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Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Totals
1 Snow Goose											1	1
2 Canada Goose	50						1					51
3 Gadwall	12				4		14				2	32
4 American Wigeon	31						1					32
5 Mallard	16	8			2	25	45	12			24	132
6 Blue-winged Teal											1	1
7 Cinnamon Teal					6		7					13
8 Northern Shoveler	13				6	2	2				1	24
9 Green-winged Teal											1	1
10 Ring-necked Duck		2					2					4
11 Lesser Scaup	2				1	2						5
12 Surf Scoter				50							1	51
13 Bufflehead		1			3		1				4	9
14 Hooded Merganser		3					2	1				6
15 Red-breasted Merganser											1	1
16 Ruddy Duck	15	7			12	6	14	1			18	73
17 California Quail								17				17
18 Red-throated Loon				2								2
19 Pacific Loon				40								40
20 Pied-billed Grebe	16	2		1	1		1				1	22
21 Horned Grebe											3	3
22 Red-necked Grebe				1								1
23 Eared Grebe		2		3							7	12
24 Western Grebe				150							5	155
25 Clark's Grebe	1			1								2
26 Black-vented Shearwater				75								75
27 Brown Pelican		1		400							16	417
28 Brandt's Cormorant				200								200
29 Double-crested Cormorant	19			80	1							100
30 Great Blue Heron	1			4	1			3			3	12
31 Great Egret		1		1			3	2			2	9
32 Snowy Egret	2			12			7	3			8	32
33 Green Heron	3						2	4			1	10
34 Black-crowned Night-Heron	1					1	1				10	13
35 White-faced Ibis	1											1
36 Turkey Vulture	5	43	63		5	2	59	5	40	3		225
37 Osprey	1										2	3

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38 White-tailed Kite		1			1			2				4
39 Northern Harrier		1	1						1	1		4
40 Sharp-shinned Hawk			2		1		1					4
41 Cooper's Hawk	1	1	2					2	1			7
42 Red-shouldered Hawk	2						1	4	1		2	10
43 Red-tailed Hawk	6	21	20	1	8	1	6	20	15	2	3	103
44 American Kestrel	2	2	2		1	1	1	2	16		3	30
45 Merlin											1	1
46 Peregrine Falcon	1			1								2
47 Virginia Rail	2											2
48 Sora	1											1
49 Common Moorhen	11				9			1				21
50 American Coot	84	26			150	50	87	13			320	730
51 Black-bellied Plover											4	4
52 Snowy Plover											1	1
53 Killdeer					1					14	45	60
54 Black Oystercatcher				6							2	8
55 Black-necked Stilt							2				10	12
56 Spotted Sandpiper	1	1		1	2		4	1			4	14
57 Greater Yellowlegs							1	1				2
58 Willet				5							16	21
59 Whimbrel				1							8	9
60 Long-billed Curlew											1	1
61 Marbled Godwit											2	2
62 Black Turnstone											CW	cw
63 Sanderling				12							60	72
64 Least Sandpiper							4				6	10
65 Long-billed Dowitcher											1	1
66 Wilson's Snipe								4				4
67 Bonaparte's Gull				2								2
68 Heermann's Gull				500							40	540
69 Mew Gull											1	1
70 Ring-billed Gull	3	15					40	16			16	90
71 Western Gull	2			800			1	8			175	986
72 California Gull	1	4		15	4			6			500	530
73 Herring Gull											2	2
74 Glaucous-winged Gull				5							7	12

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gull sp.		500	10									510
75 Royal Tern				1							5	6
76 Cassin's Auklet				30								30
77 Rock Pigeon		31		40	3			15			6	95
78 Eurasian Collared-Dove											3	3
79 Mourning Dove	22	20	1		38	5	8	16	2	27	4	143
80 Greater Roadrunner					1			2				3
81 Barn Owl								3				8
82 Great Horned Owl		1						3				5
83 Western Screech-Owl												18
84 White-throated Swift		16					4	3				23
85 Anna's Hummingbird	42	58	40	1	39	20	9	72	15	14	7	317
86 Costa's Hummingbird					1			1		2		4
87 Allen's Hummingbird	21	8			18	8	1	7		6	7	76
88 Belted Kingfisher	1			1		2	1	3			1	9
89 Acorn Woodpecker		7	64				9	6	40			126
90 Red-breasted Sapsucker							1	1				2
91 Nuttall's Woodpecker	11	4	10		6	5	1	16	7		1	61
92 Downy Woodpecker								1				1
93 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	8	4	10		1		1	15	12			51
94 Black Phoebe	43	4	5	3	17	8	7	34	4	3	10	138
95 Say's Phoebe	3	1	4		2	2	1	15	20	2	3	53
96 Cassin's Kingbird	14	1	1		4	5	4	27	3		7	66
97 Loggerhead Shrike								2			1	3
98 Plumbeous Vireo	1											1
99 Hutton's Vireo			1		1		1	4	3	3		13
100 Western Scrub-Jay	3	6	33			5	4	41	31	3		126
101 American Crow	106	69	68	6	15027	100	141	123			50	15690
102 Common Raven	8	19	25			4	2	11	22		1	92
103 Mountain Chickadee					2	1						3
104 Oak Titmouse			37		3		2		9			51
105 Bushtit	43	71	53		150	90	20	142	36	9	12	626
106 White-breasted Nuthatch			1									1
107 Brown Creeper	1											1
108 Rock Wren											2	2
109 Cactus Wren			1									1
110 Bewick's Wren	3		7		6	3	1	7	1		1	29

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111 House Wren	8		2		1	4	1	5	2	2	1	26
112 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	50		1		25	20	5	23	5	2	4	135
113 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		1					12				14
114 California Gnatcatcher					1			2			2	5
115 Western Bluebird	7	13			2	3	7	10			3	45
116 Hermit Thrush	7		1		1	4	2	15		2		32
117 American Robin		4				60		15				79
118 Wrenit	3	30	33		5	4	1	62	39	2		179
119 Northern Mockingbird	1	4			6	2		18	2		4	37
120 California Thrasher		16	3		3			18	4	1		45
121 European Starling		41	2		250		64	24	74		12	467
122 American Pipit					31	2		49			1	83
123 Cedar Waxwing	80	5			14	12		43			45	199
124 Phainopepla		2							1			3
125 Orange-crowned Warbler	17	1			10	14	1	7	2	1	2	55
126 Yellow Warbler											1	1
127 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Aud.)	376	25	245		175	150	70	268	35		40	1384
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)						2						2
128 Black-throated Gray Warbler								1				1
129 Townsend's Warbler	4					4		3	1		1	13
130 Common Yellowthroat	49				7	20	2	56		1	2	137
131 Wilson's Warbler	1				2						1	4
132 Spotted Towhee	6	6	16		6	6	3	22	3	2		70
133 California Towhee	7	8	18		11	5	3	57	22	7	7	145
134 Rufous-crowned Sparrow								4				4
135 Lark Sparrow									1			1
136 Fox Sparrow										1		1
137 Song Sparrow	55	7	1		22	15	13	44		3		160
138 Lincoln's Sparrow	1				1			5				7
139 White-throated Sparrow			1									1
140 Golden-crowned Sparrow	1					1		10				12
141 White-crowned Sparrow	70	48	20		146	40	7	121	45	14	10	521
142 Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	9		19		8		5		1			42
Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)			1									1
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)					1							1
143 Red-winged Blackbird	31	4						4	15			54
144 Western Meadowlark		34					1		28		12	75

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145 Brewer's Blackbird		5			1	8					6	20
146 Great-tailed Grackle	2				3			2				7
147 Brown-headed Cowbird							1					1
148 Bullock's Oriole											1	1
149 House Finch	26	35	87		51	75	27	101	19	20	10	451
150 Lesser Goldfinch	41	3	55		17	15	15	45		16		207
151 American Goldfinch	93	3			25	12		6	2			141
152 House Sparrow		24				10	3	4			2	43
153 Nutmeg Manakin (exotic)	46				12	10	24	37				129