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Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Totals
Egyptian Goose (exotic)							1					1
1 Canada Goose	62					1						63
2 Gadwall	5				18	20						43
3 American Wigeon	65					8						73
4 Mallard	20	2			50	33	28			20		153
5 Cinnamon Teal	2			1								3
6 Northern Shoveler						8						8
7 Redhead						1						1
8 Ring-necked Duck						23						23
9 Lesser Scaup	16											16
10 Surf Scoter				2								2
11 Bufflehead		3		3		2						8
12 Hooded Merganser (SL)					10		2					12
13 Red-breasted Merganser										3		3
14 Ruddy Duck	85	7		15	10	18						135
15 California Quail			60			24	33		6			123
16 Red-throated Loon				4								4
17 Pacific Loon				25						1		26
18 Pied-billed Grebe	9	1		1								11
19 Horned Grebe										2		2
20 Eared Grebe	2			2								4
21 Western Grebe				20						130		150
22 Pink-footed Shearwater				1								1
23 Black-vented Shearwater				80								80
24 American White Pelican				6								6
25 Brown Pelican		3		125					1	90		219
26 Brandt's Cormorant				50						20		70
27 Double-crested Cormorant	37			21						10		68
28 Pelagic Cormorant				1						1		2
29 American Bittern									cw			0
30 Least Bittern	1											1
31 Great Blue Heron	2				1		2			6		11
32 Great Egret	4	1		1	1	2	8			2		19
33 Snowy Egret	9				2		4			5		20
34 Green Heron	2											2
35 Black-crowned Night-Heron					1		1			1		3
36 Turkey Vulture	8	6	45	4	20	68	2	1				154
37 Osprey	1			1						1		3

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38 White-tailed Kite	1			2	1		1					5
39 Northern Harrier			2									2
40 Sharp-shinned Hawk		1					1					2
41 Cooper's Hawk	1	1		1	1		3					7
42 Red-shouldered Hawk	4		15	3	3	2	3			1		31
43 Red-tailed Hawk	8	9	25	5	1	3	10	4	3			68
44 American Kestrel		2	2			2	5	5				16
45 Merlin	1			1								2
46 Peregrine Falcon	1			1						2		4
47 Virginia Rail	2											2
48 Sora	2											2
49 Common Moorhen	9			2								11
50 American Coot	61	41		55	20	105	8			80		370
51 Killdeer	21	8					7			80		116
52 Black Oystercatcher				1						7		8
53 Black-necked Stilt										7		7
54 Spotted Sandpiper	2			3		1	1			5		12
55 Greater Yellowlegs	5						3			2		10
56 Willet		2								12		14
57 Whimbrel										1		1
58 Marbled Godwit										4		4
59 Sanderling		5								68		73
60 Least Sandpiper	5									1		6
61 Bonaparte's Gull				75								75
62 Heermann's Gull		24		150						50		224
63 Mew Gull										10		10
64 Ring-billed Gull	61	110		150		2	18			30		371
65 Western Gull	3	210		250			5			440		908
66 California Gull	1	701		612			3			880		2197
67 Herring Gull										2		2
68 Glaucous-winged Gull				3						40		43
gull sp.		1000										1000
69 Forster's Tern				2								2
70 Royal Tern				1						15		16
71 Common Murre				1								1
72 Cassin's Auklet				25								25
73 Rhinoceros Auklet				8								8
74 Rock Pigeon		17		7		8	19			28		79

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75 Mourning Dove	40	26	55	13	5	33	13	3	15	17		220
76 Greater Roadrunner									1			1
77 Barn Owl							1					1
78 Great Horned Owl		2					1					3
79 White-throated Swift	1		30	2		10			11	5		59
80 Anna's Hummingbird	57	26	31	48	50	14	77	2	14	6		325
81 Costa's Hummingbird							1					1
82 Allen's Hummingbird	32			16	16	1	18		5	4		92
83 Belted Kingfisher	1				2		1					4
84 Acorn Woodpecker		11	20			20	7	6				64
85 Red-breasted Sapsucker	1											1
86 Nuttall's Woodpecker	17	2	10	6	8	3	20	1		2		69
87 Downy Woodpecker	9				2							11
88 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	3	7	16	1		1	22	2	3			55
89 Black Phoebe	27	11	23	26	17	4	48		6	7		169
90 Say's Phoebe	2	3	4	2	1		14	1	2	2		31
91 Cassin's Kingbird	13	2	4	4	6	2	45		3			79
92 Plumbeous Vireo	1											1
93 Loggerhead Shrike							3					3
94 Hutton's Vireo				1	3							4
95 Western Scrub-Jay	1	10	65	3		5	26	6	3			119
96 American Crow	128	74	75	8000	70	22	143	8	44	35		8599
97 Common Raven	1	30	42	10	10	2	8	2	5	1		111
98 Horned Lark							1					1
99 Northern Rough-winged Swallow							3					3
100 Mountain Chickadee			1	1								2
101 Oak Titmouse		1	43	2	1	2						49
102 Bushtit	50	16	27	85	55	10	232	8	7	25		515
103 White-breasted Nuthatch			4			1						5
104 Rock Wren										2		2
105 Cactus Wren			8									8
106 Bewick's Wren	1	1	4	8	12	1	7		2	1		37
107 House Wren	7		5	4	4	1	3					24
108 Marsh Wren	4											4
109 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	26		12	12	15	1	20		2	2		90
110 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		1				14					16
111 California Gnatcatcher			3	7			2			2		14
112 Western Bluebird	11	7			6	10	6			3		43

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113 Hermit Thrush	2	1		4	6		24		1			38
114 American Robin				21	50							71
115 Wren Tit	2	11	62	6			59	2	8	1		151
116 Northern Mockingbird	2	7	12	6	2	1	13	1	1	2		47
117 California Thrasher		13	10	1	2	1	29		1	2		59
118 European Starling	39	23	66	50	12	2	42	4	20	60		318
119 American Pipit		12		42			9					63
120 Cedar Waxwing	10	21		120	50		6					207
121 Phainopepla		1	1			1						3
122 Orange-crowned Warbler	17		1	9	17		10		2	5		61
123 Yellow Warbler					1							1
124 Yellow-rumped Warbler												1719
Audubon's	744	42	178	280	100	22	304	2	4	40		1716
Myrtle	1				2							3
125 Townsend's Warbler	6			4	2							12
126 American Redstart	1											1
127 Common Yellowthroat	38	1		7	5		22		2	1		76
128 Wilson's Warbler	1			2						1		4
129 Summer Tanager					2							2
130 Spotted Towhee	5	11	24	5	4	9	33		3			94
131 California Towhee	12	19	68	16	5	4	92	6	5	3		230
132 Rufous-crowned Sparrow			10				2					12
133 Chipping Sparrow	13		1									14
134 Lark Sparrow			16				3					19
135 Savannah Sparrow			8									8
136 Fox Sparrow			3				3		3			9
137 Song Sparrow	36	5	5	47	12	10	72		3	1		191
138 Lincoln's Sparrow	3		2	2			5					12
139 White-throated Sparrow			3									3
140 Golden-crowned Sparrow		1	8	1			7					17
141 White-crowned Sparrow	43	59	69	60	22	1	247	5	25	5		536
142 Dark-eyed Junco	25		12	5		5						47
143 Red-winged Blackbird	52	108		2								162
144 Western Meadowlark		33					56	21				110
145 Brewer's Blackbird	1	136		4								141
146 Great-tailed Grackle	46			1						3		50
147 House Finch	39	22	59	225	50		328	4	30	10		767
148 Lesser Goldfinch	25	4	94	24	8	1	84		4			244

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149 American Goldfinch	42		4	6	5		10			3		70
150 House Sparrow		3	4	10	25		11			1		54
Nutmeg Mannikin (exotic)	28			9	30		48					115
Night Hours	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		2.5
Nighttime Miles	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0		10
Daytime Hours	11	10.5	26.5	8.5	7.5	4.5	33	3	10	9		123.5
Hours by Foot	9.75	5.5	26	4.5	7	2.5	26	3	2.5	8		94.75
Hours by Car	1.25	5	0.5	0.75	0.5	2	16	0	7.5	1		34.5
Hours by Boat	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
Daytime Miles	10.3	60	19.5	25	17	35	100	?	6	25		297.75
Miles by Foot	7.25	6	17.5	4.5	1	4	26	?	3	5		74.25
Miles by Car	3	54	2	5.5	16	31	100	?	3	20		234.5
Miles by Boat	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	?	0	0		15

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