

# MVAS Christmas Bird Count Summary Report for 2021

Printout Date: 2/5/2022

Count Name:	Las Cruces	Count Code:	NMLC	Count Date:	12/18/2021
Organizations & Sponsors:	Mesilla Valley Audubon Society	# of Party Hours:	126.25	Species reported on count date:	97

## Compiler(s) Start & End Times Effort

First Name	Last Name	Email	Is Primary Compiler
Mark	Pendleton	mpndltn@gmail.com	Yes

Start time	End time
07:00 AM	05:00 PM

Observers		
In Field	Total Number:	65
	Minimum Number of Parties (daylight):	17
	Maximum Number of Parties (daylight):	28
At Feeders	Total Number:	2

**Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders and nocturnal birding)**

By	Hours	Distance	Units
Foot	58.25	55.00	Miles
Car	66.00	477.00	Miles
Air			
All-Terrain Vehicle			
Bicycle			
Dog Sled			
Golfcart	2.00	2.00	Miles
Horseback			
Motorized Boat			
Non-Motorized Boat			
Skis/Xc-Skis			
Snowmachine			
Snowshoe			
Wheelchair			
<b>Other Time and Distance</b>			
	Hours	Distance	Units
At Feeders	2.00		

*Explanatory Note:*

**1) SPECIES** is, obviously, the species observed. **2) NUMBER or cw** refers to the number of individual birds of that species counted, or whether the species was seen during count week (three days before through three days after the actual count day). **3) the MAX in MAX/NUMBER** refers to the maximum number of individuals of this species ever seen on the Las Cruces CBC, while NUMBER refers to the count number on which that record was attained. The first ever CBC was in 1900, so that was count number 1; to find the year in which a count took place, add the number to 1900. So, reading below for Gadwall, we see that the most GADW ever seen on a Las Cruces Christmas bird count was 133 seen on count 120. Adding 120 to 1900 we get 2020, telling us that the record for Gadwall was set in 2020. Likewise, reading down the list, the record for Mallards is 328, seen in 2001; the high number for Black-crowned Night Herons is 33, seen in 1985; Harris's Hawk sightings peaked at 5 in 2016; the most American Coots observed was 402 (wow!) In 1981, and our now probably broken record for White-winged Doves of 42,521 was set in 2004. You get the picture. I hope you enjoy perusing these numbers as much as I did. **4) COUNTS** refers to the number of Las Cruces CBCs in which each species listed was seen.

*Thanks to Wayne Treers for explaining the equation for converting count number to year.*

## CHECKLIST OF SPECIES SEEN

SPECIES	NUMBER or cw	MAX/NUMBER	COUNTS
Gadwall	22	133/120	44
American Wigeon	9	268/120	43
Mallard	271	328/101	46
Northern Shoveler	13	249/111	42
Green-winged Teal	10	285/112	16
Ring-necked Duck	5	138/77	45
Ruddy Duck	11	100/78	20
Gambel's Quail	297	720/115	45
Great Blue Heron	8	71/95	45

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NUMBER or cw</b>	<b>MAX/NUMBER</b>	<b>COUNTS</b>
Black-crowned Night Heron	7	33/85	35
Northern Harrier	18	39/111	46
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	25/94	46
Cooper's Hawk	25	36/119	46
Harris's Hawk	1	5/116	8
Red-tailed Hawk	39	82/109	46
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's)	1	5/96	27
Ferruginous Hawk	2	8/102	41
American Coot	9	402/81	46
Killdeer	21	343/97	46
Least Sandpiper	98	264/107	44
Wilson's Snipe	1	19/107	18
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	1141	1902/113	46
Eurasian Collared-Dove	276	939/119	17
Inca Dove	31	180/97	46
White-winged Dove	8699	42,521/104	45
Mourning Dove	555	54,05/98	46
Greater Roadrunner	17	59/101	46
Great Horned Owl	3	11/113	41
Long-eared Owl	2	17/90	36
Anna's Hummingbird	1	8/110	34
Rufous Hummingbird	1	4/109	26
Broad-billed Hummingbird	cw	1/118	6
Belted Kingfisher	1	14/101	45
Red-naped Sapsucker	1	10/116	28

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NUMBER or cw</b>	<b>MAX/NUMBER</b>	<b>COUNTS</b>
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	40	62/119	46
Northern Flicker	57	121/107	14
Northern Flicker (r-s)	21	284/97	43
American Kestrel	67	149/116	46
Merlin	1	6/104	22
Peregrine Falcon	3	4/111	22
Black Phoebe	5	35/107	46
Say's Phoebe	47	94/116	46
Loggerhead Shrike	2	62/77	46
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	1	41/118	4
American Crow	4,110	13,210/105	30
Chihuahuan Raven	19	1,453/100	38
Common Raven	2	28/100	18
raven sp.	4	23/114	9
crow/raven sp.	1	1,000/100	4
Verdin	23	62/104	46
Bushtit	3	60/83	9
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	9/118	18
Rock Wren	1	32/92	43
Marsh Wren	1	22/106	44
Bewick's Wren	1	44/83	45
Cactus Wren	4	61/93	46
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	11/109	10
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	1	46/108	38
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	35	402/96	46

SPECIES	NUMBER or cw	MAX/NUMBER	COUNTS
Eastern Bluebird	1	17/87	21
Western Bluebird	84	262/79	41
bluebird sp.	4	25/116	5
Hermit Thrush	1	54/93	44
American Robin	316	1,336/97	46
Curve-billed Thrasher	39	89/116	44
Crissal Thrasher	6	50/93	46
Northern Mockingbird	33	78/112	46
European Starling	994	6,826/90	45
American Pipit	86	1,148/97	47
Cedar Waxwing	14	216/94	43
Phainopepla	5	70/84	46
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	49/94	41
Yellow-rumped Warbler	56	242/99	27
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	2	386/109	42
Chipping Sparrow	238	820/90	46
Brewer's Sparrow	139	834/100	45
Black-throated Sparrow	36	435/92	45
Fox Sparrow	cw	1/115	15
Dark-eyed Junco	87	834/97	35
D-e Junco (Slate-colored)	cw	35/98	21
D-e Junco (Oregon)	cw	35/98	45
D-e Junco (Pink-sided)	cw	145/101	21
D-e Junco (Gray-headed)	1	417/96	46

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<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>	1,082	3,466/100	46
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	1	22/81	30
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>	1	106/83	38
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>	10	285/101	45
<b>Song Sparrow</b>	8	381/97	45
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>	4	89/92	44
<b>Canyon Towhee</b>	22	110/92	32
<b>Green-tailed Towhee</b>	7	49/115	44
<b>Spotted Towhee</b>	26	74/90	35
<b>towhee sp.</b>	1	113/77	15
<b>sparrow sp.</b>	17	100/109	15
<b>Pyrrhuloxia</b>	47	168/93	46
<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>	761	8,357/83	46
<b>Western Meadowlark</b>	2	308/91	46
<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>	25	41/81	22
<b>W/E Meadowlark</b>	8	443/97	44
<b>Brewer's Blackbird</b>	2,809	7,746/112	46
<b>Great-tailed Grackle</b>	1,572	6,237/94	46
<b>House Finch</b>	1,415	1,671/115	46
<b>Lesser Goldfinch</b>	59	223/109	42
<b>American Goldfinch</b>	45	77/84	29
<b>House Sparrow</b>	504	2,624/97	46
<b>Total Individuals</b>	26,621		
<b>Total Species</b>	97		