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Cameron Eckert photo

This vagrant Vesper Sparrow at Herschel Island-Qikiqtaruk 22-25 June (here 23 June) got right to defending a territory, spending much of its time singing.



Rare Smith's Longspur sighting



Brewers Blackbird sets record for Qikiqtaruk

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A nesting Semipalmated Plover at Herschel Island-Qikiqtaurk on the Yukon's Arctic Coast, 15 June 2015.

Spring-summer 2015 Yukon Sightings

by Cameron Eckert

Spring 2015 - Early spring started with very warm temperatures in the Yukon, but cooled in May to more seasonal norms – which are generally better conditions for migrant birds. Notably though, birders saw very poor showings for a number of shorebird species, as well as Lapland Longspurs. Once again, birders exploring remote parts of the Territory produced interesting finds.

WATERFOWL THROUGH SHOREBIRD

A single ad. **Ross's Goose**, casual in southern Yukon, was at Lake

Laberge 17-21 May (ph. CE, PS). Small numbers of **Brant Geese** migrate through southern Yukon each year in late spring; a flock of 20 was over Whitehorse 26 May (JH). **American Wigeon** migration peaked with a total of 2500 at 2 sites on Lake Laberge 29 April (CE); and a 1020 at M'Clintock Bay 2 May (JJ). Peak **Mallard Duck** numbers were 1010 at M'Clintock Bay 21 April (JJ), 1250 at Tagish 22 April (JJ), and 1200 at Lake Laberge 25 April (CE). **Northern Pintail** put on an impressive showing this season with a total of 6480 at 2 locations on Marsh L. 22 April (JJ). High counts of **Green-winged Teal** included 1570 at M'Clintock Bay 3 May (JJ), and 800 at Lake Laberge 2 May

(CE). Eurasian Green-winged Teal is rare but regular in the Yukon Southern Lakes region; this season pairs were at Nares Lake 25 April (CE, AP), and Lake Laberge 29 May (CE, TMK); and single males were at M'Clintock Bay 1-2 May (JJ), Lewes Marsh 2 & 4 May (ph. JJ), and Nares Lake slough 9 May (CE, TA). A high count of 720 Lesser Scaup was recorded at the Whitehorse sewage ponds, s. Yukon 15 May (CE). Six Harlequin Ducks were on Schwatka Lake 15 May (SC). **Black Scoter** is casual in southern Yukon; singles were at Teslin Lake 22 May (FB, HC, LT), and Lake Laberge 29 May (ph. CE, TMK); and a pair was at Swan Lake 29 May (ph. BD, Continued on page 4

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AP). An impressive count of 400 **Barrow's Goldeneye** was recorded at the Whitehorse sewage ponds 2 May, while 250 were at Shallow Bay 6 May (CE). The annual **Dusky Grouse** hike up Nares Mountain produced excellent views of 7 birds 24 May (DK, YBC). Four **Sharp-tailed Grouse**, localized in southwest Yukon, were seen at Beaver Creek 2 May (SSc). Three **Double-crested Cormorants**, rare but regular in southern Yukon, were at Nares Lake 9 May (ph. CE, TA, JH, WN). Single **Great Blue** Herons, casual in southern Yukon, were at McIntyre Creek wetlands 14



Spotted Sandpiper nest along the Watson River.



Cameron Eckert photo

The Eastern Yellow Wagtail touched down briefly at Herschel Island 14 June.

May (NG, BD, ph. CE, YS), and Lake Laberge 20 May (TA). Four **Eared Grebes**, rare in southern Yukon, were at the Whitehorse sewage ponds 30 May (ph. TA). A Sora near the northern edge of its range was at Five Mile Lake 23 May (MOD). A very poor showing for **American Golden-Plovers** produced high counts of just 12 at Lake Laberge 13 May (CE). A record-early male Pacific Golden-Plover was at Lake Laberge 20 April (ph. CE, BD); and the season's high count of 5 was there 3 May (ph. CE), with a tardy migrant at the same location 29 May (ph. CE, TMK). **Semipalmated Plover** migration peaked in s. Yukon with 90 at Lake Laberge 11 May (CE), and 80 at M'Clintock Bay 12 May (JJ). **Lesser Yellowlegs** were seen in lower numbers this season with a high count of 340 at Lewes Marsh 6 May (JJ). Two Wandering **Tattlers**, casual in southeast Yukon, were at Wye Lake 26 May (BD, CE, JJ). Semipalmated Sandpiper had a very poor showing this

spring with high counts of just 100 at Lake Laberge 12 May (CE), and 100 at M'Clintock Bay 13 May (JJ). And what happened to the **Long**billed Dowitchers? The season's high count of 45 at Lake Laberge 13 May (CE) was shockingly low. Franklin's Gulls staged a slight incursion into southeast Yukon with counts of 4-5 at Watson Lake 19-24 May (ph. JJ). Two California **Gulls**, casual in southeast Yukon, were at Watson Lake 25 May (ph. JJ). A pair of Caspian Terns, casual in southern Yukon, was at Lake Laberge 15-21 May (ph. CE, PS, BD, SVD). Four **Black Terns**, just beyond their breeding range, were at Watson Lake 20 May (JJ). **Eurasian Collared-Dove** is now regular in the Yukon; singles were seen at Little Salmon Lake 15-18 May (CS), Shallow Bay from 17 May (ph. MB, PB), Tagish in late-May (ph. KR), and Mendenhall 31 May (JV). A pair of **Barred Owl**s was on territory at Albert Creek, the only

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Yukon location where this species is known to occur regularly, 18 May through the season (JJ; BD, ph. CE). A **Rufous Hummingbird**, rare but regular, was at Marsh Lake 14 May (RM). An impressive flock of 800 **Tree Swallows** was at Shallow Bay 11 May (BD, CE). American Pipit migration peaked at M'Clintock Bay and Lewes Marsh 11 May with a combined count of 975 (JJ). A male Smith's Longspur, very rare on migration, was at Lewes Marsh 15 May (JB, ph. YL). A Black-andwhite Warbler, west of its regular range, was at Watson Lake 30 May (TH, PP). An Oregon Dark-eyed **Junco** at Watson Lake 2 April (ph. SD) provided a well-documented record for southeast Yukon. A Rosebreasted Grosbeak, just west of its range, was at Albert Creek 21 May (JJ). A Yellow-headed Blackbird was at Carcross 10 May (DP; ph. CE, BD). Rusty Blackbirds put on a weak showing this spring with high counts of 40 at Whitehorse 26 April (EJ), and 40 at Lewes Marsh 6 May (JJ). A substantial flock of 200 Graycrowned Rosy-Finches, a mix of Coastal and Interior-race birds, was seen along Windy Arm 20 & 22 April (ph. CE, PS; CE, SVD).

Summer 2015

Declining bird populations have inspired new research and monitoring in the boreal and Arctic regions, with particular



Yvette Lepage photo

Migrant Smith's Longspurs are rarely seen in the North, as they fly over direct to their breeding grounds; this male was seen at Lewes Marsh, s. Yukon 15 May 2015.

focus on species such as **Common Nighthawk** and **Bank Swallow**. A
key element of successful research
and monitoring initiatives is
the involvement of birders and
naturalists in data collection and
outreach efforts. It is extremely
gratifying and not at all unexpected
to see the enthusiasm with which
northerners participate and
contribute to bird and habitat
conservation.

The waters around Herschel Island-Qikiqtaruk Territorial Park are key habitat for moulting seaducks in summer; a mass of 3000 **Surf** and 200 **White-winged Scoters** were tallied there 23 June (CE), as well as 1200 **Long-tailed Ducks** 25 June (CE). A **Pied-billed Grebe**, rare in the Yukon, was seen at Coffee Lake 20 June (KA). The Yukon's first confirmed breeding record for **Eared Grebe**, an adult with a

chick, was at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve near Whitehorse 3 June (ph. GN). An ad. **Sora** and chick at Henderson's Corner provided a confirmed breeding record for the Dawson region in early July (GB, ph. CH). An **American Coot** wandered north of its range to Henderson's Corner near Dawson (GB, ph. CH). Three **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** were at Herschel Island 13 June (ph. CE). Thick-billed Murre is a rare summer visitor to the s. Beaufort Sea region where 4 were tallied at Herschel Island 12-16 June (ph. CE). Black-legged Kittiwake is rare but regular in the s. Beaufort Sea; 5 flew past Herschel Island 12 June (ph. CE). An adult Slaty-backed **Gull**, casual in the Yukon, was with a migrant flock of 120 Glaucous **Gulls** at Herschel Island 12 June (ph. CE). A pair of Eurasian Collared-**Doves** settled in at Henderson's

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Corner near Dawson through the season (GB, ph. CH). A Northern **Saw-whet Owl**, rare in the Yukon, was heard at Johnson's Crossing 28 July (BR, SSt). Common Nighthawk surveys and research produced many records and revealed new breeding locations throughout the s. Yukon (AS). A flock of 25 Common Nighthawks was seen in Whitehorse, s. Yukon 25 July (SC). Bank Swallows are now on the radar as populations decline and there are new initiatives to monitor nesting habitats and colony success (SoB, PS); 200 were at the Whitehorse sewage lagoons 8 July (CE), while 100 were at the nearby Quartz Rd marsh 2 July (CE). High counts for **Cliff Swallow** included 300 at the Blackstone River, Tombstone Territorial Park 6 June (SC); and 200 at Pelly Crossing 13 June (JV). A European Barn **Swallow** (Hirundo rustica rustica) well-observed and photographed at Herschel Island 24 June (ph. CE) is



Cameron Eckert photo

This female Brewer's Blackbird established a first record for Qikiqtaruk during its one-day stay on the island on 19 June 2015. This species is casual in the Beaufort Sea Region.

apparently a first record for Canada; incredibly, it was followed by a North American Barn Swallow (H. r. erythrogaster) there the following day (CE). A male Eastern Yellow Wagtail touched down briefly at Herschel Island 14 June (ph. CE). **Chipping Sparrow** departs early from the Yukon in fall as indicated by a movement of 45 at Teslin Lake

31 July (JJ). A Vesper Sparrow, casual in the Yukon, was a surprise at Herschel Island 22-25 June (ph. CE); and another was at Howard's Pass in the Selwyn Mountains 30 June (ph. JJ). A female **Brewer's Blackbird**, casual in the Beaufort Sea region, was at Herschel Island 19 June (ph. CE).

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This small dark-chested Cackling Goose on 18-19 (here) June 2015 was unlike any goose seen before at Herschel Island where the local breeders are presumed small parvipes Canada Geese. Ongoing genetic research on northern geese will hopefully clarify the subspecies status of these populations.

Fun at the feeder

Photos and story by lone Christensen am a firm believer that every feeder must have a resident squirrel. There is no way you are going to win in keeping them away, but if you have just one, who lives in the area, he or she will keep ALL other squirrels at bay and lets face it we can afford to feed just one squirrel.

I have had my little furry friend, Rusty, for years and (I think it is a she) puts the run on any squirrel that sets foot on this side of the road. However she seems to have met her match with the appearance



of my newest friend, Dusty the Eurasian Collared Dove. Rusty gives her a wide berth. The other night Rusty was at the feeder happily feeding her face, when Dusty glided in and settled on the fence. Now the fence

is the main highway for Rusty to return home.

On completing her dinner Rusty jumped down and came face to face with Dusty. Dusty never shows aggression, just being there seem to be enough for squirrels and even Magpies; however Rusty made a hasty retreat back to the feeder in hopes the Dove would move on. Another attempt to head down the fence highway home, but Dusty was still there. The squirrel leaped up into the tree, ran out on one of the longest branches which extended over the fence, dropped down on the other side of the Dove and headed for home at top speed. The Dove couldn't have cared less. Such fun watching the social intercourse at our feeders.



Third annual potluck and slide show

DATE: January 19, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Hellaby Hall, 4 Avenue and Elliot Street

Meet the other YBC members and bring your 10 favourite bird photos on USB, share your stories.





Feature birder Jenny Trapnell observed 48 species from bike

t was an honour and pleasure to serve as this year's Feature Birder for the 2016 Helmut Grunberg Yukon Birdathon (24 hours from 5 p.m. May 27 to 5 p.m. May 28).

I observed 48 species in total as an Enviro-birder (biking) for this fun and slightly competitive event. On Friday evening the first stop was Schwatka Lake, then on to Hidden Lakes, the Millennium Trail and downtown Quartz Rd wetland areas.

Highlights included a siting of a Belted Kingfisher leaving its nest on the escarpment on the Chadburn Lake Rd, and two Tundra Swans and several species of sandpipers at the Quartz Rd. wetlands. At Schwatka we observed a Common Loon, Horned and Red-necked Grebe and White-winged Scoters. At Hidden Lakes the main attractions were a Northern Flicker, a pair of Buffleheads and a Spotted Sandpiper among other species. On Saturday, my favourite siting was a Common Yellowthroat at the Takhini ponds.

I am pleased to report that almost \$900 was raised from more than 15 generous sponsors. The funds will be used to support the YBC's mission, to promote awareness, appreciation and conservation of Yukon birds and their habitats. (Receipts will be sent out by tax time next spring.)

Examples of projects YBC has funded through the Birdathon:

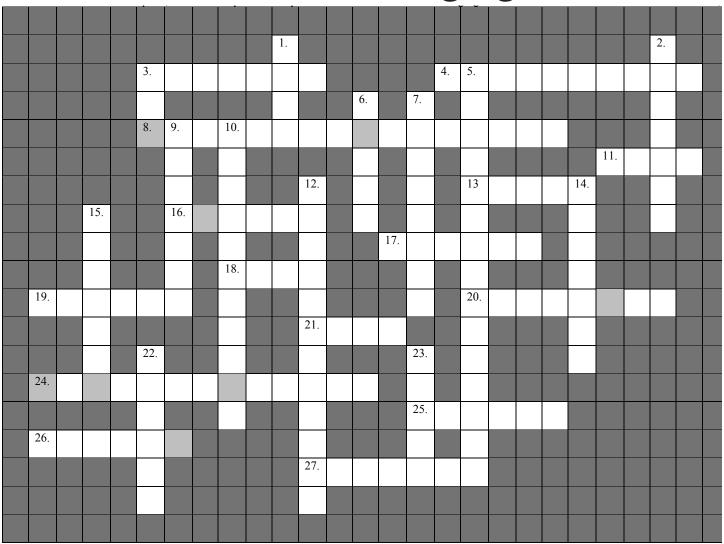
 pharmaceuticals research in the Whitehorse sewage lagoons (Devon Yacura)

- Yukon Bird Observatories
- public awareness and education activities (website)
- The Yukon Warbler newsletter
- subsidies for young Yukon birders to attend workshops
- promotion of the field trip program and Yukon birdathon
- purchase of guide books and reference material for the Yukon Public Libraries system
- binoculars for use by participants in our bird trips.

Thanks again to all those who participated in the Birdathon and the many sponsors which help make YBC's main fundraiser so much fun and so successful.

- Jenny Trapnell

Which is most wide-ranging shorebird?



by Ruth McCullough

When the crossword is complete, the shaded squares will spell the name of the most wide-ranging shorebird in the world that feeds on invertebrates, berries and insects.

Across

- 3. This duck is a common resident in fresh & brackish marshes in the southern U.S.A.
- 4. This eider duck is rare in North America but common on the coast of Siberia
- 8. This bird is common on prairie sloughs, ponds and 25. Across
- 11. This merganser is a very rare winter visitor to northern coasts
- 13. This bay duck can be greater or lesser
- 16. This gull is a European straggler and rare breeder
- 17. Breeding in Greenland, this goose is pink -?
- 18. What ducks use to obtain food from

the bottom of ponds.

- 19. This sandpiper's crown and outer wings are much darker than the rest of its plumage
- 20. This teal is common in the west and has a shoveler-like bill
- 21. What birds need to fly
- 24. This goose is an old world species occurring casually along the East coast in fall
- 25. Ducks are often found here, on the prairies
- 26. This female teal has a white patch at the base of the bill
- 27. A small grey goose

Down

- 1. This goose has a heavy black bill with an orange band near the tip
- 2. The male of this duck species has a large round head, light bill and dark breast
- 3. This gull has an unmarked, short, thin, yellow bill
- 5. This jaeger has short, flat, pointed,

central tail feathers

- 6. A wigeon will often obtain grain from this
- 7. When at rest, this gulls tail extends nearly to the wing tips
- 9. This gull has white wing tips in all plumages
- 10. A rare visitor from east Asia, this gull is black backed
- 12. Native to California, this species of gull is one of the largest in the world. Its legs contribute to its name
- 14. This duck is common throughout Canada. The male has sharp tail plumes
- 15. This small Asiatic eider is uncommon along the Alaskan coast. The males black collar continues down the back as a dark line
- 22. Most common goose, it has a black head and neck with broad white cheeks 23. This sea duck is valued for its down.

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Yukon's Christmas Bird Counts 2015

by Clive Osborne

The annual Christmas Bird Count continues to be a very popular event in the Yukon's birder's calendar in 2015. Fourteen counts were conducted with participation decreasing from the previous year for most counts. This article summarizes the information collected from 13 of the 14 Yukon Christmas Bird Counts conducted in 2015 as posted to the Audubon Society's website, the official sponsor of the Christmas Bird Count throughout North America. A total of 6311 birds comprising 38 species were counted by 100 participants from the first counts on December 16 to the last count on December 29. Several counts registered sightings of unusual species as the winter climate becomes more benign and newer counts reported high counts for other species. The location of the counts is shown in Figure 1

and the counts are summarized in Tables 1-3.

Figure 1. Locations of 2015 Yukon CBCs

This year's Audubon designated unusual sightings were:
Golden Eagle (1 - Whitehorse),
Lincoln's Sparrow (1 - Carcross),
White-throated Sparrow (1 - Haines
Junction), White-crowned Sparrow
(1 - Haines Junction, 1 - Takhini Lake Laberge), House Sparrow (1
- Carcross) and Northern Flicker (1
- Watson Lake).

Several counts reported record high numbers for some species: Whitehorse (Common Raven – 2795, Red-breasted Nuthatch – 5, American Dipper – 13), House Sparrow – 68); Haines Junction (Ruffed Grouse – 20, Red-breasted Nuthatch – 11); Takhini – L. Laberge (Black-capped Chickadee – 32, Mountain Chickadee – 6, Red – breasted Nuthatch – 7, Pine Grosbeak – 46, Red Crossbill – 58, Hoary

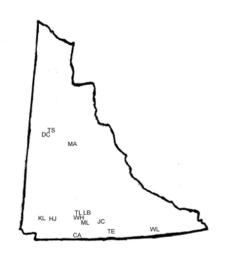


Figure 1. Locations of 2015 Yukon CBCs
Redpoll - 20); Marsh Lake (duck sp.
- 15, Hoary Redpoll - 4); Watson
Lake (Ruffed Grouse - 9, Downy
Woodpecker - 7).

Some counts reported record low numbers for some species: Whitehorse (Rock Pigeon – 1, Bohemian Waxwing – 5), Whitewinged Crossbill - 12); Carcross

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Count	Date	No. of Field Observers	No. of Species Observed	No. of Birds Observed
Whitehorse (WH)	26/12	43	24	3391
Haines Junction (HJ)	20/12	29	19	819
Watson Lake (WL)	26/12	12	13	337
Dawson (DC)	20/12	11	12	347
Carcross (CA)	19/12	11	18	189
Marsh Lake (ML)	20/12	9	14	434
Tombstone (TS)	27/12	8	4	7
Kluane N.P. (KL)	27/12	7	7	71
Teslin (TE)	26/12	3	11	146
Takhini – Laberge (TL)	27/12	2	14	226
Mayo (MA)	29/12	2	11	210
Marge of Lk. Laberge (LB)	16/12	2	10	88
Johnson's Crossing (JC)	26/12	1	6	46

Table 1. Summary of Yukon Christmas Bird Counts.

Christmas bird count 2016 schedule

All are welcome – beginners, feeder-watchers, and seasoned field birders! Enjoy winter birding as part of a North American-wide bird monitoring and conservation program. To participate contact the count compiler before count day.

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Christmas Bird Counts 2015

Species	No. of birds	Rank
Common Raven	3467	1
Pine Grosbeak	925	2
Common Red- poll (redpoll sp)	398	3
Black-capped Chickadee	376	4
Boreal Chickadee	213	5
Black-billed Magpie	199	6
Gray Jay	158	7
House Sparrow	69	8
Mallard	65	9
Red Crossbill	59	10

Table 2: The top ten most abundant species over all counts.

species	counts					
Common Raven	12					
Black-capped Chickadee	12					
Boreal Chickadee	12					
Gray Jay	12					
Pine Grosbeak	11					
Spruce Grouse	8					
Black-billed Magpie	8					
Ruffed Grouse	7					
Common Redpoll	7					
Downy Woodpecker	6					
Downy Woodpecker						

Table 3. The top ten most widespread species as determined by the number counts on which they were observed. Continued from page 10

(Downy Woodpecker – 1, Hairy Woodpecker – 1, Mountain Chickadee – 5, Boreal Chickadee – 4) and Takhini – L. Laberge (Boreal Chickadee – 9, Common Redpoll – 13).

Species observed during count week but not counted on count day were: Willow Ptarmigan (Marge of L. Laberge), ptarmigan sp. (Kluane N.P., Watson Lake), Sharp-shinned Hawk (Haines Junction), American Three-toed Woodpecker (Watson Lake), Great Horned Owl (Whitehorse, Kluane N.P.), Snowy Owl (Mayo, Johnson's Crossing). Northern Hawk Owl (Haines Junction), Great Gray Owl (Haines Junction), Boreal Owl (Teslin), Northern Shrike (Haines Junction, Teslin), Black-billed Magpie (Johnson's Crossing), American Dipper (Kluane N.P.), Dark-eyed Junco (Dawson), Red Crossbill (Whitehorse), Common Redpoll (Kluane N.P.) and Hoary Redpoll (Haines Junction).

CROSSWORD ANSWERS. The mystery bird is Whimbrel.

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