

**BC Christmas Bird Counts 2013 - 2014 Season
RESULTS reported as of 09 January 2014**

Count Name	Date	No. of Species	Highlights	Items of Interest/Commentary
CBC 4 Kids Vancouver (Stanley Park)	Dec 7		Highlight: Black-and-white Warbler	
100 Mile House	Dec 28	28 +4 cw	Highlights: Black-billed Magpie, Fox Sparrow; Varied Thrush Total individuals 741	Sky Clear Precip. Nil Snow Depth 25 cm – 40 cm Temperature -3 ⁰ C – +1 ⁰ C A real drop in Chickadees and Siskins
Abbotsford-Mission	Dec 28	91		A disappointing provisional total. Most notable about the count is probably the fact that though we had unusually good weather and several areas in the circle had relatively high species lists, nothing really unusual was reported by any of the teams.
Apex-Hedley	Dec 18	52	Highlights: Four species new to count: 1 Cackling Goose; 2 Brewer's Blackbirds; 1 Rusty Blackbird; 2 Great Grey Owls. High counts: 7 Red-tailed Hawks; 5 American Kestrels;	Cloudy with 2-3 hours of snow in the late morning-early afternoon depending on where one was: temperature from about -6 on the mountain in the morning to just above freezing in the valleys.
Ashcroft-Cache Creek	Dec 22	38	Highlights: 2 Northern Pygmy Owl, 1 Rough-legged Hawk, 1 Townsend's Solitaire	25cm of snow, first for count
Bamfield	Dec 14	60 +3 cw		Weather and sea conditions sub-optimal. Quite a few novice bird watchers joined in.
Big White	Dec 30	34	Highlights included Canada Goose (heard only) but was first for the count. On Big White Rd there were Ruffed and Spruce Grouse, White-winged Crossbill, numerous Boreal Chickadees and two different Northern Goshawks! In the western edge of the count circle where the lowest elevations can be found, we had 3 House Finches, a Dark-eyed Junco, a few Northern Flickers, Rock Pigeons, European Starling, and a single Red-tailed Hawk	There were 11 people out in the field. All in all, numbers were fairly low for woodland birds, most teams reported. Weather was pleasant, with lows of about -5. Snow depths were up to around 5 feet on Big White Rd.
Blaeberry	TBC			
Bridesville	Jan 5			
Bridge Lake	Jan 4			
Broughton Strait	TBC			

Burns Lake-Francois Lake	Dec 28			
Campbell River	TBC			
Castlegar	TBC			
Cawston	Dec 29	73	5 Lesser Scaup (new for count); 9 Green-winged Teal; 5 American Coots (new for count); 1 Wilson's Snipe; 1 Killdeer; 9 Wild Turkeys; 1 Bewick's Wren (2 nd count record); Prairie Falcon (2 nd count record); Long-eared Owl (1 st count record); 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Steady snow and south winds in morning, but a perfect winter birding afternoon.
Charlie Lake	TBC			
Chilliwack	Dec 14	96	<i>Very preliminary total</i> Highlights: a White-throated Sparrow, a Golden Eagle, and the famous Black Phoebe	Windy, snow
Comox	Dec 15	105 +1cw	Highlights: 1 Yellow-billed Loon, 3 Long-billed Dowitchers, and 9008 Mallards. 30342 individuals. An American Kestrel was seen count week.	First off it was one of the best days weather wise – temperature low 7, high 8, overcast skies, and no wind. 46 observers covered 13 areas.
Cortes Island	TBC			
Cranbrook	Dec 28			
Creston Valley	Dec 27			
D'Arcy-Birken	Dec 18	37	Highlights: 1 Townsend's Solitaire, 16 Trumpeter Swan (count high), 7 Cassin's Finch (count high), American Green-winged Teal (first)	Windy, snow
Dawson Creek	Jan 4	23	Average species count, but low numbers. Highlights: 4 Eurasian Collared-Doves; 1 Northern Saw-whet Owl; record 290 Black-capped Chickadees	The count was held under chilly (-30 avg) conditions, with a deep snowpack of at least 80 cm. 9 field observers in 5 parties; 3 feeder watchers. First time in 15 years with no Pine Grosbeaks!
Deep Bay	Dec 19			
Duncan	Jan 1	106	Highlight: Ring-necked Pheasant (bird of the day). High counts: Anna's Hummingbird 169 up from 143 last year; Eurasian Collared-Dove 92 up from 49 last year. Big misses: Harlequin Duck, Red-throated Loon and Black Oystercatcher. Individuals: 26 484	Participants 48

Elkford (NEW)	TBC			
Fauquier	TBC			
Fernie	Dec 14	35 +7cw	Highlights: High numbers of Goldeneyes (both sp.) at sewage lagoons. Late appearances of Buffleheads, Northern Pintails and lone Wilson's Snipe. Dearth of Bohemian Waxwings and their shadowing raptors. Total birds 895.	Record number of 26 participants, bolstered by an unexpected group arriving due the same-day cancellation of the Waterton CBC in Alberta. A quick reforming of teams was done before they could be sent out. So much for careful planning! Warm overcast day, and great location for lunch.
Fort St. James	Jan 4			
Galiano-North Saltspring	Dec 15			
Golden	Dec 27	33	Highlights: 1 Merlin, 1 Mourning Dove; flock of 75 Canada Geese (new for count) flying over that many counters recorded from their different locations.	It was a frustrating day, very low light levels and then blowing snow in the pm. Weather - Started out, -6 up to + 1 in afternoon Celsius, dark overcast, windy, snow started after 2:00PM 10% of moving water open on the main channel of the Columbia River. 16 field participants, 4 feeder watchers Individual birds 1391 One interesting thing was a group of eight Big Horn sheep crossing the ice on the Kicking horse River right in Golden
Grand Forks	TBC			
Greater Masset	TBC			
Harrison River	Dec 17			
Hat Creek	Dec 27	19 2+cw		
Hecate Strait	TBC			
Juan de Fuca	TBC			

Kamloops	Dec 22	71 + 3 cw	Highlights: 6 Western Grebes; 1 Redhead; 1 Barred Owl; 1 Rock Wren (1 st count record); 18 Rough-legged Hawks; 14 Northern Harriers (high); 40 Red-tailed Hawks (high); 1 Western Meadowlark; 2 Cassin's Finch. Count week: Hooded Merganser, Great Horned Owl; Snowy Owl	15, 127 individuals. Decent weather. Winter finches low or absent. Impressive raptor numbers in valley bottom, and Rough-legged Hawks in the higher grasslands.
Kaslo	Dec 30	36 +1 cw	Highlights: seen for the first time in 13 years: Bufflehead 1 Western Grebe 1 Golden Eagle 1	The largest ever group of field watchers (20) divided into 5 teams plus 7 feeder watchers. The success of the day was hampered by light snow falling throughout. Missing this year: Pine Siskins (1 only) Evening Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls.
Kelowna	Dec 14	93	Highlights: Fox Sparrow (1 st for count); Peregrine Falcon; Killdeer. Slightly lower than average species count.	Cool, wintry day on waterfront making waterfowl difficult to find. Poor finch year: Evening Grosbeaks, redpolls and Red Crossbills all absent.
Kimberley	Jan 4			
Kingfisher	TBC			
Kitimat	Dec 14			
Ladner	Dec 22	Revised 140	Highlights: Pacific Golden-Plover; Red-naped Sapsucker; House Wren; Mtn Bluebird; Harris's Sparrow; Swamp Sparrow; White-throated Sparrow.	Rain and optics-blurring drizzle all day. Two major areas not yet reporting.
Lake Country	Dec 16	87	Highlights: Yellow-rumped Warbler; Greater White-fronted Goose; Bewick's Wren near Wood Lake. Several Great-Horned Owls added late in the day during and after count up. Total 8300 birds (with all parties having reported)	One of the milder Lake Country count days , although you wouldn't have known it when you faced into the south wind coming up the lake.
Lake Windermere	Dec 26			
Langara Island	TBC			
Lardeau	Dec 27			
Lasqueti Island	Dec 29	67	As elsewhere a continued increase in Anna's Hummingbirds.	Total numbers down, that may reflect the very grey low overcast weather on count day. As always a large turnout of enthusiastic birders.
Lillooet	Dec 26			

Little River-Powell River Ferry	Dec 30	16	Highlight: a large raft of Long-tailed Ducks (~800) off Texada Island Lowest recorded count	Weather good; overcast, light wind. Gulls less common than usual and no Marbled Murrelets
Logan Lake	Dec 23	29	Highlights: 3 Great Grey Owl (count high), 52 Eurasian Collared Dove (count high), 225 American Goldfinch (count high), Bohemian Waxwing, Northern Pygmy Owl	
Lower Howe Sound	Jan 5			
Mackenzie	TBC			
McBride	TBC			
Merritt	Dec 15	57	Highlights: Golden Eagles – close encounter with two at a deer carcass; Pacific Wren – 4 seen in two areas; 2nd record only. High counts: Canada Goose 469; Hooded Merganser 6; Ruffed Grouse 4; Rough-legged Hawk 11	High winds all day made the count very difficult. Near-record number of 24 participants plus three feeder watchers
Naden Harbour	TBC			
Nakusp	TBC			
Nanaimo	Dec 29			
Nanoose Bay and Lantzville	Dec 20	86 +9cw	Highlights: Yellow-rumped Warbler. High counts: Anna's Hummingbirds, and Dark-eyed Juncos. Low counts of gulls & all water birds due to weather, also Northwestern Crow, Pine Siskin & other cone eaters. Count week: Spotted Sandpiper; Townsend's Warbler. The species total is the lowest in the count's 12 year history. Last year 107	Early morning snow & wind shut down owling. Winds 5-40kph average gusting to 87kph and blowing snow heavy at times on higher elevations. Despite the weather we had a high number of enthusiastic field counters. We are a hardy bunch in Nanoose Bay.
Narcosli	Dec 29	42	New record 42 species! Highlights: Wilson's Snipe; Great Grey Owl; 3 Northern Pygmy Owls; Northern Goshawk; Red-tailed Hawk; Rough-legged Hawk; Three-toed Woodpecker; 3 Mourning Doves; 18 Eurasian Collared-Doves; Blue Jay; 4 Varied Thrushes; 32 Golden-crowned Kinglets; 3 Townsend's Solitaires	Very few winter finches
Nelson	Jan 3			

New Denver	TBC			
North Pine	TBC			
Oliver-Osoyoos	Dec 28	103	Total birds: 18,971	36observers in 12-15 parties plus 3 at feeders Weather: -1 to -11C, wind-S 1-4 kph, no precipitation, heavy fog part of morning Osoyoos Lake partly frozen, still water frozen, Okanagan River open. Snow depth 0-40 cm.
Parksville-Qualicum Beach	Dec 15	110	Highlights: Snow Geese; 42 Brant; 2 RT Loon; high numbers of Pacific Loons, 35 Western Grebe w/ possible 2 Clark's to confirm; 2 American Coots; 1 Glaucous Gull; Ancient Murrelet; Rhinoceros Auklet; 2 Mourning Doves; 6 GH Owls 43 Anna's Hummingbirds w/o feedercounters' reports; 780+ Brewers Blackbirds; very few finches.	33 birders in 7 teams in the field.
Peachland	Dec 22	63	Highlights: 1 Western Bluebird, 1 White-throated Sparrow	
Pemberton-Mt. Currie	Dec 17	51 +5 cw	Highlight: 1 Rough-legged Hawk. Highest count of day 365 crows. 2175 individuals. Count week highlights: 1 Hummingbird sp, 1 Mountain Bluebird; 1 Barred Owl, 1 Red-breasted Sapsucker; 3 Trumpeter Swans	Cloudy +1* C, no wind, no rain. 16 counters
Pender Harbour	Dec 21	76	Highlights: Swamp Sparrow; Townsend's Solitaire. Notable: zero Pine Siskins on both Sunshine Coast & Pender Harbour CBC's	
Pender Islands (includes Mayne & Saturna)	Dec 14	92 + 2 cw	Highlights: Rufous Hummingbirds Saturna & Pender; L. White-fronted Goose, Pender; Long-eared Owl; Orange-crowned Warbler; Ruffed Grouse; Greater Yellowlegs; Brant; Herring Gull. Notable: 2212 Am. Robins; 1116 Dark-eyed Juncos; 1086 Golden-crowned Kinglets; 881 C-b Chickadees; 96 Anna's Hummingbirds; record high Surfbirds, Mayne.	79 bush beaters and at least two dozen feeder watchers. Star attraction at Pender count-up a window-kill Rufous Hummingbird from count week. Alcids very scarce
Penticton	Dec 15	96	Highlights: 1 Pacific Loon, 1 Glaucous Gull, 2 Bewick's Wren, 2 Marsh Wren, 1 Golden-crowned Sparrow.	
Pitt Meadows	Dec 14	119 +2cw	Highlights: 2 Western Scrub-Jays; 1 Green Heron. Count week: Turkey Vulture; Snowy Owl	19219 individuals

Port Alberni	Dec 29	77 +5cw	Lowest diversity since Audubon has kept our records • <u>Highlights:</u> Highest number of Anna's Hummingbirds (7) ever.	Inexplicably low count total and shockingly absent species or low counts in many water bird species, Killdeer, Siskins despite good viewing conditions and effort stats. Quite good weather; mostly cloudy with odd sunny break or shower; high 8; no wind. Better than average expertise observers.
Port Clements	TBC			
Powell River	Dec 14	86	4974 individuals	
Prince George	Dec 29	46	1 Northern Pintail (second record); 1 Red-tailed Hawk; 1 Snowy Owl; 1 Eurasian Collared-Dove; 15 Golden-crowned Kinglets (count high); 2 Townsend's Solitaires; 5 American Robins, 6371 Bohemian Waxwings; 1 White-throated Sparrow; 1 White-crowned Sparrow.	No Pine Grosbeaks and only 6 CORE. Postponed from the 15 th to the 29 th due to a heavy snowfall (19 inches in the bowl & way more at higher elevations) & barely passable streets. On the 29th participants awoke to a surprise 8-12 inches of snow overnight. Count day was wonderful – sunny & warm
Prince Rupert	TBC			
Princeton	Jan 4			
Quesnel	Jan 5	45	Highlights: Northern Goshawk; Golden Eagle; Merlin; Killdeer; Barred Owl; All three jays; 3 American Robin. Record high counts: Eurasian Collared-Dove 11; Northern Flicker 129; Black-billed Magpie 27; Varied Thrush 4; Song Sparrow 27; Dark-eyed Junco 635; House Finch 330; American Goldfinch 131	23 birders in nine zones (seven birders from Prince George). 45 species (ten year average is 48)
Revelstoke	Dec 14	33 +7cw	Highlights: White-tailed Ptarmigan; Winter Wren. Northern Mockingbird count week	
Rose Spit	TBC			
Rossland-Warfield	TBC			
Salmon Arm	Dec 22			
Savona-Walhachin	Dec 24			

Sayward	TBC			
Shuswap Lake P.P.	Dec 17	48	One of lower counts for species, & barely half normal number of individuals (1616). Highlights: Eagle & goldeneye counts were good, which reflects the larger than expected Adams River salmon run. Single Golden Eagle perhaps third record since the count started in 1971. 6 Western Grebes a novelty & 12 Pacific Wrens an unusually high number. 5 Varied Thrushes were also unusual. Vast areas of forest zones appeared empty of passerines: typical winter finches were absent, and our woodpecker count was low.	Ideal conditions. Temps up to +2C, no winds to speak of. Snow cover varied up to 35 cm or so. Unfortunately, a critical zone in the White Lake area was not covered this year. Otherwise, 15 Observers gave it their best shot.
Sidney-South Saltspring	Dec 15			
Skidegate Inlet	TBC			
Slocan Lake	TBC			
Smithers	TBC			
Soda Creek	Dec 31	40	New record 40 species! Highlights: Ring-necked Pheasant; 2 Sharp-tailed Grouse; Northern Goshawk; 5 Mourning Doves; Three-toed Woodpecker; 18 American Robins; 2 Varied Thrushes; 2 Snow Buntings; Rough-legged Hawk; 14 Eurasian Collared-Doves; Short-eared Owl; 36 Townsend's Solitaires	Rescheduled from Dec 22 due to poor weather and limited accessibility. Unusually good counts at higher altitude coniferous forests which are normally dead. Very few winter finches
Sooke	Dec 28	108	Markedly low numbers for individual birds of most species. Low numbers for finches, siskins, and crossbills were especially noted.	We managed to get better coverage than usual by water, and also included for the first time a survey of the grounds of the William Head penal institution.
Squamish	Dec 15	72 +6 cw	Highlights: Greater white-fronted Goose (1), Northern shoveler (4), Red-breasted merganser (1), Surf Scoter (43), Golden Eagle (2), Peregrine Falcon (1), California Gull (3), Glaucous Gull (1), Barred Owl (1), Anna's Hummingbird (1), Red-breasted Sapsucker (1), Northern Shrike (1), Gray Jay (8), Bushtit (22), American Robin (2), Mountain Bluebird (2), Virginia Rail (1) Count week highlights: Western Meadowlark, American Goldfinch, Sandhill crane, Evening Grosbeak, Red-throated loon, Cooper's hawk	The day of the count started off with wind and rain in areas near the ocean. It seemed like many birds seen the day before were under cover and out of sight – both species and individuals.

Stewart-Hyder	TBC			
Sunshine Coast	Dec 14	91	<p>Highlights: Bohemian Waxing; Townsend's Solitaire.</p> <p>Notable: zero Pine Siskins on both Sunshine Coast and Pender Harbour counts</p>	
Terrace	Dec 22			
Tlell	TBC			
Tofino	TBC			
Trail-Beaver Valley	Dec 14	39	1295 individuals	-3 ⁰ C to 0 ⁰ C calm. We had several cold spells (nights down to about -16 deg. C.) earlier that must have pushed birds south early this year.
Valemount	TBC			
Vancouver	Dec 15	128	<p>Highlights: Brant 3; Brandt's Cormorant – 1200+ split between Georgia Strait (off Iona Is.) and English Bay; Herring Gull 3, English Bay; Spotted Sandpiper 1; Eurasian Collared-Dove-10; Rufous Hummingbird-1 at a feeder in Vancouver; Horned Lark 1 at Iona Is. Bohemian Waxwing 4 Iona Is. & Terra Nova, Richmond; Orange-crowned Warbler; Townsend's Warbler 1 North Vancouver; Black-and-White Warbler - 1 Stanley Park; Swamp Sparrow 1 at Iona Is.; White-throated Sparrow 1</p>	Winter finches and grosbeaks in very short supply; very few Pine Siskins and Red Crossbills, no Common Redpolls, Pine Grosbeaks or Evening Grosbeaks yet reported
Vanderhoof	TBC			
Vaseux Lake	Dec 21	93	<p>Highlights: 12 Cackling Goose, 1 Dusky Grouse, 1 Harlan's Hawk, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 1 Boreal Chickadee, 1 Lincoln's Sparrow, 1 Swamp Sparrow, 1 Western Meadowlark.</p>	
Vernon	Dec 15	85	<p>Highlights: Northern Saw-whet Owl; Western Meadowlark; 2 Virginia Rails; Lincoln's Sparrow</p> <p>Notable: 166 Red-tailed Hawks; 105 Eurasian Collared Doves</p>	

Victoria	Dec 14	144	Highlight species: Red Knot, Rock Wren, Palm Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, Sora. Record Highs: Wood Duck, Double-crested Cormorant, Black Oystercatcher, Surfbird, Eurasian Collared-dove, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Northern Flicker, Pacific Wren, Marsh Wren, Hermit Thrush, Fox Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow	
Whistler	Dec 20	33	Highlights: 247 Varied Thrush (count high), 984 Pine Siskin (down), White-tailed Ptarmigan, American Kestrel (first), Cooper's Hawk, Black-capped Chickadee notably down in numbers	Snow
White Rock	Dec 29	124 +1 cw	Highlights: 1 Western Bluebird; 2 Cedar Waxwing; 3 Bohemian Waxwing; 1 Mountain Chickadee; 1 Orange-crowned Warbler; 1 Harris's Sparrow. Count week: American Dipper	Tide high most of day reducing shorebird numbers. Morning drizzle.
Williams Lake	Dec 15			
Yalakom Valley	TBC	34 +1 cw	Northern Pintail (new for count); Golden Eagle Count week Merlin (new)	Bird of prey year Very noticeable low count for songbirds
Yoho National Park	TBC			