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**GOLDEN EAGLES AGAINST THE BLUE**

In America the Golden Eagles are found from Labrador and Alaska to Central Mexico. Their plumage is dark brown with neck feathers light buff and lighter brown.

The Golden Eagles build their nests on cliffs mostly of sticks in which the female lays from two to four white eggs motified with red and purple. The young are clad in white down. Probably three years are required to obtain adult plumage.

All eagles are powerful and stately in their flight, which is largely soaring in type. The wings are kept stretched out and the birds appear to float through the air.

For some unknown reason, perhaps because I was born in Ohio and had never had an opportunity to see Golden Eagles in flight, it was with great enthusiasm that at the Audubon Camp high in the Sierra Nevadas I was always on the alert to see the Golden Eagles that were said by Jim Crouch, our Ornithologist, and Bill Goodall, our Director, to be in the vicinity of Immigrant Meadow and Mount Lincoln and were seen many times soaring at about 3 p.m. over the meadow and surrounding areas.

Having made one field trip with our B Group with Ken, our staff Botanist, to Immigrant Meadow and being so impressed by its beauty with its many wildflowers in bloom and the chance to see Golden Eagles soaring, I hiked with two other campers back at my first opportunity, which happened on my first Wednesday, when given a free afternoon for a breather; either to rest up or to have a project within our camp area.

We hiked over the old rough mountain road that we previously had ridden up in Audubon station wagons, wondering how they made it loaded down with one staff member and eight campers each. Observing along the way lodgepole pines and the red firs, also the birds, juncos, robins and now and then a western yellow tanager feeding on the red elder berries.

At last the Immigrant Meadow was in full view. The many wildflowers made a variegated carpet against the green grasses and foliage of the small trees and shrubs. An acre or more of white squaw roots dotted here and there with blue lupines. The corn lilies were tall and coarse but interwoven with purple wild asters. Yellow daisies and a touch of red from the indian paint brushes scattered about in small patches which showed up like stars against the blue sky.

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We sat by the mountain spring and drank  
 our fill of the cool water. Then we  
 wandered down the stream about fifty  
 feet. We just had to see the one lone  
 orchid plant with its many small light  
 orchid blossoms, dainty against the  
 emerald mossy bank of the stream and  
 green foliage of the willows. All re-  
 flecting in the clear mountain stream  
 that continued on through the meadow  
 from the spring.

Starting back across the meadow, head-  
 ing for the road down to Sugar Bowl  
 Lodge, I looked up and saw my first  
 Golden Eagle in flight, soaring toward  
 Mount Judea high over the Immigrant  
 Gap. It was with great happiness that  
 I hiked back to the ledge. Thrilled!  
 A project fulfilled.

On our last day all the campers and all  
 staff members hiked up Mount Disney and  
 those desiring to go on could climb  
 Crow's Nest Mountain.

From the top of Mount Disney we looked  
 over into the American Valley and as we  
 were looking toward Squaw Mountain Peak,  
 two Golden Eagles soared near us and lit  
 on a cliff, a lava outcropping, on Mount  
 Lincoln. Some of the campers having  
 studied a great number of birds for  
 years stated that perhaps the Golden  
 Eagles could be nesting there.

This certainly was a grand climax to my  
 two weeks stay at the Audubon Camp of  
 California, Norden. Summer 1960.

By Catherine J. Funk

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Many thanks to Hannah Walker for again  
 compiling the Christmas Bird Count and  
 to all observers for taking part. All  
 counts for the U.S. will be available  
 in April issue of Audubon Field Notes  
 for \$2.00; full year's subscription  
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 collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wild-  
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1961-62

Mr. Donald L. Adams, Chairman  
705 - 26th St., Manhattan Beach  
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"The committee will submit its slate of candidates at all regular meetings in April. Additional candidates for any elective office may be nominated from the floor at any regular meeting in April provided such nominations are supported by written petition signed by at least fifteen (15) members of the Society. If additional candidates are nominated for any office, there shall be a vote for such office on a ballot printed in the May Western Tanager. Ballots shall be sent to the Executive Secretary, and the Executive Board shall make necessary provisions for counting the ballots. If no additional candidates are nominated, the Executive Secretary shall cast a unanimous vote for the nominees at the first regular meeting in May." From the By-laws of the Los Angeles Audubon Society.

Any member willing to serve as an elected officer or on a committee may send his name to the nominating committee chairman for consideration.

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A FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS

Roger Tory Peterson

A letter received from the publishers after the last WESTERN TANAGER went to press makes two corrections necessary: the price will be \$4.95 instead of \$4.50; the release date is March 31 but we hope that it will arrive here by the middle of March and all those having sent in orders will be notified as soon as the books arrive. The net proceeds from our sale department are used for our youth work, sanctuary fund and other educational and conservation projects. Your patronage is much appreciated by the Society.

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Roger Tory Peterson, board member and secretary of the National Audubon Society, was awarded the Gold Medal of the New York Zoolo . . . Doviryy in New York City, Jan. 9. Inscribed on the medal were the words, "Inspired Interpreter of Birds for the benefit of man." A citation read by Dr.

Fairfield Osborn, president of the Zoological Society, said: "You have sensed that although birds could get along without man, the lives of innumerable people in every land are uplifted by the presence of the aerial creatures that you know and love so well... You are not only one of the preeminent ornithologists of any age, you are as well a true naturalist and desciple that sings of the beauty and mysteries of all living things."

Peterson returned to New York from South America the day before the ceremony bringing with him more than 9,000 feet of motion picture film exposed during three months in Patagonia and other remote areas on the underside of the globe.

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THE WILDERNESS BILL

The Wilderness Bill in a streamlined but forceful version has been introduced in the new Congress by Senator Clinton P. Anderson (N. Mex.), who succeeded James E. Murray (Mont., retired) as chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Conservationists hope this committee will act favorably on the Anderson Bill, S. 174, at an early date.

Similar bills were introduced in the House by Congressman John F. Baldwin (Calif.), H.R. 293; Charles E. Bennett (Fla.), H.R. 299; George P. Miller (Calif.), H.R. 496; John P. Saylor (PA.), H.R. 776, and others, all referred to the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of which Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall (Colo.) is Chairman.

This important conservation measure would (1) establish wilderness preservation as a national policy, (2) define what is meant by a wilderness area, (3) establish a national wilderness system consisting of certain areas in the National Forests, National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, and (4) set up an orderly procedure for additions to, or deletions from, the wilderness system, or for changes in any particular area, with provisions for due notice, public hearings and review by Congress.

Reprint from Audubon LEADERS CONSERVATION GUIDE, January 15, 1961, published by the National Audubon Society, New York.

### CAMP FIRE GIRLS GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fifty years of Camp Fire Girls activity were marked in the Biltmore Bowl where the Los Angeles Council of the National organization held its annual election and presented council awards to individuals and organizations.

Background bouquets of blossoms from the "flame" or "coral" tree took on prominence as the council pledged its "Flame Tree Forest" to the City and County of Los Angeles.

Praising the planting program were Mrs. Valley Knudsen and Dr. Samuel Ayres Jr., founder chairman and present vice-chairman respectively, of the Los Angeles City Beautiful. Accepting the potential 400 trees were Stephen Gavin, representing Mayor Norris Poulson; Councilman Harold A. Henry; and Supervisor Ernest E. Debs.

Among the recipients of Council awards to individuals was Mary V. Hood, naturalist, who shares her conservation skills with the Camp Fire Girls. Mrs. Hood, a Los Angeles Audubon Society member of long standing, is the present Curator and Leadership Training Chairman. She is the founder of the Nature Workshop held each spring at Hollywood Playground.

Both the Los Angeles Audubon Society and the Camp Fire Girls have a vital interest in Harbor Park. The Society is cooperating with the City Recreation and Parks in developing a wildlife sanctuary. The Camp Fire Girls are planning to plant a "Flame Tree Forest" there.

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### TREE PLANTING PROGRAM AT PLUMMER PARK

On Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 P.M. a group of Blue Birds will help the Los Angeles Audubon Society plant a "flame" tree in honor of our Mr. George Hastings. Members are cordially invited to attend. Audubon House will be open after the ceremony and members and friends are urged to visit and learn about the facilities which are available to them.

### THE THEODORE PAYNE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Theodore Payne, 89, a member of the Los Angeles Audubon Society for many years, compiler of CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS DESIRABLE FOR GARDENS AND SANCTUARIES, Saturday, Jan. 28, was paid tribute for his domestication of native California plants by the dedication of the Theodore Payne Wildlife Sanctuary, on a 320 acre site near Llano, which will be planted with native shrubs and flowers, an ever-growing memorial to the man who has preached and practiced wildflower conservation for 70 years in Southern California.

When Mr. Payne came here in 1893 from his native England, his most vivid impression was the endless miles of wildflowers in the San Fernando, San Joaquin and Antelope Valleys.

May we have many more dedicated people like Mr. Payne, who are willing to work to preserve wildlife areas close to the great city of Los Angeles.

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### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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 Since there are over 700 members in the Los Angeles branch, it would be greatly appreciated if each member would contact new members in his area, inviting them to meetings and field trips.

SANTA BARBARA FIELD TRIP  
January 14, 1961

On a beautiful, bright Saturday morning, twenty-six members of the Los Angeles Audubon Society gathered at 8:30 A.M. on the north side of the Andree Clark Bird Refuge in Santa Barbara. There we were joined by five members of the Audubon Society of Santa Barbara under the leadership of Mr. Charles H. Richardson. With him were Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Mary Erickson of the Zoology Dept. of the University of California at Santa Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watkins. The Santa Barbara Audubon Society is affiliated with the Natural History Museum of Santa Barbara.

Under the leadership of Dave Robison, assisted by Mr. Richardson, we successfully observed 72 species of birds that morning. We found all of them at the Andree Clark Bird Refuge, the University of California at Santa Barbara Campus, and the Goleta Slough.

At the Andree Clark Bird Refuge a male Wood Duck was seen. There were a number of Black-crowned Night Herons, including one or two immatures, on the island in the lagoon. Double-crested Cormorants were gathered at one end of the island. We saw Ruddy and Lesser Scaup Ducks, Shovelers, Bonaparte, California, Heerman and Short-billed Gulls. A Great Blue Heron was spotted in a tree top, and on the shore were Least and Spotted Sandpipers and a Killdeer.

We proceeded next to the University campus where Mr. Richardson drew our attention to a pair of White-tailed Kites in a tree top. In another tree we saw three or four Egrets. There were Pied-billed Grebes in the lagoon along with Mallards, Baldpates, Pintails, Green-winged, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal. We saw several Forster Terns and the Belted Kingfisher. From the cliff above the beach, we saw Long-billed and Hudsonian Curlews, Sanderlings, Marbled Godwits, and a Red-throated Loon. Russell Wilson spotted the White-winged, Surf and American Scoters, all off shore.

Just before lunch we went to the Goleta Slough itself. Obviously the Great Blue Herons were preparing for their breeding season. These usually solitary birds were congregating there and two of them were putting on their nuptial display. We saw more White-winged and Surf Scoters, and Buffle-heads, Caspian Terns, a Water Pipit, a Loggerhead Shrike, Red-breasted Mergansers and a Western Grebe.

By lunch time we had observed 72 species of birds, water and land. After lunch, the party broke up, some going up to the Botanical Gardens and some going to the sloughs and marshes of the Carpinteria area before returning to their homes.

Bill Watson

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CLIPPING SERVICE FOR PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Mary Larson, Publicity Chairman, is sending publicity material to over forty publications in the city, but without a clipping service is unable to ascertain how successful her work has been. She requests that all members seeing items concerning national and local information pertaining to the Audubon Society send such clippings to her, 1657½ Golden Gate Avenue, Los Angeles 26, thereby becoming a part of a clipping service committee.

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MARCH 23, THURSDAY MORNING MEETING

Mr. Dale Wood of Vista, specialist in conservation of all natural resources, will speak and show slides of the nesting habits of birds. Mr. Wood has especially interested himself in saving Buena Vista Lagoon. Mrs. Hood, originally scheduled for this meeting, will resume her series of talks in April.

## CHATSWORTH RESERVOIR FIELD TRIP

By Larry Sansone

On January 22, 41 members and guests assembled at the corner of Reseda and Roscoe Blvd's. for the Chatsworth Reservoir field trip. We met with our leader, Reg. Julian, and then proceeded to the Chatsworth Reservoir. At first, all that could be seen were some Ring-necked Pheasants and various types of water fowl. As we got around to the other side, however, large numbers of ducks could be seen, the greater number of them being Widgeons and Pintails. Moving on a little farther we could see a flock of Canadian Geese (over 500) and one Snow Goose feeding in the grass. Also seen were Shovellers, Mallards, Canvas-back Ducks, Baldpates, American Mergansers, Water Pipits, Night Heron, and Great Blue Heron. In the grass along the road large flocks of Blackbirds were seen including Lark Sparrows, Starlings (2 of them) and many others. We then had lunch in the park on the north end of the Reservoir where some members were fortunate enough to see the White-tailed Kite. Although we didn't see any Lewis' Woodpeckers or Peregrine Falcons, it turned out to be a very pleasant day.

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Our society is very fortunate in that we have a great many talented members on whom we can depend for many of our programs. One of these is our first vice-president, Arnold Small, who is giving the program for our evening meeting in March. To those who regularly attend our evening meetings, Arnold certainly needs no introduction. However, even among these there may be some who may not be aware of some of the following: Mr. Small is a teacher by profession, teaching science at Dorsey high School. His absorbing off-duty interest is birds. He is a member of the American Ornithologist's Union, the Cooper Society and the Linnean Society of New York, among others, and is regional editor for AUDUBON FIELD NOTES. In the last few years his interest has centered in bird photography. As with most bird photographers, Arnold has expended a great deal of film on his subjects. However, unlike many, he has achieved some splendid results. Don't miss this program

when Arnold Small will share his "Adventures in Bird Photography" and his truly beautiful color slides with us.

Bob Blackstone

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## IN OUT OF THE FOG

It was foggy when a group of us started out on the Christmas Bird Count in Santa Monica and the blanket of fog steadily thickened till it was almost impossible to see anything from the car. So we decided to go in out of the fog, get warm and hope the fog would soon lift enough for us to see birds. At the house we went to the back door where I promised the group a close view of robins. I had counted six on the driveway before starting out, now we counted twelve, all eating the small avocados that had fallen from the seedling tree in the yard, and which I leave on the ground for the birds. As we watched the robins a smaller brown bird joined them, a hermit thrush had come for his share of fruit. On the ground close to the house where I scatter chick feed were a few mourning doves and a large number of sparrows, English and white-crowned, and with them a couple of brown towhees. A scrub jay came to a bush close to the door, looking for a handout, but as to open the door would have alarmed the others we decided that if he was hungry he could go dig up some of the peanuts he had previously hidden. Then on the bird bath first one, then two, then a dozen cedar waxwings! Some crowded into the water, others sat on the rim of the bath waiting their turn to get in. As we watched, one or two birds would leave and others immediately take their places so that there was a constant coming and going of the sleek brown birds. So interested were we watching the birds on the ground and in the bath that we did not at first realize how much lighter it had grown. Then the sun brightened the lawn and as we realized it was time to start out again to cover our assigned territory, the depression that had fallen on our spirits was dissipated as the fog had been.

George T. Hastings



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CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1961

March 2 Thursday, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 7:30 P.M., Audubon House

March 4 Saturday, FIELD TRIP, 8:30 A.M., at Audubon Center of Southern California. An opportunity for members to visit conservation and educational facilities of National Audubon Society. During bird walk White-tailed Kites and Cardinals will be among many birds seen and the new weather station will be visited. San Bernardino Freeway to Rosemead Blvd., right on Rosemead to North Durfee Ave., left to 1000. Bring lunch and drink, hot tomato soup will be served. Mr. Paul Howard will be our host. Afternoon at Los Angeles Arboretum.

March 4 Saturday, JUNIOR NATURALISTS of Los Angeles, (note new name), 9:45-11:15 A.M. "FEEDING ZOO ANIMALS", Commissary, Griffith Park Zoo. For further information call John Peebles, Director of Fern Dell Museum, HO 7-1661.

March 11 Saturday, TREE PLANTING, Plummer Park, 2:00 P.M. The Los Angeles Audubon Society and Blue Birds will plant a Coral tree (Erythrina) in honor of the Society's Editor Emeritus and author of "Trees of Santa Monica", Mr. George T. Hastings, and the Camp Fire Girls Golden Jubilee. Everyone invited.

March 14 Tuesday, EVENING MEETING, 8:00 P.M., Great Hall, Plummer Park. "ADVENTURES IN BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY", by Arnold Small. Interesting experiences and beautiful colored slides, rewarding results of the hobby of bird photography, will make this a memorable evening. Come and bring a friend. Sale department and library at Audubon House will be open 7:00-7:45 P.M. Chairman: Bob Blackstone, CR 6-3879.

March 16 Thursday, FIELD TRIP to Tucker Bird Sanctuary in Mojeska Canyon and O'Neill Park. Tanner bus leaves Biltmore Hotel between 5th and 6th on Grand Ave. at 8:30 sharp. Fare \$3.00. Please have exact amount. Bring lunch. Make reservations on March 13, 14 and 15. Leader: Edna Burt, PL 5-1044.

March 16 Thursday, SCREEN TOUR: "WILD EUROPE", by Roger Tory Peterson, 7:45 P.M., John Burroughs Junior High School, 600 S. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles. Roger Tory Peterson has filmed much of Europe in color...spectacular gathering of oyster catchers; ruffs in dancing display; hoopoes with their fantastic headdress; storks on the Rhine; bee-eaters; gigantic griffons, and the red kite. Don't miss this outstanding program. Tickets available at the door.

March 23 Thursday, MORNING STUDY CLASS, 10:00 A.M., Long Hall, Plummer Park. "HOMES AND HABITS OF BIRDS", by Mr. Dal Wood, avocado rancher in Vista, ardent conservationist interested in the preservation of all wildlife areas. He is working to help save Buena Vista Lagoon which has been seriously threatened. He writes for the Cooper Ornithological Society's publication "The Condor". Some of his notes were used in Grinnell's "Distribution of Birds". He will have slides, birds nests and eggs from his collection. Olive Alvey NO 1-8036.

March 26 Sunday, FIELD TRIP to Irvine Park, Tucker Bird Sanctuary and O'Neill Park. Santa Ana Freeway to Chapman Ave. turn-off, Chapman through city of Orange to Irving Park entrance. 8:00 A.M. Bring lunch. Last year at Irvine Park, large flocks of 3 species of goldfinches, Bluebirds, W. Kingbirds, Purple Martin; Tucker Sanctuary, Anna's, Black-chinned, Costa, Rufus Hummingbirds, Hooded and Bullock's Orioles; O'Neill Park, Rufus-crowned and Black-chinned Sparrows. Leader: Bill Lehman. FR 7-2635.

March 25-28 NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, PACIFIC COAST CONVENTION at Asilomar-Pacific Grove. Host Branch: Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society. A wonderful way to learn of the Natural Resources of Alaska and Hawaii. Outstanding speakers, exciting field trips. For further information write to Audubon Convention, 2424 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, Calif.

THE 23RD CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The annual Christmas Bird Count was held on Monday, January 2, 1961, starting at 4:00 A.M. and lasting until 5:00 P.M. 57 observers in 22 parties participated. Area was the same since 1937 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile radius centering near Pico and La Cienega Blvd. Temperatures from 40° to 57°, visibility reasonably good all day. The final count showed a total of 135 species and about 25,555 individuals.

The complete list compiled by Hannah R. Walker is as follows:

Common Loon, 2; Horned Grebe, 4; Pied-billed Grebe 4; Brown Pelican 1; Double-crested Cormorant, 1; Green Heron 2; Common Egret, 2; Canada Goose, 1; Mallard, 30; Pin-tail, 40; Cormorant 7 (Sp? not Double-crested); Eared Grebe, 15; Western Grebe, 8; Great Blue Heron, 26; Snowy Egret, 7; Black-crowned Night Heron; 1; Green-winged Teal, 79; Cinnamon Teal, 3; Wood Duck 1; Ring-necked Duck, 40; Bufflehead, 5; Surf Scoter, 166; Ruddy Duck, 81; Common Merganser, 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 3; Red-tailed Hawk, 25; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 3; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Black Turnstone, 97; Whimbrel, 4; Willet, 657; Lesser Yellowlegs, 1; Least Sandpiper, 70; Short-billed Dowitcher, 16; Marbled Godwit, 73; Am. Avocet, 9; Unidentified Gulls, 1026; Glaucous-winged Gull, 28; Western Gull, 32; California Gull, 121; Mew Gull, 54; Shoveler, 45; Canvasback, 10; Lesser Scaup, 737; Oldsquaw, 3; White-winged Scoter, 79; Common Scoter, 22; Red-breasted Merganser, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Marsh Hawk, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 27; California Quail, 259; Am. Coot, 882; Semipalmated Plover, 3; Snowy Plover, 32; Killdeer, 73; Black-bellied Plover 72; Long-billed Curlew, 2; Spotted Sandpiper, 1; Greater Yellowlegs, 3; Dunlin, 2; Western Sandpiper, 103; Herring Gull, 3; Ring-billed Gull, 651; Bonapart's Gull, 1; Heerman's Gull, 51; Mourning Dove, 518; Ringed Turtle Dove, 4; Great Horned Owl, 2; Burrowing Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 4; Spotted Owl, 1; White-throated Swift, 83; Black-chinned Hummingbird, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 135; Acorn Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 6; Ash-throated Flycatcher, 1; Black Phoebe, 16; Empidonax Flycatcher (Sp.?) 1; Plain Titmouse, 50; White-breasted Nuthatch, 6; Forster's Tern, 11; Unidentified Doves, 4; Spotted Dove, 63; Roadrunner, 1; Anna's Hummingbird, 216; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 8; Nuttall's Woodpecker, 14; Say's Phoebe, 5; Scrub Jay, 530; Common Raven, 22; Common Crow, 15; Common Bushtit, 423; Wrentit, 290; Allen's Hummingbird, 12; House Wren, 6; Bewick's Wren, 17; Rock Wren, 1; Robin, 699; Hermit Thrush, 49; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 3; Water Pipit, 31; Cedar Waxwing, 752; Loggerhead Shrike, 48; Hermit Warbler, 3; Brewer's Blackbird, 734; Cassin's Finch, 2; Pine Siskin, 185; Lesser Goldfinch, 290; Rufous-sided Towhee, 88; Savannah Sparrow, 28; Mockingbird, 455; California Thrasher, 49; Varied Thrush, 1; Western Bluebird, 15; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 31; Starling, 2; Hutton's Vireo, 2; Audubon's Warbler, 1376; Townsend's Warbler, 1; House Sparrow, 857; Western Meadowlark, 144; Purple Finch, 57; House Finch, 8337; Red Crossbill, 4; Am. Goldfinch, 219; Brown Towhee, 698; Lark Sparrow, 125; Unidentified Sparrows, 43; Oregon Junco, 378; Clay-colored Sparrow, 1; Golden-crowned Sparrow, 146; Fox Sparrow, 19; Slate-colored Junco, 8; Chipping Sparrow, 34; White-crowned Sparrow, 1126; Song Sparrow, 112. Total, 135 species. About 25,555 individuals.

Those participating in the count were:

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