

Count Summary Report

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Count Name: Las Cruces	Count Code: NMLC	Count Date: 12/21/2019
Organizations & Sponsors: Mesilla Valley Audubon Society	# of Party Hours: 130.65	Species reported on count date: 103

Compiler(s)

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Start & End Times

Start time	End time
07:00 AM	05:00 PM

Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 52
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 14
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 26
At Feeders	Total Number: 6

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	81.22	80.05	Miles
Car	43.23	406.70	Miles
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle	3.33	6.00	Miles
Dog Sled			
Golfcart	2.87	2.90	Miles
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis			
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			

Other Time and Distance			
	Hours	Distance	Units
At Feeders	7.00		

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Nocturnal Birding	0.00	0.00	
Total Party	130.65	495.65	Miles

Weather

Weather Summary			
Temperature	Minimum: 22.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum: 57.0 Fahrenheit	
Wind Direction	Northeast		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 0.00 Miles/hour	Maximum: 8.00 Miles/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 0.00 Inches	Maximum: 0.00 Inches	
Still Water	Open		
Moving Water	Open		
AM and PM Conditions			
Cloud Cover	AM: Clear	PM: Clear	
AM Rain	None		
AM Snow	None		
PM Rain	None		
PM Snow	None		

Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Snow Goose	1		40/112	27	
Wood Duck	8		75/118	16	
Gadwall	133	HC,	133/120	43	
American Wigeon	268	HC,	268/120	42	
Mallard	185		328/101	45	
Mallard (Mexican)	39		107/116	36	
Northern Shoveler	105		249/111	41	
Northern Pintail	1		49/95	16	
Green-winged Teal (American)	59		242/111	29	
Canvasback	7		47/88	37	
Ring-necked Duck	4	LC	138/77	44	
Lesser Scaup	50	HC,	50/120	17	
Bufflehead	6	HC,	6/120	13	
Ruddy Duck	7		100/78	19	
duck sp.	10		70/116	12	
Scaled Quail	7	LC	132/80	43	
Gambel's Quail	517		720/115	44	

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Pied-billed Grebe	2		16/77	43	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	12	LC	71/95	44	
Great Egret	5		37/116	19	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	8		33/85	34	
Turkey Vulture	cw	US,	1/118	5	
Golden Eagle	1		6/96	34	
Northern Harrier	17		39/111	45	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9		25/94	45	
Cooper's Hawk	21		36/119	45	
Accipiter sp.	2		11/81	20	
Harris's Hawk	cw		5/116	7	
Red-tailed Hawk	42		82/109	45	
American Coot	47		402/81	45	
Killdeer	33		343/97	45	
Least Sandpiper	159		264/107	43	
Wilson's Snipe	2	LC	19/107	17	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	1131		1902/113	45	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	667		939/119	16	
Inca Dove	2	LC	180/97	45	
White-winged Dove	6320		42521/104	44	
Mourning Dove	627		5405/98	45	
Greater Roadrunner	31		59/101	45	
Great Horned Owl	7		11/113	40	
Long-eared Owl	4		17/90	35	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	cw	US,	0/120	1	
Anna's Hummingbird	3		8/110	33	
Rufous Hummingbird	1		4/109	25	
hummingbird sp.	1		3/89	18	
Belted Kingfisher	cw		14/101	44	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	US,	2/115	18	
Red-naped Sapsucker	3		10/116	27	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	45		62/119	45	
Northern Flicker	7	LC	121/107	13	
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	9	LC	284/97	42	
American Kestrel	51		149/116	45	
Merlin	1		6/104	21	

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Peregrine Falcon	2		4/111	21	
Prairie Falcon	1		6/111	37	
Black Phoebe	12		35/107	45	
Say's Phoebe	67		94/116	45	
Loggerhead Shrike	8	LC	62/77	45	
Western Scrub-Jay (Woodhouse's)	14	LC	41/118	3	
American Crow	11505	HC,	13210/105	29	
Chihuahuan Raven	33	LC	1453/100	37	
Common Raven	1		28/100	17	
Horned Lark	17	LC	400/105	34	
Verdin	55		62/104	45	
Bushtit	3		60/83	8	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5		44/97	21	
Rock Wren	3		32/92	42	
House Wren	2		25/103	34	
Marsh Wren	7		22/106	43	
Carolina Wren	1	US,	1/120	1	
Bewick's Wren	1	LC	44/83	44	
Cactus Wren	31		61/93	45	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	US,	11/109	9	
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	16		46/108	37	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	49		402/96	45	
Hermit Thrush	4	LC	54/93	43	
American Robin	96		1336/97	45	
Curve-billed Thrasher	77	HC,	89/116	43	
Crissal Thrasher	9	LC	50/93	45	
Northern Mockingbird	50		78/112	45	
European Starling	377		6826/90	44	
American Pipit	3	LC	1148/97	45	
Cedar Waxwing	13	LC	216/94	42	
Phainopepla	8		70/84	45	
Orange-crowned Warbler	3		49/94	40	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	32	LC	242/99	26	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	40	LC	386/109	41	
Chipping Sparrow	135		820/90	45	
Brewer's Sparrow	30	LC	834/100	44	
Black-throated Sparrow	13	LC	435/92	44	
Fox Sparrow	cw		1/115	14	
Dark-eyed Junco	341		834/97	34	

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Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	4	LC	1098/84	44	
Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	3	LC	145/101	20	
Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	1	LC	417/96	45	
White-crowned Sparrow	336	LC	3466/100	45	
Vesper Sparrow	2	LC	106/83	37	
Savannah Sparrow	7	LC	285/101	44	
Song Sparrow	26		381/97	44	
Lincoln's Sparrow	12		89/92	43	
Canyon Towhee	16		110/92	31	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	cw		38/93	37	
Green-tailed Towhee	1	LC	49/115	43	
Spotted Towhee	26		74/90	34	
sparrow sp.	17		100/109	14	
Pyrrhuloxia	75		168/93	45	
Red-winged Blackbird	632		8357/83	45	
Western Meadowlark	11	LC	308/91	45	
Eastern Meadowlark	1		41/81	21	
Western/Eastern Meadowlark	10	LC	443/97	43	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	60		3450/88	42	
Brewer's Blackbird	2895		7746/112	45	
Great-tailed Grackle	838		6237/94	45	
House Finch	1346		1671/115	45	
Cassin's Finch	1	LC	34/118	17	
Pine Siskin	5	LC	284/96	32	
Lesser Goldfinch	118		223/109	41	
American Goldfinch	1		77/84	28	
House Sparrow	465		2624/97	45	
Total Individuals	30652				
Total Species Reported	103				

cw = Reported count week
 US = Flagged as an unusual species
 HC = Flagged as an unusually high count
 LC = Flagged as an unusually low count

Species Requiring Rare Bird Reports to be Submitted to Regional Editor

Species

Turkey Vulture [*Cathartes aura*]

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird [Archilochus colubris]

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker [Sphyrapicus varius]

Carolina Wren [Thryothorus ludovicianus]

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher [Polioptila caerulea]

Special Aspects

Even though our total bird count was close to average, we still had 31 low counts which is quite a few for our circle. We had 3 new record lows - Red-shafted N. Flickers, American Pipits, and White-crowned Sparrows. We tied 1 record low - Black-throated Sparrows. Our total sparrow count (excluding towhees, juncos, and house sparrows) was 578. That sets a new record low for our circle for its 45-year record. The last record low was 822 in 1976 (which incidentally was the last major drought in the region). Where are all our sparrows? Lots of theories floating around, but the most plausible one for our area is that the combination of our current drought, low water supply, and our monsoon shifting to later in the summer and fall means seed production is down. Therefore, that means food is scarcer and migrating birds are going other areas for winter foraging. We had 5 unusual/rare birds (Carolina Wren, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, and Turkey Vulture). We had 6 count week birds (Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Turkey Vulture, Harris's Hawk, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Belted Kingfisher, and Fox Sparrow). Highly unusual not to see any bluebirds, burrowing owls, or canyon wrens. Carolina Wren was the highlight of the count! We had great weather for the count day.