

Count Summary Report

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Count Name: Las Cruces	Count Code: NMLC	Count Date: 12/17/2016
Organizations & Sponsors: Mesilla Valley Audubon Society	# of Party Hours: 99.50	Species reported on count date: 88

Compiler(s)

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Start & End Times

Start time	End time
07:00 AM	04:45 PM

Effort

Observers	
In Field	Total Number: 48
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight): 15
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight): 19
At Feeders	Total Number: 7

Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)			
By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	43.00	37.25	Miles
Car	53.50	465.70	Miles
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle			
Dog Sled			
Golfcart	3.00	5.00	Miles
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis			
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			

Other Time and Distance			
	Hours	Distance	Units
At Feeders	9.00		

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Nocturnal Birding	0.00	0.00	
Total Party	99.50	507.95	Miles

Weather

Weather Summary			
Temperature	Minimum: 33.0 Fahrenheit	Maximum: 58.0 Fahrenheit	
Wind Direction	West		
Wind Velocity	Minimum: 20.00 Miles/hour	Maximum: 62.00 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: Cloudy	PM: Clear	
AM Rain	Light		
AM Snow	None		
PM Rain	None		
PM Snow	None		

Checklist

Species	Number or cw	Flags	Max Number	# Of Counts	Editor Comm.
Gadwall	11	LC	98/103	40	
American Wigeon	73		132/80	39	
Mallard	119		328/101	42	
Mallard (Mexican)	32		107/116	33	
Northern Shoveler	11		249/111	38	
Green-winged Teal (American)	65		242/111	26	
Ring-necked Duck	39		138/77	41	
Common Merganser	1		52/101	21	
Ruddy Duck	1		100/78	16	
duck sp.	21		70/116	9	
Gambel's Quail	221		720/115	41	
Pied-billed Grebe	1		16/77	40	
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	17		71/95	41	
Great Egret	7		37/116	17	
Cattle Egret	cw		74/107	18	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1		33/85	32	

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Northern Harrier	19		39/111	42	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4		25/94	42	
Cooper's Hawk	9		30/110	42	
Accipiter sp.	4		11/81	17	
Swainson's Hawk	1	US,	1/117	2	
Red-tailed Hawk	26		82/109	42	
Ferruginous Hawk	cw		8/102	39	
Buteo sp.	1		10/77	12	
American Coot	64		402/81	42	
Killdeer	26	LC	343/97	42	
Spotted Sandpiper	3		10/105	22	
Least Sandpiper	123		264/107	40	
Wilson's Snipe	4		19/107	15	
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	903		1902/113	42	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	360	HC,	407/116	13	
Inca Dove	12	LC	180/97	42	
White-winged Dove	7478		42521/104	41	
Mourning Dove	1043		5405/98	42	
Greater Roadrunner	9	LC	59/101	42	
Great Horned Owl	7		11/113	37	
Burrowing Owl	cw		18/107	40	
Long-eared Owl	4		17/90	32	
Anna's Hummingbird	2		8/110	30	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	cw		1/115	8	
Rufous Hummingbird	1		4/109	22	
hummingbird sp.	cw		3/89	15	
Belted Kingfisher	1		14/101	42	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		2/115	17	
Red-naped Sapsucker	1		10/116	24	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	18		62/116	42	
Hairy Woodpecker	cw	US,	0/117	1	
Northern Flicker	14		121/107	10	
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	10	LC	284/97	39	
American Kestrel	63		149/116	42	
Peregrine Falcon	3		4/111	18	
Prairie Falcon	2		6/111	34	
falcon sp.	3		3/117	6	

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Black Phoebe	5		35/107	42	
Eastern Phoebe	cw		5/103	16	
Say's Phoebe	24		94/116	42	
Loggerhead Shrike	3	LC	62/77	42	
American Crow	4129		13210/105	26	
Chihuahuan Raven	16	LC	1453/100	34	
Horned Lark	25	LC	400/105	32	
Barn Swallow	1	US,	2/103	2	
Verdin	6	LC	62/104	42	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		9/101	16	
House Wren	1		25/103	31	
Marsh Wren	1	LC	22/106	40	
Bewick's Wren	cw		44/83	41	
Cactus Wren	4	LC	61/93	42	
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	2	LC	46/108	34	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	26	LC	402/96	42	
Eastern Bluebird	13	HC,	17/87	20	
Western Bluebird	26		262/79	38	
American Robin	82		1336/97	42	
Curve-billed Thrasher	13		89/116	40	
Crissal Thrasher	cw		50/93	42	
Northern Mockingbird	9	LC	78/112	42	
European Starling	384		6826/90	41	
American Pipit	100		1148/97	42	
Phainopepla	3	LC	70/84	42	
Orange-crowned Warbler	7		49/94	37	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	24	LC	242/99	23	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	15	HC,	20/112	23	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	45	LC	386/109	38	
Chipping Sparrow	305		820/90	42	
Brewer's Sparrow	10	LC	834/100	41	
Black-throated Sparrow	26	LC	435/92	41	
Lark Bunting	20	LC	1975/85	33	
Dark-eyed Junco	68	LC	834/97	31	
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	3	LC	1098/84	41	
Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	11	LC	145/101	17	
Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	1	LC	417/96	42	

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White-crowned Sparrow	528	LC	3466/100	42	
White-throated Sparrow	1		22/81	27	
Savannah Sparrow	12	LC	285/101	41	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	LC	89/92	40	
Canyon Towhee	1	LC	110/92	28	
Green-tailed Towhee	3	LC	49/115	40	
Spotted Towhee	4	LC	74/90	31	
sparrow sp.	13		100/109	11	
Pyrrhuloxia	50		168/93	42	
Red-winged Blackbird	320		8357/83	42	
Western Meadowlark	3	LC	308/91	42	
Western/Eastern Meadowlark	44		443/97	40	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	46	LC	3450/88	39	
Brewer's Blackbird	355	LC	7746/112	42	
Great-tailed Grackle	1249		6237/94	42	
Brown-headed Cowbird	26		1207/93	39	
blackbird sp.	30		2000/99	11	
House Finch	772		1671/115	42	
Lesser Goldfinch	32		223/109	38	
House Sparrow	220	LC	2624/97	42	
Total Individuals	19959				
Total Species Reported	88				

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

Swainson's Hawk [*Buteo swainsoni*]

Hairy Woodpecker [*Picoides villosus*]

Barn Swallow [*Hirundo rustica*]

Special Aspects

The weather conditions were HORRIBLE for our count day. In the AM, sustained winds of 40 to 45 mph with peak gusts of 62 mph! These winds caused a "haboob" (gigantic sand/dust storm) that engulfed our teams mid-morning. Shortly after that came light rain which caused mud on the windshields of our vehicles. The PM was not much better - sustained winds of 30 to 35 mph and cool to cold temperatures. Obviously, our total count of birds was down considerably from recent years as the birds "hunkered down". Of the species identified, 35 of them were low counts. It was extremely unusual to observe a Swainson's Hawk on the count day. Also, for the first time in 42 years of our CBC, a Hairy Woodpecker was observed during count week. Our sparrow total count (excluding towhees and house sparrows) was extremely low at 917. The last time we had a sparrow count that low on our CBC was 1978 (the early years of our historical record).