

The 27th annual Pueblo County Spring Bird Count Results

The 27th annual Pueblo County Spring Bird Count was held 5-11-19, International Migratory Bird Day(IMBD). Eleven participants in up to 7 parties tallied 141 species. This total was somewhat below recent ones mostly due to fewer participants than usual, but perhaps also due to wet chilly weather in days preceding the Count.

Yet some unusual birds & numbers were reported. Brandon Percival & Van Truan found 5 Black Rails & the Count's 1st Least Bittern on Nepesta Rd. near Boone. Gib Rokich tallied 20 Burrowing Owls at the large Prairie Dog Colony on Cedarwood Rd. east of Colorado City. 6 Curve-billed Thrashers in Pueblo West seen by Margie Joy are a somewhat unusual high number for this bird once rare near Pueblo. Rick Clawges again had the long present Carolina Wren along with an Ovenbird east of Pueblo Blvd along the Arkansas River. Eastern Phoebe are increasing in the County, & 3 were enjoyed by Pearle Sandstrom & Clif Smith south of Pueblo. 3 Black Phoebe added by multiple parties were a bit surprising.

The Greenhorn Valley team tallied the most birds, 100 species, including the Valley's 1st American Bittern at the BSJ Pond in Colorado City. We also saw 9 species of shorebirds at Huerfano Lake including 3 Stilt Sandpipers--a lifer for some team members.

These Counts are sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society. All birds reported are entered in the e-bird/IMBD data base. To receive a complete list of birds seen on this year's Count, please respond to this message.

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