

# Count Summary Report

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<b>Count Name:</b> Whitehorse	<b>Count Code:</b> YTWH	<b>Count Date:</b> 12/26/2022
<b>Organizations &amp; Sponsors:</b> Yukon Bird Club	<b># of Party Hours:</b> 63.00	<b>Species reported on count date:</b> 29

## Compiler(s)

First Name	Last Name	Email	Is Primary Compiler
Jim	Hawkings	northhawk@gmail.com	Yes

## Start & End Times

Start time	End time
09:00 AM	06:00 PM

## Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 39
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 15
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 28
At Feeders	Total Number: 11

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	49.00	110.00	Kilometers
Car	10.00	113.00	Kilometers
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle			
Dog Sled			
Golfcart			
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis	4.00	16.00	Kilometers
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			

Other Time and Distance			
	Hours	Distance	Units
At Feeders	14.00		

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Nocturnal Birding	0.00	0.00	
Total Party	63.00	239.00	Kilometers

## Weather

Weather Summary			
Temperature	Minimum: -17.0 Celsius	Maximum: -10.0 Celsius	
Wind Direction	South		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 16.00 Kilometers/hour	Maximum: 47.00 Kilometers/hour	
Snow Depth	Minimum: 30.00 Centimeters	Maximum: 45.00 Centimeters	
Still Water	Frozen		
Moving Water	Partly Open		
AM and PM Conditions			
Cloud Cover	AM: Cloudy	PM: Cloudy	
AM Rain			
AM Snow	None		
PM Rain			
PM Snow	None		

## Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
American Wigeon	1	US, HC,	1/123	1	
Mallard	63		116/118	27	
Common Goldeneye	5	HC,	5/123	15	
Common Merganser	1		6/115	21	
Ruffed Grouse	cw		4/113	22	
Spruce Grouse	3		9/118	27	
Northern Goshawk	1		2/100	12	
Bald Eagle	51		130/120	29	
Downy Woodpecker	6		8/122	28	
Hairy Woodpecker	6		12/110	29	
American Three-toed Woodpecker	cw		9/100	21	
Gray Jay	11		33/110	31	
Black-billed Magpie	56		191/112	31	
American Crow	6	HC,	6/123	4	
Common Raven	1757		3300/122	31	
Black-capped Chickadee	101		152/120	31	
Mountain Chickadee	cw		7/121	15	

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Boreal Chickadee	16		96/109	31	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	HC,	9/123	25	
American Dipper	5		17/119	31	
American Robin	7		8/112	12	
Bohemian Waxwing	4032	HC,	4032/123	31	
American Tree Sparrow	1	HC,	1/123	4	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	39	HC,	39/123	13	
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	1	HC,	1/123	2	
White-crowned Sparrow	4	HC,	4/123	5	
Pine Grosbeak	88		378/122	31	
Purple Finch	10	HC,	10/123	2	
Red Crossbill	21		141/111	24	
White-winged Crossbill	186		264/108	24	
crossbill sp.	49		49/123	12	
Common Redpoll	74		681/108	28	
finch sp.	60		60/123	1	
House Sparrow	152		213/121	17	
Total Individuals	6822				
Total Species Reported	29				

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

American Wigeon [*Anas americana*]

### Special Aspects

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The 2022 Whitehorse Christmas Bird Count was very successful in spite of the weather being a tad windy and cold. There were 44 participants, including 28 different parties and 11 feeder-watchers. All told, participants counted 6,822 birds of 29 species -- compared with 4,162 birds of 24 species last year (the long-term average is 25 species). After a very warm fall season, the Boxing Day count was preceded by a week of brutal cold, including 20 December when the mercury dropped to -42.1C and topped out at -36.1C. Quite a few oddball birds that normally winter south of here were hanging around prior to that and there was considerable speculation about their ability to survive the deep freeze. However, on count day we discovered a lot of them had done pretty well: We had all-time high counts for 9 species (American Wigeon, Common Goldeneye, American Crow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Bohemian Waxwing, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-Crowned Sparrow, and Purple Finch). People were delighted to have thousands of Bohemian Waxwings around through the Christmas holidays -- quite a contrast to last year's count when we were totally stumped! Not only were we awash in Bohemian Waxwings (almost double the previous record of 2,033 set in 2016), but for the first time ever they outnumbered our perennial winter resident Common Ravens! Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's count!