

First Saturday in December
American River Parkway Wildlife Count – Dec. 4, 2010
 American River Natural History Association
 American River – Hazel Avenue to Mouth at Sacramento River

Area: All Areas

Number of Observers: 70

LEGEND: * = BIRD SPECIES SPOTTED IN 2010 (123)
 ** = NEW BIRD SPECIES SEEN IN 2010 (10)
 NUMBER AFTER SPECIES = YEARS SEEN IN WILDLIFE COUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose 5	* Peregrine Falcon 5	*Bushtit 26
*Snow Goose 6	*Virginia Rail 3	Red-breasted Nuthatch 4
Ross's Goose 2	* Sora 5	* White-breasted Nuthatch 26
Cackling Goose 5	*Common Moorhen 23	*Brown Creeper 14
* Canada Goose 25	* American Coot 26	Rock Wren 12
Tundra Swan 16	Sandhill Crane 1	* Bewick's Wren 26
* Wood Duck 26	* Killdeer 26	* House Wren 26
*Gadwall 6	* Greater Yellowlegs 26	* Pacific (Winter) Wren 10
* American Wigeon 12	*Spotted Sandpiper 26	* Marsh Wren 10
* Mallard 26	Long-billed Curlew 1	American Dipper 1
Cinnamon Teal 2	Western Sandpiper 2	* Golden-crowned Kinglet 19
* Northern Shoveler 16	Least Sandpiper 10	* Ruby-crowned Kinglet 26
*Northern Pintail 14	*Long-billed Dowitcher 8	* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 24
*Green-winged Teal 12	Wilson's Snipe 10	* Western Bluebird 26
* Canvasback 14	Red-necked Phalarope 1	* Hermit Thrush 26
Redhead 3	Bonaparte's Gull 1	* American Robin 25
*Ring-necked Duck 9	Mew Gull 25	*Varied Thrush 18
Lesser Scaup 5	*Ring-billed Gull 26	Wrentit 12
Long-tailed Duck 1	*California Gull 26	* Northern Mockingbird 26
* Bufflehead 25	*Herring Gull 25	California Thrasher 1
* Common Goldeneye 26	*Thayer's Gull 26	* American Pipit 26
* Barrow's Goldeneye 25	Lesser Black-backed Gull 1	* European Starling 26
* Hooded Merganser 16	Western Gull 4	* Cedar Waxwing 26
* Common Merganser 26	* Glaucous-winged Gull 26	* Phainopepla 25
*Red-breasted Merganser 2	Glaucous Gull 4	Northern Parula 1
* Ruddy Duck 23	* Rock Pigeon 26	* Orange-crowned Warbler 26
* Ring-necked Pheasant 22	Band-tailed Pigeon 4	* Yellow-rumped Warbler 26
* Wild Turkey 24	* Mourning Dove 26	Palm Warbler 1
* California Quail 26	*Barn Owl 14	*Black-throated Gray Warbler 20
Common Loon 5	* Western Screech-owl 13	*Townsend's Warbler 8
* Pied-billed Grebe 26	* Great Horned Owl 26	Black-and-white Warbler 1
Horned Grebe 3	Northern Pygmy-owl 1	*Common Yellowthroat 2
Eared Grebe 6	Burrowing Owl 5	*Wilson's Warbler 2
*Western Grebe 9	Long-eared Owl 3	*Western Tanager 4
Clark's Grebe 1	* White-throated Swift 24	* Spotted Towhee 26
American White Pelican 3	* Anna's Hummingbird 26	* California Towhee 26
* Dbl-crested Cormorant 25	Costa's Hummingbird 2	*Rufous-crowned Sparrow 5
American Bittern 3	* Belted Kingfisher 26	Chipping Sparrow 5
* Great Blue Heron 26	Lewis' Woodpecker 2	* Lark Sparrow 23
* Great Egret 26	* Acorn Woodpecker 26	Savannah Sparrow 21
* Snowy Egret 23	Red-napped Sapsucker 1	* Fox Sparrow 26
Cattle Egret 1	* Red-breasted Sapsucker 25	* Song Sparrow 26
* Green Heron 26	* Nuttall's Woodpecker 26	* Lincoln's Sparrow 26
* Black-crowned Night-heron 19	* Downy Woodpecker 26	* White-throated Sparrow 14
* Turkey Vulture 26	Hairy Woodpecker 1	* White-crowned Sparrow 26
* Osprey 19	* Northern Flicker 26	* Golden-crowned Sparrow 26
* White-tailed Kite 26	Pacific-slope Flycatcher 2	* Dark-eyed Junco 26
*Bald Eagle 6	* Black Phoebe 26	* Red-winged Blackbird 25
* Northern Harrier 22	* Say's Phoebe 6	*Tricolored Blackbird 3
* Sharp-shinned Hawk 26	Loggerhead Shrike 3	* Western Meadowlark 26
* Cooper's Hawk 26	Northern Shrike 1	* Brewer's Blackbird 26
* Red-shouldered Hawk 26	Cassin's Vireo 1	* Brown-headed Cowbird 10
Swainson's Hawk 1	* Hutton's Vireo 21	* Purple Finch 17
* Red-tailed Hawk 26	* Western Scrub-jay 26	* House Finch 26
Ferruginous Hawk 1	* Yellow-billed Magpie 26	Pine Siskin 15
Rough-legged Hawk 2	* American Crow 26	* Lesser Goldfinch 26
Golden Eagle 1	Horned Lark 3	* American Goldfinch 26
* American Kestrel 26	* Tree Swallow 17	* House Sparrow 26
* Merlin 13	*Oak Titmouse 26	

NEW SPECIES: None

SUMMARY: Wildlife spotted on December 4, 2010, along the American River Parkway in 11 areas (plus 3 canoes in the river between Grist Mill and Howe Ave.) 70 observers who spotted a total of 123 bird species and 18 other animal species.

Leader Dan Williams won for the year with the greatest percentage increase of bird species sighted in his area over the area 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
Overcast and cool 'til noon, then sunny	6,766	70	2010	123	15	3

Total Different Bird Species seen in 26 years: 176

Most in one year: 115 species in 2009

MAMMALS AND OTHER SPECIES COUNT, 2009

70 Deer	11 River Otters	2 Pocket Gopher (mounds)
19 Bucks	25 Jack Rabbits	4 Mole (broken ground trails)
47 Does	4 Cottontail Rabbits	0 Fence Lizards
4 Fawns	10 House Cats	5 Western Pond Turtles
50 Ground Squirrels	1 Beaver (scat)	6 Pond Slider Turtle
51 Gray Squirrels	1 Skunks (smell)	5 Pacific Tree Frogs
177 Fox Squirrels	0 Black Rat	179 Wild Turkeys (all toms)
0 Alligator Lizard	2 Raccoon (tracks)	
0 Coyotes	1 Muskrat	
1 California Sea Lion		

