

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	2022	2023
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	2	1
Common Loon	43	17	26	31	43	33	35	40	48	29	35	23	35	28	40	51	41	37	28	39	37	22	70
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			1
Horned Grebe	51	17	8	29	53	38	12	40	25	29	25	17	34	32	15	47	57	31	24	140	70	31	56
Red-necked Grebe	36	2	3	6	12	23	1	30	7	9	2	5	11	7	10	16	13	10	2	9	12	10	60
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	12	15
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	5	20
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	2	15
SWANS, GEESE																							
Trumpeter Swan	1	1	1		CW	3	2			2	CW	1			CW	1		1					
Tundra Swan																						CW	
Greater White-fronted Goose			CW			1			4	4						2				CW			
Cackling Goose										2	2							1					
Brant							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	20	5
Graylag Goose						1																	
Snow Goose																		CW	1		1		

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DUCKS																								
Wood Duck					2	2	2	CW	1															
Green-winged Teal		1			9		5		1	5	2					1		1		1			2	
Mallard	71	92	59	115	142	93	82	38	79	5	24	38	54	84	58	47	12	15	13	25	51	41	10	
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	19		
Ring-necked Duck	3	10	3	24	10	13	19	3	17	10	2	2	2	1	8	8			2	9	6	1	2	
Greater Scaup		2	2				11		9	11	4	11		1					34	26	36	8	65	
Lesser Scaup	1	2		3		2		1	2	1					1		6		1	4			2	
Harlequin Duck	156	35	76	43	84	49	19	105	71	53	96	35	68	52	75	64	64	124	65	92	126	55	77	
Long-tailed Duck	9	32	4	8	CW	2	35	5	1	6	14					7	1			10	1		3	
Black Scoter	12		3	41			24	12				2	CW				75				4		5	
Surf Scoter	1440	740	106	411	284	666	468	1133	738	762	267	344	738	816	1222	1160	1094	677	394	890	1096	395	1411	
White-winged Scoter	50			12	135		45		13		1	CW	CW		1		20	13	72	13	34		52	
Common Goldeneye	30	29	31	23	36	11	26	21	40	35	22	52	44	20	5	32	25	66	7	10	24	109	40	
Barrow's Goldeneye	73	34	46	21	47	70	37	224	39	26	43	28	16	63	78	38	33	19	56	42	68	89	56	
Bufflehead	554	179	140	174	136	124	58	67	116	70	110	92	211	63	102	101	92	130	55	107	76	127	133	
Hooded Merganser	6	11		10	14	7	CW	4	2	2		CW	2	5	3	2	2	2	3	9		CW	4	
Common Merganser	17	7	31	29	21	18	9	17	14	19	16	2	4	19	43	15	53	29	5	14	12	9	23	
Red-breasted Merganser	38	19	18	24	33	32	14	58	42	25	28	22	8	20	28	20	3		21	34	83	11	16	
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES																								
Northern Harrier								1					CW											
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	2				1	3		2		3	1	4	CW					CW		CW	CW	
Cooper's Hawk	2	2		1	2	1		CW	1	4	1			1	3	2	1	1	1	2			1	
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		2	1	
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	24	22	
Turkey Vulture														CW										
FALCONS, CARACARAS																								
Merlin			2		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1	1	CW	
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								

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PLOVERS																							
Black-bellied Plover											4	2	2	CW	2	7	14			15	4		
Semipalmated Plover											4				10								1
Killdeer		12	3	6	15	8	1	7	22	4	5	22	19	15	6	3	5	1			1	5	4
OYSTERCATCHER																							
Black Oystercatcher	2	3	8	5	40	13	7	14	8	23	44	46	48	28	34	39	11	22	24	40	49	11	25
SANDPIPERS																							
Greater Yellowlegs																			3	4	1	1	3
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	35	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	70	12
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	89	90
GW X Western Hybrid										3		1					1			4	4	4	2
Black-tailed Gull											1												
Ring-billed Gull																							
Unidentified Gulls*					310		18	150	2			256		17	2				187	227	10	18	
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	5	13
Ancient Murrelet									2					2									

CW - Count Week sightings, not included in Species Total number.

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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								2
Barred Owl		1	1	1	6	3		CW	2	3	3	1	1	1	4	4		CW	CW	4	4	CW	1
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	13	14
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	1	9
WOODPECKERS																							
Red-breasted Sapsucker		2	5	2	1	2	CW	4	2	1	1	1	5	CW	3	29			1	2	9		CW
Downy Woodpecker	2		3	4	3	2	CW		5	2	3	1	1	1	4	3	1		1	3	2		1
Hairy Woodpecker	8	1	3	1	3			2	1	1	3	1	CW	1	2	1	2	4	CW	4	2	3	5
Northern Flicker	8	13	3	30	30	21	14	17	36	18	13	19	35	14	12	9	11	10	3	30	10	5	10
Pileated Woodpecker		4	7	5	4	4	5	5	6	11	5	1	6	1	1	6	1	2	1	6	6		4
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	1	7
Northwestern Crow	105	88	96	83	58	63	45	60	89	75	47	50	45	23	48	63	47	43	55	15	31	17	43
Common Raven	11	33	50	30	23	47	36	33	41	37	34	16	41	38	40	43	32	23	35	28	43	48	31
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	17	73
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6		1	4	4	10	19	4	24	29	14	12	9	2	8	12	2	2	6	37	10	4	2
Brown Creeper	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	9	2	3	1			1	1	1	4	4	1	1		6
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	21	40
American Dipper			1							CW								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	21	40
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	3	4	12	4	11		1	2	4	9	1	CW	12	7	4	1	1	3	9			CW
Hermit Thrush			4		4		CW			9		2						1		1			2
American Robin	14	17	7	18	150	7	6	13	22	5	12	2	46	37	2	14	6	4	CW	6		17	2
Varied Thrush	9	3	77	39	40	12	15	46	41	96	8	27	30	5	54	77	17	17	10	49	64	33	5
WAXWINGS																							
Bohemian Waxwing								CW															CW
Cedar Waxwing										CW			CW										
SHRIKES																							
Northern Shrike			cw		1																		CW
STARLINGS																							
European Starling	71	56	36	124	3	65	38	75	103	75	25	30	50	49	17	3	38	56	45	13	26	28	45
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	166	32
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	31	4
Song Sparrow	27	14	48	47	26	53	11	5	13	31	8	68	39	22	46	22	22	9	21	70	34	20	15
White-crowned Sparrow						1		1	1													2	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	4	1	CW		1	1		7	1	2	1			1	1	3		CW		3	2	8	5
Dark-eyed Junco	473	222	436	296	531	153	164	286	367	179	180	232	151	181	178	207	148	206	139	582	188	717	129
House Sparrow		4						6															5
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							1	1
Brewer's Blackbird																1			2		4		2
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		5	1
House Finch	4	21	4		5	10	2	1	1	2		1			1	8			5	1	14	10	4
Red Crossbill	62						4	25			3	8		CW	81	16				114		6	
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	54	67
CW-COUNT WEEK SIGHTING			3		6		7	8	3	5	5	7	8	7	6			4	4	4	5	6	4
Total Individuals	4478	2993	2346	2616	3512	2475	2326	3656	3093	2425	2770	2901	2464	2372	2900	3500	2458	2537	3149	4093	2963	2427	2873
SU*-Sigthing Uncofirmed																					1	1	

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

Number of participants

29 33 28

2023 CBC -Sunday, December 17, 2023

Weather: mild, quiet, around 5-7 C, open waters not frozen, a bit foggy

2022 CBC - Sunday, December 18, 2022

Weather: -5, mostly cloudy, very cold, windy, NNW, 16 km/h, open waters free (but frozen on the next day), humidity 73%, barometer 101.41 kPa

2021 CBC - Sunday, January 5, 2022

Weather: temperature -3 / -4 C, mostly cloudy, humidity 89%, barometer 102.21 kPa, NWW 5 km/h, very cold for Cortes, lakes partly frozen

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

2019 CBC - Saturday, 2019-12-28

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

2018 CBC - Sunday, 2018-12-30

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

2017 CBC - Sunday, 2017-12-17

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

2016 CBC - Saturday, 2016-12-17

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

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.

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