

Cortes Island Christmas Bird Count -- CBC

Year:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
LOONS																					
Red-Throated Loon																	1			1	
Pacific Loon	1		3	1	30	3		16	7	2	1	5		13	2	6		1	2	8	1
Common Loon	43	17	26	31	43	33	35	40	48	29	35	23	35	28	40	51	41	37	28	39	37
Yellow-billed Loon						1				1								1			
GREBES																					
Pied-billed Grebe	2	7	3	4	3	2	3		12	3	3		CW	7	CW	2		3	1	1	1
Eared Grebe			2					2							2		8		3	4	
Horned Grebe	51	17	8	29	53	38	12	40	25	29	25	17	34	32	15	47	57	31	24	140	70
Red-necked Grebe	36	2	3	6	12	23	1	30	7	9	2	5	11	7	10	16	13	10	2	9	12
Western Grebe						1					1		4							2	2
CORMORANTS																					
Double-crested Cormorant	34	5	19	31	48	18	14	9	16	21	52	38	37	33	19	18	16	16		17	13
Brandt's Cormorant	5					5		1									1	2		1	1
Pelagic Cormorant	48	10	8	9	5	22	20	32	23	11	16	12	17	20	18	36	4	28		21	29
HERONS																					
Great Blue Heron	9	12	4	15	6	10	2	14	12	10	8	7	11	11	16	7	7	1	6	9	7
SWANS, GEESE																					
Trumpeter Swan	1	1	1		CW	3	2			2	CW	1			CW	1		1			
Greater White-fronted Goose			CW			1			4	4						2				CW	
Cackling Goose										2	2							1			
Brant Goose							2														20
Canada Goose	62	156	166	139	233	91	161	78	107	187	104	120	134	174	64	146	19	80	45	62	85
Graylag Goose						1															
Snow Goose																		CW	1		1
DUCKS																					
Wood Duck					2	2	2	CW	1												
Green-winged Teal		1			9		5		1	5	2					1		1		1	
Mallard	71	92	59	115	142	93	82	38	79	5	24	38	54	84	58	47	12	15	13	25	51
Eurasian Wigeon					3					2											
American Wigeon		7	2	4	24		40	8	22	30	30	26	5	14	25	129	9	10	19	3	22
Ringed Neck Duck	3	10	3	24	10	13	19	3	17	10	2	2	2	1	8	8			2	9	6
Greater Scaup		2	2				11		9	11	4	11		1					34	26	36
Lesser Scaup	1	2		3		2		1	2	1					1		6		1	4	
Harlequin Duck	156	35	76	43	84	49	19	105	71	53	96	35	68	52	75	64	64	124	65	92	126
Long-tailed Duck	9	32	4	8	CW	2	35	5	1	6	14					7	1			10	1
Black Scoter	12		3	41			24	12					2	CW			75				4
Surf Scoter	1440	740	106	411	284	666	468	1133	738	762	267	344	738	816	1222	1160	1094	677	394	890	1096

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White-winged Scoter	50			12	135		45		13		1	CW	CW		1		20	13	72	13	34
Common Goldeneye	30	29	31	23	36	11	26	21	40	35	22	52	44	20	5	32	25	66	7	10	24
Barrow's Goldeneye	73	34	46	21	47	70	37	224	39	26	43	28	16	63	78	38	33	19	56	42	68
Bufflehead	554	179	140	174	136	124	58	67	116	70	110	92	211	63	102	101	92	130	55	107	76
Hooded Merganser	6	11		10	14	7	CW	4	2	2		CW	2	5	3	2	2	2	3	9	
Common Merganser	17	7	31	29	21	18	9	17	14	19	16	2	4	19	43	15	53	29	5	14	12
Red-breasted Merganser	38	19	18	24	33	32	14	58	42	25	28	22	8	20	28	20	3		21	34	83
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES																					
Northern Harrier								1					CW								
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	2				1	3		2		3	1	4	CW						CW
Cooper's Hawk	2	2		1	2	1		CW	1	4	1			1	3	2	1	1	1	2	
Northern Goshawk								1						CW							
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	4	2	3	2	3	4	1	3	4	2	2	1	3	4		4	1	3	
Golden Eagle											CW										
Bald Eagle	21	30	64	31	26	27	37	51	49	20	45	36	36	27	83	32	27	24	38	33	27
Turkey Vulture														CW							
FALCONS, CARACARAS																					
Merlin			2		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1
Peregrine Falcon								1													
GROUSE																					
Sooty Grouse	1		1		CW	2	CW			1	CW	CW								2	
RAILS, COOTS																					
Virginia Rail	1	2			1	1			1	CW	2	1	CW	1						4	CW
American Coot		2	1	2	1	1			1	2				7	8	1					
PLOVERS																					
Black-bellied Plover											4	2	2	CW	2	7	14			15	4
Semipalmated Plover											4				10						
Killdeer		12	3	6	15	8	1	7	22	4	5	22	19	15	6	3	5	1			1

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OYSTERCATCHER																						
Black Oystercatcher	2	3	8	5	40	13	7	14	8	23	44	46	48	28	34	39	11	22	24	40	49	
SANDPIPERS																						
Greater Yellowlegs																			3	4	1	
Spotted Sandpiper																					1	
Solitary Sandpiper								CW														
Whimbrel										CW												
Black Turnstone	65	94	15	60	79	37	64	21	26	3	15	25	72	5	CW	80	2	37	16	22	15	
Surfbird			1	8	7	1	3								CW					1		
Rock Sandpiper	2				4	1											8					
Western Sandpiper																20						
Dunlin	2	1				42	27	41	CW	20	60	36	20	CW	CW	37	12		10	30	32	
Long-billed Dowitcher											3											
Common Snipe		1																				
Wilson's Snipe						4	1				2		5		1						CW	
GULLS																						
Bonaparte's Gull								1				1									1	
Mew Gull	92	253	27	33	345	3	115	56	96	41	53	122	20	77	34	326	103	21	921	207	105	
California Gull			8		50	12					2	2	3	1					2	2	1	
Herring Gull		6	10		6	1													1	10	4	
Thayer's Gull	3	1	2	2	15		2		1			1	CW	3	2							
Glaucous-winged Gull	326	418	41	136	51	110	88	132	62	35	104	52	107	81	80	56	34	152	82	195	43	
GW X Western Hybrid										3		1					1			4	4	
Black-tailed Gull											1											
Ring Billed Gull																						
Unidentified Gulls*					310		18	150	2			256		17	2					187	227	10
AUKS, PUFFINS																						
Common Murre	5	1				2		18								9					CW	
Pigeon Guillemot	13							3	3	1		CW				3					1	
Marbled Murrelet	11	6		18	33	2		3	11	19	4	2	5	CW	23	82	3	2	CW	38	19	
Ancient Murrelet									2				2									

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PIGEONS, DOVES																					
Rock Doves				3		4															
Eurasian Collard-Dove												7	1								
OWLS																					
Western Screech Owl						1			1												
Great Horned Owl	1				1			CW	CW				CW								CW
Northern Pigmy Owl			1	1	1			CW	1		CW	CW	1		3						
Barred Owl		1	1	1	6	3		CW	2	3	3	1	1	1	4	4		CW	CW	4	4
Northern Saw-whet Owl							CW	CW							1					1	
small unidentified owl																					SU 3
HUMMINGBIRDS																					
Anna's Hummingbird	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	8	6	9	13	17	27	21	28	31	13
Rufous Hummingbird						1													1		
KINGFISHERS																					
Belted Kingfisher	11	7	1	8	5	6	5	7	7	8	2	5	6	10	10	17	6	8	9	7	4
WOODPECKERS																					
Red-breasted Sapsucker		2	5	2	1	2	CW	4	2	1	1	1	5	CW	3	29			1	2	9
Downy Woodpecker	2		3	4	3	2	CW		5	2	3	1	1	1	4	3	1		1	3	2
Hairy Woodpecker	8	1	3	1	3			2	1	1	3	1	CW	1	2	1	2	4	CW	4	2
Northern Flicker	8	13	3	30	30	21	14	17	36	18	13	19	35	14	12	9	11	10	3	30	10
Pileated Woodpecker		4	7	5	4	4	5	5	6	11	5	1	6	1	1	6	1	2	1	6	6
Three-toed Woodpecker		1																			SU
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES																					
Steller's Jay	19	15	25	72	31	62	6	19	8	44	1	1	5	32	19	6	42		32	13	12
Northwestern Crow	105	88	96	83	58	63	45	60	89	75	47	50	45	23	48	63	47	43	55	15	31
Common Raven	11	33	50	30	23	47	36	33	41	37	34	16	41	38	40	43	32	23	35	28	43
CHICKADIES, NUTHUTCHES, CREEPERS																					
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	100	27	15	31	13	53	34	40	80	46	76	45	14	25	61	32	53	9	60	70	43
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6		1	4	4	10	19	4	24	29	14	12	9	2	8	12	2	2	6	37	10
Brown Creeper	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	9	2	3	1			1	1	1	4	4	1	1
Black-capped Chickadee						6	1														

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WRENS																					
Bewick's Wren	1	1								CW					1					2	CW
House Wren					7									1			2				
Pacific Wren (Winter Wren)	27	9	19	48	36	16	21	19	14	43	16	33	23	14	33	77	11	17	40	36	30
American Dipper			1							CW								CW			
Marsh Wren		1		1																	
Wren unidentified								5				1									
THRUSHES, WRENTITS																					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	21	33	13	55	20	104	72	43	30	30	29	27	42	20	8	35	45	61	81	22	8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	3	4	12	4	11		1	2	4	9	1	CW	12	7	4	1	1	3	9	
Hermit Thrush			4		4		CW			9		2				3		1		1	
American Robin	14	17	7	18	150	7	6	13	22	5	12	2	46	37	2	14	6	4	CW	6	
Varied Thrush	9	3	77	39	40	12	15	46	41	96	8	27	30	5	54	77	17	17	10	49	64
WAXWINGS																					
Bohemian Waxwing								CW													CW
Cedar Waxwing										CW			CW								
SHRIKES																					
Northern Shrike			cw		1																
STARLINGS																					
European Starling	71	56	36	124	3	65	38	75	103	75	25	30	50	49	17	3	38	56	45	13	26
VIREOS																					
Hutton's Vireo			2	1					1		1				1	1		1	1	2	
WARBLERS, SPARROWS																					
Spotted Towhee	65	60	88	77	65	92	28	82	43	71	60	65	47	47	62	72	39	21	38	90	88
Savannah Sparrow					1																
Fox Sparrow	7	4	23	12	4	15	4	27	20	25	10	37	48	16	12	13	7	4	3	38	49
Song Sparrow	27	14	48	47	26	53	11	5	13	31	8	68	39	22	46	22	22	9	21	70	34
White-crowned Sparrow						1		1	1												
Golden-crowned Sparrow	4	1	CW		1	1		7	1	2	1			1	1	3		CW		3	2
Dark-eyed Junco	473	222	436	296	531	153	164	286	367	179	180	232	151	181	178	207	148	206	139	582	188
House Sparrow		4						6													
Lincoln Sparrow													2	2							
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1																				
MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS																					
Red-winged Blackbird	1		3	2	10	4	CW	1	CW	5	CW	CW	2	1	4						
Brewer's Blackbird																1			2		4
Brown-headed Cowbird		1			CW																

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FINCHES																					
Purple Finch	8	7	11	2	8	14	22	8	8	10	5	6	6		7	19		4	58	4	
House Finch	4	21	4		5	10	2	1	1	2		1			1	8			5	1	14
Red Crossbill	62						4	25			3	8		CW	81	16				114	
Pine Siskin	102	80	403	93	9	18	257	332	356	4	935	699	24	55	28	25	20	447	270	355	30
Evening Grosbeak								10													
Pine Grosbeak								1													
Additional species																					
Cattle Egret																					CW
SPECIES TOTAL	71	73	72	68	76	81	63	72	75	75	71	70	71	70	70	72	60	57	65	82	70
CW-COUNT WEEK SIGHTING			3		6		7	8	3	5	5	7	8	7	6			4	4	4	5
Total Individuals	4478	2993	2346	2616	3512	2475	2326	3656	3093	2425	2770	2901	2464	2372	2900	3500	2458	2537	3149	4093	2963
SU*-Sigthing Unconfirmed																				1	1

*SU sightings are listed on our local page but are not submitted to Audubon Society database

Number of participants

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2015 CBC - Sunday, 2016-01-03

Weather: cold, around 0°C, ponds mostly frozen, calm to light wind. Morning - mostly sunny with some wind. Afternoon - overcast.

2016 CBC - Saturday, 2016-12-17

Weather: cold, around -3° to 0°C, ponds mostly frozen, calm, mostly overcast, some wind, some sun.

2017 CBC - Sunday, 2017-12-17

Weather: mild, around 5°C, rain all day, heavy in places, northwest wind

2018 CBC - Sunday, 2018-12-30

Weather: mild, around 5°C, light northwest wind, partly sunny (very unpredictable weather overall in December caused CBC to be postponed twice)

2019 CBC - Saturday, 2019-12-28

Weather: 5°C, light rain, fog, wind SE 25 km/h

2020 CBC - Monday, 2020-12-28

Weather: sunny, around 1 °C in the morning then rising, morning northwest wind, calming by mid-day, gorgeous day for bird counting

2021 CBC - Sunday, January 5, 2022

Weather: temperature -3 / -4 C, mostly cloudy, humidity 89%, barometer 102.21 kPa, NWW 9 km/h, very cold for Cortes, lakes partly frozen

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