

We had 2 gorgeous days for our Christmas Bird Counts in Creston (December 27th, 2020) and Kuskanook/Kootenay Lake (January 3rd, 2021)! Both days it was slightly above zero degrees, partly sunny, and not much snow!

The two circle counts resulted in 92 species (13,617 total birds)! The Kuskanook Count produced 14 additional species that were not found in the Creston count. This is because it includes some lake birds such as 2 large groups of American Coots. There were also very large flocks of Pine Siskins this year.

64 Volunteers participated this year. The 35 "Fielder" groups were in their comfortable 'bubble', driving in separate vehicles, and wearing their masks when necessary. 29 "Feeder" volunteers counted birds in the comfort of their own homes.

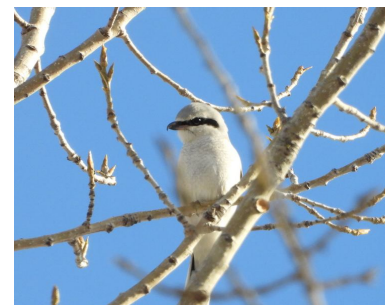
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## 2020-2021 Creston Christmas Bird Count

	<b>Kuskanook Count</b>	<b>Creston Count</b>
Common Loon	3	
Canada Goose	510	1461
Trumpeter Swan	16	14
Tundra Swan	26	35
Swan - Unknown Species	77	
American Coot	2373	
Mallard	8	224
Gadwall	9	
Ring-necked Duck	13	4
American Wigeon	2	
Green-winged Teal	2	
Bufflehead	71	15
Common Golden-eye	120	121
Lesser Scaup	5	
Hooded Merganser	79	10
Common Merganser	44	9
Red-necked Grebe	6	
Horned Grebe	35	
Western Grebe	36	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	
California Quail		40
Ring-necked Pheasant		17
Ruffed Grouse		9
Spruce Grouse		1



**Mountain Bluebird**



**Northern Shrike**

## 2020-2021 Creston Christmas Bird Count

	<b>Kukanook Count</b>	<b>Creston Count</b>
Wild Turkey		220
Great Blue Heron	14	7
Gull Species	3	
Mourning Dove		11
Eurasian Collared Dove	14	69
Rock Pigeon		78
Bald Eagle - Adult	10	20
Bald Eagle - Immature	3	3
Golden Eagle - Adult		1
Northern Harrier	5	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2
Cooper's Hawk		2
Northern Goshawk		2
Red-tailed Hawk	4	36
Rough-legged Hawk	2	18
American Kestrel		13
Merlin		5
Great Horned Owl	1	3
Short-eared Owl	2	
Long-eared Owl	4	
Northern Pygmy Owl	2	9
Downy Woodpecker	5	29
Hairy Woodpecker	1	20
Northern Flicker	20	160
Pileated Woodpecker	3	24
Northern Shrike	2	6
Belted Kingfisher	3	8
European Starling	40	337
American Dipper		3
Steller's Jay	3	59
Blue Jay	2	44
Canada Jay		5
Clark's Nutcracker		2
Black-billed Magpie	15	50



**Pygmy Owl and Vole**



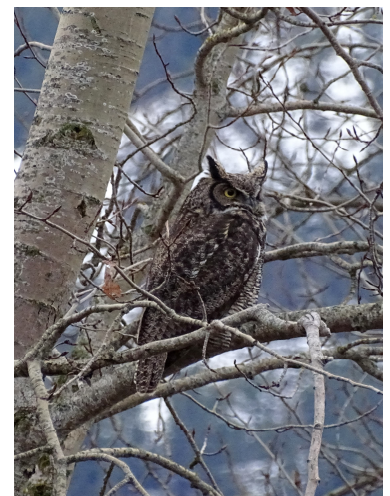
**Pileated Woodpecker**

## 2020-2021 Creston Christmas Bird Count

	<b>Kukanook Count</b>	<b>Creston Count</b>
American Crow	7	218
Common Raven	12	133
Black-capped Chickadee	97	606
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	9	62
Mountain Chickadee		13
Brown Creeper	6	9
Red-breasted Nuthatch	29	151
Pacific/Winter Wren	8	16
Marsh Wren	1	5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	13	22
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2
American Robin		8
Townsend's Solitaire	1	8
Varied Thrush		1
Bohemian Waxwing		45
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1
Brewer's Blackbird	35	
Brown-headed Cowbird		10
Red-winged Blackbirds	250	203
Spotted Towhee		7
Dark-eyed Junco - Slate		95
Dark-eyed Junco - Oregon		193
Dark-eyed Junco - Unknown	1	13
American Tree Sparrow	4	1
Song Sparrow	11	135
White-throated Sparrow		11
White-crowned Sparrow		1
White-winged Crossbill		1
Red Crossbill	14	20
House Finch	1	330
Common Redpoll	1	103
Evening Grosbeak		30
Pine Grosbeak		39
Pine Siskin	392	2961



**Swans**



**Great Horned Owl**

## 2020-2021 Creston Christmas Bird Count

	<b>Kukanook Count</b>	<b>Creston Count</b>
American Goldfinch	33	278
House Sparrow		156
Mountain Bluebird		1
Western Meadowlark		1
Total Individuals	4519	9098
<b>Total Species</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>78</b>