

## **Whistler's Christmas Bird Count**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**A dedicated team of 14 people went out into their sectors to search and identify birds by species and numbers within the 24 km circle around Whistler and on both Blackcomb and Whistler mountains.**

**The actual number of birds was down from previous years, but the number of species counted on DECEMBER 14 and during the count week (CW) was documented as 48 species for Birds Canada and Audubon.**

**A big surprise was 2 pair of Anna's Hummingbirds decided to stay around on some warmed feeders this year. Hats off to the dedicated people that care for their feeders and take on the responsibility of regular winter feeding for the hummingbirds.**

**Hopefully, next year we will be able to open and expand our volunteer groups to include more Whistler newcomers to join in next year's Christmas Bird count on December 14, 2022.**

**Thanks to all who granted permissions to access into their areas and to Whistler Municipality for supporting us.**

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**\*cw – indicates the species was seen outside December 14<sup>th</sup> (count day) on either the three days prior or the three days post count day**

Trumpeter Swan	7
Mallard	1 + cw
Green-winged Teal	cw
Ring-necked duck	2
Lesser scaup	cw
Common Goldeneye	1
Bufflehead	15
Hooded Merganser	3
Common Merganser	4
Sooty Grouse	cw
White-tailed Ptarmigan	1 + cw
Pied-Billed Grebe	cw
Great Blue Heron	1
Bald Eagle	4
Red-tailed Hawk	cw
Virginia Rail	cw
American Coot	7
Glaucous-winged Gull	135
Short-billed gull (Mew)	1
Thayer's Gull (Icelandic gull)	1
Northern Pygmy Owl	2
Anna's Hummingbird	4
Downy Woodpecker	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Northern Flicker	4

Steller's Jay	62
Canada Jay	16 + cw
American Crow	185
Common Raven	48
Black-capped Chickadee	12
Mountain Chickadee	3
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	37
Red-breasted Nuthatch	13
Brown Creeper	4
American Dipper	7
Golden-crowned Kinglet	10
Varied Thrush	1
European Starling	8
Spotted Towhee	4
Song sparrow	10
sparrow sp	1
Dark-eyed Junco	3
Brewer's blackbird	1
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	cw
Pine Grosbeak	4 + cw
House Finch	1
Pine Siskin	14 + cw
Common Redpoll	2
House Sparrow	8

Passerine sp.	15
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