

The 15th annual Pueblo County Fall Bird Count was held 9-18-10. After several hot days of dry SW winds, we caught a break on Count Day. Temperatures stayed below 80F due to cooling upslope easterly winds. 17 observers tallied 179 species, just one short of the fall count record of 180 seen in 2005. Donna Emmons and Brandon Percival recruited participants and helped compile their lists.

Brandon's Pueblo Reservoir team found 4 Common Terns, not so common in the County. Longspurs are always a treat; 2 Chestnut-collareds were seen by Bill Maynard at Chico Basin. Among the Count's rarities were 2 Horned Grebes at Stem Beach nicely described and separated from Eared Grebes by Pearle Sandstrom & Clif Smith. Horned Grebes have never been reported for fall in our area before October, and this sighting is an early date for the *PUEBLO MIGRATION CALENDAR*. The Greenhorn Valley Team tallied 110 species for the top list, and we saved the best for last. 2 Red Phalaropes at Huerfano Lake to finish a great day.

Count results have been posted on the ebird/Int'l Migratory Bird Day website. To receive a complete list of this year's Fall Count, please respond to this message.
Next Migration Count will be in Spring on 5-14-11. Hope to hear from you then.

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Pueblo County Migration Counts