonnie Smith, Ed Snyder, Lin Snyder, **Sherri Stange**, Kirk Stitt (2), Linda Stitt (2), Merrie Suydam, Sandy Swan, Julie Szabo, Donna Thomas (2), Eric Tipton, Elaine Tipton, Cathy Tobin (2), Jennifer Tobin (3), Michelle Tobin (3), **Bill Truesdell** (2), Laraine Turk, Del Twilley (2), Carolyn Twilley (2), Bill Wagner, Harlan Walker, Gemme Watson, Larry Watson, Mark Wheeler, **Joe Zarki** (2), **Dee Zeller**

CBC Photo Highlights

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - Salton Sea North CBC ©Bill Hopson

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