

Mono Lake shorebird/waterfowl count

August 25, 2001

All parties began the count at their shoreline locations between 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m. The last parties finished by approximately 5:00 p.m.

The entire Mono Lake shoreline and the DeChambeau/County Ponds complex were surveyed with the exception of the shoreline around Gaines Island (Landbridge Island). Mono Lake by boat was also included in the count this year. A single transect across the southern half of the lake was traveled from west to east, from the DWP dock to Warm Springs. Dr. Joseph Jehl was coincidentally on the lake this day and relayed his counts on phalarope species. Joe Jehl reported a significant number of the Red-necked Phalaropes: 25,000 in the northern half of the lake (pelagic zone).

Weather: Calm a.m., light winds in the late afternoon. Clear skies. Temperatures varied between mid 60s to low 80s.

A total of 43 species of waterbirds and raptors were counted, with a total of 40,606 individuals.

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Next year's count will be on August 24, 2002.

Thanks again to all of you, hope to see you next year!

Results:
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SPECIES	
Pied-billed Grebe	1
American White Pelican	4
Double-crested Cormorant	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	1
Great Blue Heron	5
White-faced Ibis	17
Mallard	286
Gadwall	272
Green-winged Teal	173
Northern Pintail	7
Northern Shoveler	2586
Cinnamon Teal	12
Redhead	3
Common Merganser	1
Ruddy Duck	622
Duck species	1187
Osprey	7
Northern Harrier	7
Cooper's Hawk	1
American Kestrel	21
Virginia Rail	10
American Coot	51

SPECIES	
Snowy Plover	33
Semipalmated Plover	3
Killdeer	151
American Avocet	4969
Black-necked Stilt	36
Willet	1
Spotted Sandpiper	9
Long-billed Curlew	34
Marbled Godwit	17
Sanderling	1
Western Sandpiper	279
Least Sandpiper	53
Least/Western Sandpiper	199
Baird's Sandpiper	12
Short-billed Dowitcher	37
Long-billed Dowitcher	24
Dowitcher species	11
Common Snipe	6
Wilson's Phalarope	635
Red-necked Phalarope	28632
Phalarope species	167
Bonaparte's Gull	3
Ring-billed Gull	2
Caspian Tern	4
Forster's Tern	13

Notes, Remarks, and Observations

- Total birds counted this year: **40,606**
- Total number of protocol species observed this year: **43**
- CALIFORNIA GULLS and EARED GREBES not recorded due to ongoing census efforts or research
- Entire mainland shoreline of Mono Lake surveyed between 8:30AM and 5:00PM (including DeChambeau, County Ponds, and Mono Lake by boat) EXCEPT shoreline of Gaines Island (Landbridge Island).
- Weather: sunny, warm (65-low80sF), light breeze in afternoon.
- Lake Level: 6383'
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