

Summary of eBird Data

Winter Wings Festival 2011

February 17-20

This was our third year recording festival observations with eBird, and it was without question our best year yet! Field trips and other observations during the Winter Wings Festival in 2011 recorded a total of **113 species** and hundreds of thousands of individual birds. Previous species totals were 82 in 2009 and 93 in 2010. The higher species count and the overall increase in the number of birds reported was due to the dedicated efforts of the festival coordinators, the Klamath Bird Observatory, and especially our terrific field trip leaders and assistants.

The waterfowl and raptors for which the Basin and the festival are so famous put in their typically impressive showing on the National Wildlife Refuges. High counts from individual checklists topped **100,000 birds** for both **Greater White-fronted** and **Snow/Ross's Geese** on Saturday. Every expected species of raptor was found at some point during the festival, and a high count of **139 Bald Eagles** was recorded at the Sunday morning flyout from Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

A complete species list is on the next page. Notable species that were added to the overall festival records in eBird this year included **Red-breasted Merganser, Eared Grebe, Turkey Vulture, Long-billed Dowitcher, Glaucous-winged Gull, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Black and Say's Phoebe, Gray Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Black-capped Chickadee, Brown Creeper, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Mountain Bluebird, Hermit and Varied Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, Red Crossbill**, and last but not even close to least, **White-winged Crossbill**. White-winged Crossbill is a very rare species in the Basin, and this one showed up at a feeder in front of a group of photographers participating in a field workshop on digiscoping!

One notable miss was a lack of any reports of Harlan's Red-tailed Hawks, but at least 3 were found in the area the very next weekend. Considering some of the species that were also missed, including Downy Woodpecker, Tree Swallow, Rock and Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brown-headed Cowbird, Purple and Cassin's Finch, Pine Siskin, and Evening Grosbeak, the Basin clearly has the potential to produce sightings of over 120 species during the festival.

Please join us in observing the diversity and abundance of bird life in the Klamath Basin in 2012!

eBird Checklist Summary

	<u>Checklists Submitted</u>	<u>Species Reported</u>
Thursday, Feb 17th	1 (Owl Prowl)	4
Friday, Feb 18th	9	75
Saturday, Feb 19th	27	94
Sunday, Feb 20th	22	74

Complete Species List

(highest count from an individual checklist is given for each species)

Common Name	High Count
Greater White-fronted Goose	121,000
Snow Goose/Ross's Goose	220,000
Cackling Goose	1
Canada Goose	1,000
Tundra Swan	3,325
Gadwall	400
Eurasian Wigeon	2
American Wigeon	4,200
Mallard	63
Northern Shoveler	3,000
Northern Pintail	7,020
Green-winged Teal	48
Canvasback	50
Redhead	35
Ring-necked Duck	80
Lesser Scaup	630
Bufflehead	790
Common Goldeneye	31
Barrow's Goldeneye	3
Hooded Merganser	2
Common Merganser	52
Red-breasted Merganser	4
Ruddy Duck	600
California Quail	50
Ring-necked Pheasant	12
Pied-billed Grebe	3
Eared Grebe	1
Western Grebe	2
Great Blue Heron	20
Great Egret	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	64
Turkey Vulture	1
Bald Eagle	139
Northern Harrier	30
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper's Hawk	1
Northern Goshawk	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	52
Ferruginous Hawk	6
Rough-legged Hawk	19
Golden Eagle	6
American Kestrel	3
Merlin	1
Peregrine Falcon	1
Prairie Falcon	4

Common Name	High Count
American Coot	1,400
Sandhill Crane	500
Killdeer	5
Long-billed Dowitcher	X (present but not counted)
Wilson's Snipe	5
Ring-billed Gull	66
California Gull	4
Herring Gull	2
Glaucous-winged Gull	1
Rock Pigeon	40
Eurasian Collared-Dove	11
Mourning Dove	15
Barn Owl	1
Great Horned Owl	3
Short-eared Owl	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3
Belted Kingfisher	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Northern Flicker	4
Black Phoebe	1
Say's Phoebe	1
Loggerhead Shrike	1
Northern Shrike	2
Gray Jay	2
Steller's Jay	8
Western Scrub-Jay	4
Black-billed Magpie	39
Clark's Nutcracker	3
Common Raven	151
Horned Lark	800
Black-capped Chickadee	4
Mountain Chickadee	8
Oak/Juniper Titmouse	2
Bushtit	30
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Pygmy Nuthatch	9
Brown Creeper	1
Canyon Wren	1
Bewick's Wren	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Western Bluebird	2
Mountain Bluebird	4
Townsend's Solitaire	3
Hermit Thrush	1
American Robin	95
Varied Thrush	1
European Starling	100
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1

Common Name	High Count
Spotted Towhee	2
California Towhee	2
Song Sparrow	75
Lincoln's Sparrow	1
White-crowned Sparrow	1
Golden-crowned Sparrow	12
Dark-eyed Junco	45
Red-winged Blackbird	8,000
Tricolored Blackbird	4
Western Meadowlark	16
Yellow-headed Blackbird	6
Brewer's Blackbird	255
House Finch	60
Red Crossbill	1
White-winged Crossbill	1
Lesser Goldfinch	11
House Sparrow	45