

2020
Cortes Island Christmas Bird Count - Saturday, December 28

	Whaletown	Squirrel Cove	Tiber Bay	Lakes and Ponds	South-West Siskin	South-East	Total
	Chris Napper Christine and Liam	Laurel and Tom Donna Collins, Sandra Wood	Carol Trueman Arlene Tompkins	Peter Elliott Andy Ellingsen John Sprungman	Nancy and Ray Kendel Tamias & others	George Sirk and Bird Feeders/Beaches	
Loons							
Red-Throated Loon		1					1
Pacific Loon		2				6	8
Common Loon	12	4	5		10	8	39
Yellow-billed Loon							
Grebes							
Pied-billed Grebe				1			1
Eared Grebe		4					4
Horned Grebe	26	2	8		17	87	140
Red-necked Grebe		2	2		2	3	9
Western Grebe		2					2
Cormorants							
Double-crested Cormorant	7		6			4	17
Brant's Cormorant						1	1
Pelagic Cormorant	14	2	1		1	3	21
Hérons							
Great Blue Heron				2	2	5	9
Swans, Geese							
Trumpeter Swan							
Greater White-fronted Goose					CW		CW
Snow Goose (new in 2018)							
Brant							
Canada Goose	6				15	41	62
Cackling Goose							
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Ducks							
Wood Duck							
Green-winged Teal	1						1
Mallard	12			8	3	2	25
Canvasback							
American Wigeon	3						3
Ringed Neck Duck				9			9
Greater Scaup					26		26
Lesser Scaup				4			4
Harlequin Duck	30	8	5		28	21	92
Long-tailed Duck						10	10
Black Scoter							
Surf Scoter	638	39	30		60	123	890
White-winged Scoter					10	3	13
Common Goldeneye	1	3	2		3	1	10
Barrow's Goldeneye	12	2	1		12	15	42
Bufflehead	15	25	6	6	30	25	107
Hooded Merganser	2	2		4		1	9
Common Merganser	5	2	3		1	3	14
Red-breasted Merganser	17		5		5	7	34
unidentified							
Kites, Hawks, Eagles							
Bald Eagle	11	4	5	3	4	6	33
Golden Eagle							
Northern Harrier							
Sharp-shinned Hawk					CW		CW
Cooper's Hawk					2		2
Northern Goshawk							
Red-tailed Hawk			1	1	1		3

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Falcons, Caracaras							
American Kestrel							
Merlin				1	CW		1
Peregrine Falcon							
Grouse							
Sooty (Blue) Grouse	2						2
Rails							
Virginia Rail				4			4
Plovers							
Black-bellied Plover					15		15
Killdeer							
Oystercatcher							
Black Oystercatcher		14			15	11	40
Sandpipers							
Greater Yellowlegs	4						4
Solitary Sandpiper							
Black Turnstone	3				10	9	22
Surfbird						1	1
Western Sandpiper							
Rock Sandpiper							
Dunlin					30		30
Wilson's Snipe							
Common Snipe							

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Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, Terns							
Mew Gull		50			8	149	207
California Gull		2					2
Herring Gull		10					10
Glaucous-winged Gull	11	104	10		20	50	195
Bonaparte Gull							
Unidentified Gulls	10	217					227
GWxWestern Hybrid Gulls		4					4
Auks, Puffins							
Common Murre						CW	CW
Pigeon Guillemot					1		1
Marbled Murrelet	5		1			32	38
Ancient Murrelet							
Rhinoceros Auklet							
Pigeons							
Rock Dove							
Eurasian Collared-Dove							
Owls							
Western Screech Owl							
Great Horned Owl							
Snowy Owl							
Northern Pigmy Owl							
Barred Owl	2			1	1		4
Northern Saw-whet Owl		1					1
Hummingbirds							
Anna's Hummingbird	2	4	7	2	5	11	31
Rufous Hummingbird							

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Kingfishers							
Belted Kingfisher	2			1	4		7
Woodpeckers							
Red-breasted Sapsucker				1	1		2
Downy Woodpecker					1	2	3
Hairy Woodpecker				1		3	4
Northern Flicker	7	2	3	9	3	6	30
Pileated Woodpecker	1			2		3	6
Three-toed Woodpecker		SU					SU
Larks, Swallows							
Horned Lark							
Tree Swallow							
Violet-green Swallow							
N. Rough-winged Swallow							
Cliff Swallow							
Barn Swallow							
Jays, Crows, Magpies							
Steller's Jay	1		2	10			13
Northwestern Crow	5	4		2		4	15
Common Raven	5	4	2	6	5	6	28
Chickadees, Nuthatches, Creepers							
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	20	8		21	2	19	70
Black-capped Chickadee							
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8	4	2		10	13	37
Brown Creeper						1	1

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Wrens							
Bewick's Wren				2			2
House Wren							
Pacific/winter Wren	1	5	3	13	2	12	36
American Dipper							
Thrushes, Wrentits							
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	7	3	4	1	2	22
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			3	3	1	2	9
American Robin	4					2	6
Varied Thrush	1		10	3	2	33	49
Hermit Thrush	1						1
Shrikes							
Northern Shrike							
Starlings							
European Starling				CW	12	1	13
Vireos							
Hutton's Vireo						2	2
Warblers, Sparrows							
Yellow-rumped Warbler							
Black-throated Gray Warbler							
Spotted Towhee	13	2		18	11	46	90
Fox Sparrow	10	1		6		21	38
Song Sparrow	8	2		25	11	24	70
White-crowned Sparrow							
Golden-crowned Sparrow						3	3
House Sparrow							
Dark-eyed Junco	109	27	14	100	170	162	582

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Blackbirds							
Red-winged Blackbird							
Brown-headed Blackbird							
Brewer's Blackbird							
Finches							
Purple Finch						4	4
House Finch						1	1
Red Crossbill	4	100		2		8	114
Pine Siskin	47	20	30	80	51	127	355
Evening Grosbeak							
Pine Grosbeak							
Additional Species							
Cattle Egret				CW			CW
Total Num. Observed:	1103	696	170	355	624	1145	4093
Species Observed:	44	38	27	33	44	53	82
CW—Count Week Sighting:				2	3	1	4
SU*—Sighting Unconfirmed: <i>(no picture available)</i>		1					1
*SU sightings are listed on our local page but are not submitted to Audubon Society database							
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Weather: https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/canada/campbell-river/historic							

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Beaches, Lakes, Forest							
Hague/Gunflint	Peter Elliott and Andy Ellingsen, John Sprungman, plus						
Whaletown	Chris Napper, Christine Robinson, Liam Preston-Baron, Jackie Ruffell, plus school kids and their parents						
South-West	Nancy and Ray Kendel, Tamias Nettle, plus other people						
South-East	George Sirk and other people from South-East area						
Squirrel Cove	Laurel and Tom Bohart, Donna Collins, Sandra Wood, plus...						
Tiber Bay	Carol&Richard Trueman and Arlene Tompkins						
Bird Feeders, Backyards, Local Beaches							
Autumn Willow							
Carolyn Schellenberg							
Carrie Saxifrage							
Christian& Aileen Gronau							
Dan Souch							
Donna Collins							
Erin Sketchley							
Gabriel Dinim							
Gary Fast							
Helen Hall (with Mike Manson)							
Jackie Ruffell							
John Bertagnolli							
John Sprungman							
Liam Baron-Preston							
Mike and Donna Manson							
Mike Moore							
Kate Maddigan							
Norah Johnson							
Samantha Statton							
Sandra Wood							
Uschi Koeberling					updated: 4 February, 2021		