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1958 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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Twenty-one participating stations reported 112,297 individuals of 104 bird species in the 1958 K.O.S. mid-winter bird count, December 21, 1958 to January 1, 1959. Thus the count for 1958 was a representative one both from the point of view of number of individuals and variety of species. Numbers and species of water fowl were low; if only another 10,000 mallards had been counted (and note that last year more than 36,000 more were counted than in this year) the total of individuals of all species of birds would have been the greatest ever submitted for the state of Kansas. This means that the terrestrial bird populations here in winter were as dense over-all as any in any year. It is perhaps gratuitous to generalize on these kinds of data, but the large land bird populations this past winter may reflect the favorable conditions for reproduction that obtained over much of the American mid-west in 1958.

Certain non-representative, and therefore noteworthy, species were recorded on some of the counts. It will suffice here to mention two: the most unusual record was that of a pair of Blue-winged Teals (*Anas discors*), submitted by the group from Halstead (Edna L. Ruth assures us the record cannot reasonably be doubted). Bohemian Waxwings (*Bombycilla garrulus*) were also sighted by the Halstead group.

Baldwin (same as previous years).—December 26; 9 hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.); miles: car 188, foot 21; observers: Amelia J. Betts (compiler), Billy Betts, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Boyd, Roger Boyd, Ray Couser, Jerry Deshazer, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Evans, John Harrison, Gary Johnson, Katherine Kelley, Mrs. Marno McKaughan, Miedell McKaughan, R. F. Miller, Freddy Purvis.

Chase County (same as previous year).—January 1; 6½ hours (9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.); miles: car 50, foot 4½; snow on ground; observers: Marc Marcellus, Edward J. Ryan (compiler).

Ellinwood (same as previous year).—December 30; 4½ hours (12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 67, foot 1; temperature 25°F., wind from N, 10 m.p.h., water frozen; observers: Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Robl.

Emporia (15 mi. radius of Emporia; grassland 30 per cent, fields 30 per cent, brushland 20 per cent, woods 10 per cent, lake or river 10 per cent).—December 20; 4 hours (7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.); miles: car 100, foot 5; observers: Dave Parmelee, Jean Parmelee, Gil Leisman, Bob Clarke, Carl Prophet, Con White, Clyde Goulden, Sue Griffith, Richard Schmidt, Jr., Darrel Murray, Ted F. Andrews (compiler).

Halstead-Newton (center 3½ mi. NE Halstead; wooded bottomlands 51 per cent, fields and grassland 46 per cent, town 3 per cent).—December 27; 44 party-hours (7:40 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); miles: car 288, foot 24.5; temperature 36°F.—41°F., wind S. 3–9 m.p.h., fog clearing at noon; observers: Galen Abbott, Ruth Abbott, Warren Abbott, Joan Challans, Marie Dettweiler, Eunice Goode, C. Horst, Dwight Platt, Ruth Rose, Alma K. Ruth, Edna L. Ruth (compiler), Will Stein, Millie Stein, Art Toevs, Arlen Winsky.

Hays (grassland 10 per cent, brushland 20 per cent, woodland 20 per cent, lake or river 50 per cent).—December 29; 9 hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 50, foot 10; observers: Gerald Tomanek, L. D. Wooster (compiler), Ward Sims, M. V. Walker, Gary Hulett, Bob Hyde, Bill Hanzlet, Walta Tomanek, David Huffman, Don Huffman, Steve Glassman, Richard Lambert.

Holton (same as previous year).—December 31; 5 hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); miles: car 22, foot 3; observer: D. Eugene Enos.

Junction City (cemetery, Seven Springs Lake, Smoky River; woodland 33 per cent, lake and river 67 per cent).—December 28; 6 hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 20, foot 2.5; observers: Mrs. Ralph White and Mr. and Mrs. Bob LaShelle (compilers).

Kansas City (Wyandotte County Lake Park; grassland 20 per cent, fields 10 per cent, brushland 20 per cent, woodland 20 per cent, lake 25 per cent).—December 21; 4 hours (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.); miles: car 10, foot 3; observer: Bernice Tatum.

Lawrence (same as previous years).—December 28; 8 hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 120, foot 10; observers: James Bee, Bert Chewning (compiler), Mrs. Bert Chewning, Henry S. Fitch, Lenore French, Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond Hall, Wess Hunn, Carol Martin, Ethel Martin, Mrs. John H. Nelson.

Linn County (same as previous years).—December 21; 35 party hours (6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 105, foot 18; observers: Eunice B. Dingus (compiler), Wilson J. Dingus, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Fauth, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McCaslin, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morse, Mrs. Rosetta Copple, J. W. Wallace.

Manhattan (grassland 25 per cent, fields 10 per cent, brushland 25 per cent, woodland 15 per cent, lake or river 25 per cent).—December 26; 11 hours (6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 20,

	Baldwin	Chase County	Ellinwood	Emporia	Halstead-Newton	Hays	Junction City	Kansas City	Lawrence	Linn County	Manhattan	Olathe	Parsons	Pittsburg	Pott County	Topeka	Udall	Weida	Wichita	Wyandotte County	Total
Pied-billed Grebe																1					1
Great Blue Heron																1					1
Canada Goose			1500	1																	1591
Mallard	10	2000	600	400	67	262	50	15000	163	8600	500	30	6000			4000		41	2	185	22880
Black Duck											1					1					4
Gadwall																					2
Pintail																					2
Blue-winged Teal																					28
Redhead					2																2
Canvasback																5					5
Common Goldeneye																1					1
Hooded Merganser																3					53
Common Merganser						111		50													240
Turkey Vulture							1									90				39	240
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1										1	2			1						5
Cooper Hawk	1				3				3	3					1						14
Red-tailed Hawk	70	1		44	12	1	1	1	38	26	16	19	4	10	16	14	6	2	5	4	293
Harlan Hawk	8								3			1	4		2						14
Red-shouldered Hawk					12					6					1						22
Rough-legged Hawk			1	3			1		1	1	2				2				1	1	24
Golden Eagle		1	1			4									2						6
Bald Eagle						4															5
Marsh Hawk	6	13		77	15	42	3		7	8	11	4	4		28	3	7	6	9		243
Prairie Falcon						4										3					5
Merlin		1																			1
Sparrow Hawk	8	2	2	12	37	4	3		33	10	2	9	6		7	6	4	5	22	3	192
Greater Prairie Chicken		55								24	1				34	11	16				141
Bobwhite	68	9		38	36		14		38	40	48	15	8	27	116	24	28	7	2		570
Ring-necked Pheasant			35		26	54	3				1				3						124
American Coot						1														1	1
Killdeer					2				1			7									19
Common Snipe																	4				14
Semipalmated Sandpiper																					2
Herring Gull			13			12															25
Ring-billed Gull						18															18
Rock Dove				77	113	20		6					150								480
Mourning Dove	33	17	3	160	163	24		1	32	13		116	6		13	2	35	3	62		682
Burrowing Owl						1															2
Barn Owl	1		3																		3
Screech Owl	1																				5
Great Horned Owl	5			2	11	1			10	3	5	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	9	4	62
Long-eared Owl		1		4		4										3	5				17
Short-eared Owl	1								1								4	3			8
Barred Owl	1	2			4						5										26
Belted Kingfisher	1		1	12	1	1					1				14					9	27
Yellow-shafted Flicker	152	22	32	27	37	4	1	4	14	47	14	4	8	16	10	9	6	4	20		280
Red-shafted Flicker		1			8	9				1	1				3		6		2		31
Pileated Woodpecker										2			1	1							4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	28	6		19	21	1	5		16	44	16	13	5	9	2	17	12		13		222
Red-headed Woodpecker	4								1	36	3		1			3	1	2	13		52
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2						1			1	1					1			1		6
Hairy Woodpecker	11	1			18	3	2	3	11	7	3	5			2	3	4	3	12		86
Downy Woodpecker	80	7		33	47	6	6	6	25	35	24	28	3	15	10	9	21	5	41		403
Horned Lark	31	45		243	168	193			35	25	20	195	50		32	75	20	4	471		1607
Blue Jay	55	3		20	46		20	10	34	55	25	31	15	3	18	32	8	2	4	19	392
Magpie															4						4
Common Crow	146	9	1000	101	726	98	3	6	177	54	32	92	41	10		13	72	16	140	12	2754
Black-capped Chickadee	90	4		92	93	27	17	2	72	172	36	42	53		15	40	16	51	8	75	21
Carolina Chickadee																					18
Tufted Titmouse	49	3		23	26		7	3	39	99	25	52	7	18	2	22	23	6	15	51	470
White-breasted Nuthatch	2			2	1					13					2	1					23
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1	1		1							2					5
Brown Creeper	8			1	12	6	1	1	3	6	2	4			3					12	1
Winter Wren	10				3					1		2									9
Carolina Wren	1			4	1			3	13	17	7	8	4	8		8				7	6
Bewick Wren																					2
Mockingbird	9	1			1				1	17		2	4	4		4		1	2	3	50
Brown Thrasher		1			2																7
Robin	73	41		260	2	4	150		2	3	25	23	1	6		2		25	7		624
Eastern Bluebird	48	6		2	3		8		11	56	33	5	6	17	17	7	10	1		9	246
Townsend Solitaire		1			3																12
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	1			17	5	2		1	4	2				2	1			2	3	61
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1				6				1												5
Bohemian Waxwing						28															6
Cedar Waxwing											10		4			102					144
Loggerhead Shrike	7	3		9	11			4	39	2		2					5	2	11	1	100
Starling	828	40	500	368	1424	186	85		1480	461	325	1578	132	43	224	1500	6303	45	765		16337
House Sparrow	680	580	10	753	1243	500	100	20	1068	510	170	2299	113	94	480	800	550	100	1250	550	11500
Eastern Meadowlark	4			461	14				36	285			88	25	1	11					944
Western Meadowlark	2	268	250		779	349			13	1		16			2						1932
Meadowlark sp.	350						75		138		230	311			308	17	13	34	428		1657
Red-winged Blackbird	4	65	200	397	205	13	6			7	320			8000	43	550	3				9814
Rusty Blackbird		675			86										40	75					876
Brewer Blackbird		20																			20
Common Grackle				1					1												

foot 15; cloudy, temperature 30° to 45°F.; observers: H. T. Gier (compiler), Don Gier, Philip Marvin, E. K. Beals, Eugene Lewis.

Olathe (same as last year).—January 1; 8 hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 70, foot 15; cloudy to clear, temperature 25° to 28°F., wind from NW, 25 m.p.h., water partly frozen; observers: Amelia Betts, Ivan L. Boyd, Margaret Boyd, Roger Boyd, Dean Crane, Harold Deshazer, Marno McKaughan, Katherine Kelley.

Parsons and Oswego (same as previous year).—December 27; 8 hours (8:50 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.); miles: car 72, foot 2; dense fog clearing at noon; observers: Lucille Blackburn and Fern Monroe (compiler).

Pittsburg (within 3 mi. SW and SE of city, Cow Creek; urban 5 per cent, fields 35 per cent, brushland 30 per cent, woodland 30 per cent).—December 29; 10 hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 6, foot 8; observers: Theodore M. Sperry, Gladys C. Galligar (compilers).

Pott County (7½ mi. radius centering 2 mi. N Fostoria; grassland 50 per cent, fields 20 per cent, brushland 24 per cent, woodland 5 per cent, lake or river 1 per cent).—December 28; 9 hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 75, foot 1; clear to partly cloudy, ground dry, temperature 40° to 50°F., wind SW 8 m.p.h.; observers: Geneva Walsh, Gladys Webster, Eunice Webster, Mabel Willis (compilers).

Topeka (same as previous years).—December 28; 9¼ hours (7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); miles: car 160, foot 37; observers: John P. Atkinson, L. B. Carson (compiler), Paul Finninger, Elizabeth Fisher, Roberta Foote, Dorothy Harvey, Grace Holcombe, Donald W. Jones, R. H. Kingman, Marvin Kuehn, Mrs. Charles Martin, Pearl Maus, Florence McKinney, T. W. Nelson, Tom Reeder, Orville O. Rice, Eugene Willett.

Udall (same as last year, grassland 20 per cent, fields 15 per cent, brushland 20 per cent, woodland 30 per cent, lake or river 15 per cent).—December 26; 10 hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); miles: car 49, foot 5; clear to cloudy, thundershowers (½ inch rain), temperature 36° to 38°F., wind SW 25 m.p.h.; observer: Max C. Thompson.

Welda (center 3 mi. SE Welda; grassland 70 per cent, fields 15 per cent, brushland 13 per cent, lake 2 per cent).—December 26; 3 hours (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon); miles: car 20, foot 5; observer: William R. Brecheisen.

Wichita (15 mi. diameter circle centering at confluence of Arkansas and Little Arkansas rivers; grassland 20 per cent, fields 20 per cent, brushland 30 per cent, woodland 10 per cent, lake or river 20 per cent).—December 28; 10 hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); miles: car 146, foot 19; observers: J. Walker Butin, Don Ferguson, Ruth Funk, Harry Hobson, Dan Kilby (compiler), Geneva Kingkade, Gevia McDonald, Nathan McDonald, Barbara Stafford, Elizabeth Stafford, Bill Stark, Dorothy Teter, Jennibelle Watson, Louise Watson, Mary Wiley, Ralph Wiley, Elmer Woolsey.

Wyandotte County (parts of Johnson County; Camp Towanyak and Quivira Lake; grassland 10 per cent, woodland 40 per cent, lake 50 per cent).—December 27; 5 hours (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.); miles: car 8, foot 3; observers: James R. Myers, Mary Louise Myers (compiler).

NOTES AND NEWS

May 2 and 3, 1959, are the dates of the annual spring meeting of the K.O.S., to be held at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. Paper sessions and business meetings will be held in room 13 of the Museum of Natural History on the first day, the banquet that evening, and the field trip the second day.

Virginia Harris, McPherson College, sends us two interesting records, one of a wintering Orange-crowned Warbler visiting two feeding stations in January (at the Harris residence and that of Mrs. Harold Beam), and a second of a Bohemian Waxwing with a flock of Cedar Waxwings on January 31, in a snow storm.

If you have not paid your 1959 dues, please do so as early as possible in order to simplify our mailing task.—J.W.H.

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