

First Saturday in December
American River Parkway Wildlife Count – Dec. 6, 2009
 American River Natural History Association
 American River – Hazel Avenue to Mouth at Sacramento River

Area: All Areas

Number of Observers: 67

LEGEND: * = BIRD SPECIES SPOTTED IN 2009 (115)

** = NEW BIRD SPECIES SEEN IN 2009 (1)

NUMBER AFTER SPECIES = YEARS SEEN IN WILDLIFE COUNTS

Common Loon	5			*Oak Titmouse	25
* Pied-billed Grebe	25	* California Quail	25	*Bushtit	25
Horned Grebe	3	*Virginia Rail	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3
Eared Grebe	6	* Sora	4	*White-breasted Nuthatch	25
Western Grebe	8	*Common Moorhen	22	Brown Creeper	13
**Clark's Grebe	1	* American Coot	25	Rock Wren	12
American White Pelican	3	Sandhill Crane	1	*Bewick's Wren	25
* Dbl-crested Cormorant	24	* Killdeer	25	*House Wren	25
American Bittern	3	* Greater Yellowlegs	25	*Winter Wren	9
* Great Blue Heron	25	*Spotted Sandpiper	25	*Marsh Wren	9
* Great Egret	25	Long-billed Curlew	1	American Dipper	1
* Snowy Egret	22	Western Sandpiper	2	* Golden-crowned Kinglet	18
Cattle Egret	1	Least Sandpiper	10	* Ruby-crowned Kinglet	25
* Green Heron	25	Long-billed Dowitcher	7	* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	23
* Black-crowned Night-heron	18	Wilson's Snipe	10	* Western Bluebird	25
* Turkey Vulture	25	Red-necked Phalarope	1	* Hermit Thrush	25
*Greater White-fronted Goose	5	Bonaparte's Gull	1	* American Robin	24
Snow Goose	5	*Mew Gull	25	Varied Thrush	17
Ross's Goose	2	*Ring-billed Gull	25	*Wrentit	12
* Cackling Goose	5	*California Gull	25	* Northern Mockingbird	25
* Canada Goose	24	*Herring Gull	25	California Thrasher	1
* Tundra Swan	16	*Thayer's Gull	25	* American Pipit	25
* Wood Duck	25	Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	* European Starling	25
Gadwall	5	Western Gull	4	* Cedar Waxwing	25
* American Wigeon	11	* Glaucous-winged Gull	25	* Phainopepla	24
* Mallard	25	Glaucous Gull	4	Northern Parula	1
* Cinnamon Teal	2	* Rock Pigeon	25	* Orange-crowned Warbler	25
* Northern Shoveler	15	*Band-tailed Pigeon	4	* Yellow-rumped Warbler	25
Northern Pintail	12	* Mourning Dove	25	Palm Warbler	1
Green-winged Teal	10	Barn Owl	13	Black-throated Gray Warbler	19
* Canvasback	13	* Western Screech-owl	12	Townsend's Warbler	7
Redhead	3	* Great Horned Owl	25	Black-and-white Warbler	1
Ring-necked Duck	8	Northern Pygmy-owl	1	Common Yellowthroat	1
*Lesser Scaup	5	Burrowing Owl	5	Wilson's Warbler	1
Long-tailed Duck	1	*Long-eared Owl	3	Western Tanager	3
* Bufflehead	24	* White-throated Swift	23	* Spotted Towhee	25
* Common Goldeneye	25	* Anna's Hummingbird	25	* California Towhee	25
* Barrow's Goldeneye	24	Costa's Hummingbird	2	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	4
* Hooded Merganser	15	* Belted Kingfisher	25	Chipping Sparrow	5
* Common Merganser	25	Lewis' Woodpecker	2	*Lark Sparrow	22
Red-breasted Merganser	1	* Acorn Woodpecker	25	* Savannah Sparrow	21
* Ruddy Duck	22	Red-napped Sapsucker	1	* Fox Sparrow	25
* Osprey	18	* Red-breasted Sapsucker	24	* Song Sparrow	25
* White-tailed Kite	25	* Nuttall's Woodpecker	25	* Lincoln's Sparrow	25
Bald Eagle	5	* Downy Woodpecker	25	* White-throated Sparrow	13
* Northern Harrier	21	Hairy Woodpecker	1	* White-crowned Sparrow	25
* Sharp-shinned Hawk	25	* Northern Flicker	25	* Golden-crowned Sparrow	25
* Cooper's Hawk	25	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	2	* Dark-eyed Junco	25
* Red-shouldered Hawk	25	* Black Phoebe	25	* Red-winged Blackbird	24
Swainson's Hawk	1	* Say's Phoebe	5	Tricolored Blackbird	2
* Red-tailed Hawk	25	Loggerhead Shrike	3	* Western Meadowlark	25
Ferruginous Hawk	1	Northern Shrike	1	* Brewer's Blackbird	25
Rough-legged Hawk	2	Cassin's Vireo	1	* Brown-headed Cowbird	9
Golden Eagle	1	* Hutton's Vireo	20	*Purple Finch	16
* American Kestrel	25	* Western Scrub-jay	25	* House Finch	25
* Merlin	12	* Yellow-billed Magpie	25	Pine Siskin	15
* Peregrine Falcon	4	* American Crow	25	* Lesser Goldfinch	25
* Ring-necked Pheasant	21	Horned Lark	3	* American Goldfinch	25
* Wild Turkey	23	Tree Swallow	16	* House Sparrow	25

NEW SPECIES: One bird species added – Clark's Grebe

SUMMARY: Wildlife spotted on December 5, 2009, along the American River Parkway. 11 areas (plus 4 canoes in the river between Grist Mill and Howe Ave.) had 67 observers who spotted a total of 115 bird species and 15 other animal species. Leader Barbara Mohr won for the year with the greatest percentage increase of bird species sighted in her area over her three year average.

Total Animals in all areas by year:

Weather	River CFS	Number of Observers	Year	Bird Species: Number Seen	Mammal Species: Number Seen	Other Species: Number Seen
			1985	98		
			1986	103		
			1987	108		
			1988	104		
			1989	103		
			1990	109		
Fog & Rain		31	1991	106		
Sunny		30	1992	110		
Overcast to Sunny		36	1993	103	9	5
Soaking Rain		27	1994	101	8	1
Overcast		42	1995	108	9	3
Overcast	1900	53	1996	110	10	2
Cold & Foggy	2400	43	1997	104	10	1
Cold. Clear to overcast	3103	42	1998	107	10	2
Cold & clear	2512	45	1999	105	10	2
Very cold, dense fog 'til noon	2551	49	2000	106	12	2
Light rain, strong wind	1027	46	2001	101	8	1
Clear & sunny	1791	45	2002	107	11	4
Light rain, overcast	2050	41	2003	102	11	3
Clear & frosty to overcast	1798	44	2004	108	11	1
Clear & frosty to clear & windy	2339	46	2005	103	12	4
Cold fog to clear	2047	52	2006	106	8	3
Clear, very cold. Wind in afternoon	1280	62	2007	109	11	2
Dense fog 'til noon, very cold	1124	64	2008	113	14	2
Overcast and very cold 'til noon, then sunny	1833	67	2009	115	13	2

Total Different Bird Species seen in 25 years: 176

Most in one year: 115 species in 2009

MAMMALS AND OTHER SPECIES COUNT, 2009

114 Deer	11 River Otters	0 Pocket Gopher (mounds)
25 Bucks	16 Jack Rabbits	0 Mole (broken ground trails)
65 Does	4 Cottontail Rabbits	0 Fence Lizards
7 Fawns	5 House Cats	0 Western Pond Turtles
28 Ground Squirrels	0 Beaver	1 Pond Slider Turtle
74 Gray Squirrels	0 Skunks (smell)	0 Pacific Tree Frogs
205 Fox Squirrels	1 Black Rat	62 Wild Turkeys (all toms)
1 Alligator Lizard	0 Raccoon (tracks)	
10 Coyotes	0 Muskrat	
1 California Sea Lion		