

Christmas Bird Counts Annual Report 2005-2006

After revising the Talley sheets to correspond to the revised taxonomy adopted by NAS, Area Leader Packets were mailed out. New Area leader's were recruited for the Inland CBC: Silverado Canyon, (Steve Alter); Lion Country, El Toro Cemetary, etc. (Peyton Cook); and Peter's Canyon Reg. Park, (Linda Oberholzer. And for the Coastal CBC: West side of Upper Newport Bay, (Peyton Cook); and the east side of Upper Newport Bay, (Steve Alter).

The O.C. (northeastern) i.e. Inland CBC, was held on Sunday, Dec. 18th, 2005. We had 98 participants, 283.5 party hours, 222.5 by foot and 61.0 by car. We traveled 564.6 miles, 127.5 by foot and 437.1 by car. We saw 162 species, 2 sub-species, and seven exotic species. Highlights were Eurasian Wigeon, Broad-winged Hawk, Spotted Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Common Poorwill, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Red-naped Sapsucker, Hammond's Flycatcher, Gray Flycatcher, 'Western' Flycatcher, Plumbeous Vireo, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Yellow Warbler, Chesnut-sided Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Hooded Oriole, Scott's Oriole, and Lawrence's Goldfinch.

The O.C. Coastal CBC was held on Sunday, Jan. 1st, 2006. We had 95 participants, 329.25 party hours, 260.0 by foot, 60.25 by car and 9.0 by boat. We traveled 619.5 miles, 167.00 by foot, 399.50 by car, and 53.00 by boat. We saw 200 species, 3 sub-species, and fifteen exotic species. One additional species was seen during count week. Highlights were Hooded Merganser, Reddish Egret, Merlin, Pacific Golden-Plover, Red Phalarope, Royal Tern, Band-tailed Pigeon, [Rose-ringed Parakeet, Blue-crowned Parakeet, White-fronted Parrot, Lilac-crowned Parrot, Red-lored Parrot, Yellow headed Parrot, Blue-fronted Parrot] all exotic, Rufous Hummingbird (count week), Gray Flycatcher, 'Western' Flycatcher, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Plumbeous Vireo, Winter Wren, Japanese White-eye [exotic], Nashville Warbler, Chesnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated-Green Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Summer Tanager, Swamp Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, and Baltimore Oriole.

As I am getting less and less mobile and unable to get out birding, I have recruited Steve Alter as co-compiler for the CBC's at the end of 2006.

Respectfully,

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