

## **BIRD SIGHTINGS – by Vi Lambie**

Thanks goes out to everyone who contributed sightings and pictures for this part of the report. As in past I will try to highlight the early and late sightings reported this year.

Regular visitors to feeders in January were **Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Evening Grosbeak and House Sparrow.**

2 January 2016 – Doug Thompson saw an **American Dipper** at Morfee outflow.

4 January 2015 - Jim Tuck heard **Eurasian Collared-Doves** on Omineca Crescent.

21 January 2016 - John and Vi Lambie had a **Northern Shrike** visit their yard. There were **Bohemian Waxwings** in a tree near the corner of Omineca and Ospika.

13 February 2016 - A **Bald Eagle** flew over Lambies' yard on Omineca.

21 February 2016 - John & Michelle Lambie reported that there were 14 **Snow Buntings** at the Horse Barns

25 February 2016 - Jim Tuck had a **Purple Finch** in his yard.

18 March 2016 - Dieter Dittrich saw **Canada Geese** at Gataiga.

22 March 2016 - John & Vi Lambie heard **Redwinged Blackbirds** when they went for a walk in their neighbourhood.

23 March 2016 – A **Merlin** killed an Evening Grosbeak on Omineca.

24 March 2016 – Jim Tuck saw a flock of **American Robins** on the golf course.

26 March 2016 – Jim Tuck reported seeing American Robins and **Varied Thrush** at the ski hill

28 March 2016 – A **Sharp-shinned Hawk** was observed on Omineca and Centennial.

29 March 2016 – John & Vi Lambie saw 4 male **Common Mergansers** at the Causeway.

1 April 2016 – Lambies reported that the **American Crows** are back. A **Northern Harrier** was observed at Gantahaz and a pair of **Mallard** was on Morfee Creek.

3 April 2016 – John & Vi saw several **Mountain Bluebirds** when checking out nest boxes in the industrial area. At Gagnon (3 km Causeway road) there was a pair of **Hooded Mergansers** and in the field by the pulp mill there was a **Rough-legged Hawk**.

7 April 2016 – A **Northern Flicker** was observed on Centennial by John & Vi.

9 April 2016 – **Tree Swallows** were at the nestbox at Lambies' yard. **Violet-green Swallows** were observed by Dunkley Log sort yard. Although not dealing with birds it was interesting to hear the Wood Frogs croaking.

10 April 2016 – John & Vi saw 4 **Ring-necked Ducks** and a pair of **Barrow's Goldeneye** at Gataiga Creek by the highway.



Eurasian Collared-Dove  
11 Feb 2016



Barrow's Goldeneye  
10 Apr 2016



Snow Bunting  
5 Apr 2016



Mountain Bluebird  
14 May 2016



Blue-winged Teal  
23 May 2016



Savannah Sparrow  
16 May 2016



Osprey  
23 May 2016



Rufous Hummingbird



Solitary Sandpiper  
28 May 2016



Northern Hawk Owl  
31 May 2016



Mallard  
31 May 2016



Common Merganser  
6 June 2016



Belted Kingfisher  
6 June 2016



Red-necked Grebe  
6 June 2016



Spruce Grouse chick and adult  
18 June 2016



13 April 2016 – Linnea Cross saw a **Roughlegged Hawk** by the cement plant. Pine Siskins are starting to show up at feeders.

16 April 2016 – John & Vi heard **Goldencrowned Kinglets** singing at Lion's Lake and a **Rusty Blackbird** was seen at the Horse Barns.

18 April 2016 – A **Rufous Hummingbird** was in Lambies' backyard and a **Yellow-rumped Warbler** was by Morfee Creek. Another nonbird report was a garter snake sunning itself on Parsnip West Forest Service Road (PWFSR) 19 April 2016 – Vida Tattrie had a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** in her backyard on McIntyre Drive.

24 April 2016 John & Vi observed a **Northern Pintail** at the airport pond, a Yellowlegs at the Gagnon and a **Townsend's Solitaire** at the old barge landing that is by the pulp mill off of the Causeway road.

25 April 2016 – John & Vi observed a pair of **Bufflehead** on Gantahaz Lake, they heard a **Great Horned Owl** at 70 km PWFSR. At Weston Creek they saw a **Ruffed Grouse** with the grey tail, **White-crowned Sparrows**, and Dark-eyed Juncos. At Finlay Bay campsite there were **Orange-crowned Warbler**, Common Merganser, Northern Flicker, **Northern Saw-whet Owl** and American Robin. At 92 km PWFSR an **American Tree Sparrow** was heard. On the Williston Owl Survey Northern Saw-whet Owls, **Boreal Owls**, Great Horned Owl, and **Barred Owls** were heard as well as a **Common Loon** at one stop and **Wilson's Snipe** at another. Doug Thompson saw a Townsend's Solitaire near the upper lagoon at 2 in the afternoon.

27 April 2016 At Mugaha Marsh John & Vi observed a **Belted Kingfisher** and **Trumpeter Swans**.

28 April 2016 – John & Vi saw the Osprey at its nest north of the airport pond and **Greenwinged Teal** and **Greater Yellowlegs** at the Gagnon.

30 April 2016 John & Vi reported that the Common Loon and Osprey were back at Mugaha. They saw their first **Wilson's Warbler** for 2016 there as well.

1 May 2016 – A **Savannah Sparrow** was heard singing by John & Vi near the Dunkley yard and a **Bonaparte's Gull** was observed on the Causeway Road.

11 May 2016 – A **Western Tanager** was observed at Mugaha Creek where it crosses PWFSR. A **Cassin's Finch** was at Lambie's feeder on Omineca. At Mugaha the new species for the season included **White-throated Sparrow**, **Sora**, **Northern Shoveler** and **Ringnecked Duck**. At the Gagnon **Barn Swallows** were observed. An American Robin's egg shell was found on the Causeway Rd. In the cutblock by 13 km of the Causeway road **Hammond's Flycatcher** and **Western Wood-Pewee** were heard by the creek. **European Starlings** were on the powerline near KalTire.

12 May 2016 Doug Thompson saw **Ruddy Duck** and Barrow's Goldeneye at the Lagoon.

13 May 2016 – John & Vi's sightings: At the pond near 16 km PWFSR there was a **Spotted Sandpiper**, at Mugaha there were **American Wigeon** and **Wilson's Snipe**, near Dunkley's yard a **Dusky Flycatcher** was heard and by the chip plant there was a **Killdeer** and **Brownheaded Cowbirds**. Doug Thompson reported seeing a **Blue-winged Teal** and a Northern Pintail at the Lagoon.

14 May 2016 Angie Joiner and Jeff Dyck saw a **Horned Grebe** at the Causeway.

15 May 2016 – A **Lincoln's Sparrow** was in Lambies' backyard and a **MacGillivray's Warbler** was on the Fireguard Trail. Kirk Smith reported seeing a **Long-tailed Duck** at Windy Point.

19 May 2016 – John & Vi reported that a **Pacific Wren** was singing on Mugaha Mainline,

and by the area that burnt **Tennessee Warblers** were singing. Louise Hinthorne had a pair of Eurasian Collared-Doves in her yard on Grayling Crescent.

21 May 2016 – John & Vi saw **Yellow Warblers** at Mugaha and south of the Y a **Solitary Sandpiper**.

22 May 2016 – Going south from the Horse Barns John & Vi saw a few new species for the year: **Chipping Sparrow, Warbling Vireo and Pacific-slope Flycatcher**.

23 May 2016. Doug Thompson saw an **American Coot** at the Lagoon.

25 May 2016 – Lambies had a **Magnolia Warbler** in their front yard.

26 May 2016 – John & Vi heard **American Redstarts** and **Least Flycatchers** by the Chichouyenily Creek where the old campground is, along the road past the Horse Barns they heard/saw the first **Northern Waterthrush, Swainson's Thrush** and **Blackpoll Warblers** for the season.

27 May 2016 – John & Vi heard a **Song Sparrow** singing at Mugaha

28 May 2016 – John & Vi said there were **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** and **Bank Swallows** at Mugaha and an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was in the cut block going out to the PWFSR.

29 May 2016 – John & Vi heard a **Clay-colored Sparrow** singing near the new subdivision.

31 May 2016 – A few new sightings from Vi's Birdathon: **Ring-billed Gulls** at Mountain View school yard, a sapsucker on the Chich, **Redeyed Vireo** and **Common Yellowthroat** by the old campground road, an **Alder Flycatcher** and **Townsend's Warbler** on road past the Horse Barns, a Hermit **Thrush** and **Great Blue Heron** at the airport pond, **Cliff Swallows** at Conifex, a **Fox Sparrow** at the logging road by Chichouyenily Creek, and a **Gadwall**

at the Sewage Lagoons, a **Cassin's Vireo** on the logging road that goes in at 7km PWFSR, an **Ovenbird** going into Mugaha, a **Pied-Billed Grebe** at Mugaha, a **House Finch** at Lambies' feeder, a **Golden-crowned Sparrow** on Morfee Mountain road, a **Red-necked Grebe** on Morfee Lake, a **Canvasback** at the airport pond, a **Hawk Owl** at 7km of the Causeway Road, and a **Lesser Yellowlegs** at Gataiga.

6 June 2016 – Doug Thompson and Karen Jungnitsch saw an American Wigeon, and a **Goldeneye** with several young at the Lagoon, a Belted Kingfisher, a Red-necked Grebe and a **Common Merganser** with young on her back at Morfee outflow.

8 June 2016 – John & Vi saw and heard a **Swamp Sparrow** near 4 km PWFSR.

10 June 2016 – A **Red-tailed Hawk** was observed near Gantahaz by John and Vi.

18 June 2016 – **Mourning Dove** at ~35 km PWFSR, **Spruce Grouse** on PWFSR

19 June 2016 – Doug Thompson saw a Yellowrumped Warbler (probable Audubon's) between the upper and lower Lagoons and a **Redhead** at the Lagoon.

25 June 2016 – John & Vi saw **Cedar Waxwing** at Mugaha, and a Ruffed Grouse with brown tail in cutblocks south of Y at Mugaha.

Angie Joiner and Jeff Dyck saw **Willow Ptarmigan** and **Golden-crowned Sparrows** on Morfee Mountain.

2 July 2016 – John & Vi heard a **Common Nighthawk** at Mugaha

17 July 2016 – Doug Thompson & Karen Jungnitsch saw a Common Nighthawk on FFI road.

19 July 2016 Doug saw a **Red-necked Phalarope, Canvasback** at the lower lagoon and a Wilson's Snipe at the Lagoon puddle.



Redhead  
19 June 2016



Willow Ptarmigan  
25 June 2016



Dowitcher  
19 June 2016



Yellowlegs  
5 July 2016



Red-necked Phalarope  
19 July 2016



Wilson's Snipe  
19 July 2016



Least Sandpiper  
3 August 2016



Common Yellowthroat  
16 August 2016



Pied-billed Grebe  
1 September 2016



Pectoral Sandpiper  
2 September 2016



Hooded Merganser  
5 September 2016



Black-backed Woodpecker  
9 October 2016



Tundra Swans  
26 October 2016



Rough-legged Hawk  
3 November 2016



House Finch  
19 November 2016

16 August 2016 – Doug Thompson photographed a Common Yellowthroat at the Lagoon.

21 August 2016 Angie Joiner and Jeff Dyck saw the **Say's Phoebe** that James Bradley had spotted at Mugaha.

1 September 2016 – Doug Thompson and Sarah Chalmers observed a **Pied-billed Grebe** at Mugaha.

2 September 2016 – Doug saw some **Pectoral Sandpipers** and some **American Pipits** at the Lagoon puddle.

4 September 2016 – Doug saw a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at Mugaha. Angie Joiner and Jeff Dyck had a **Lapland Longspur** at the puddle at Mugaha

5 September 2016 – A Hooded Merganser was observed at Mugaha by Doug.

7 September 2016 – Doug Thompson saw a **Solitary Sandpiper** at the Lagoon puddle

10 September 2016 – Angie Joiner and Jeff Dyck saw 2 **Red-throated Loons** at the Causeway.

11 September 2016 – Doug Thompson photographed two **Hairy Woodpeckers** displaying across from upper lagoon beside the road.

3 October 2016 – An **American Kestrel** at 70 km of PWFSR.

4 October 2016 Natalie Srochenski reported seeing a **Northern Hawk Owl** in the Bell Place, and the next day there were a couple **Northern Shrikes** there.

9 October 2016 – A **Rough-legged Hawk** was observed near the cement plant. Doug & Karen saw an **American Three-toed Woodpecker** behind Munro Crescent and a **Black-backed Woodpecker** at the corner of Nechako and Centennial.

12 October 2016 – Doug saw **Bufflehead** and **Blue-winged Teal** at the Lagoon.

19 October 2016 – 4 **House Finches** were at Lambies' feeder on Omineca Crescent.

21 October 2016 - ~35 **Tundra Swans** and some Canada Geese were observed at Tutu Bay by Ron & Barb Paterson and Sue Crosby.

1 November 2016 – Hundreds of Bohemian Waxwings cleaned off Lambies' crabapple tree.

6 November 2016 – A **Pileated Woodpecker** was observed at the Horse Barns.

11 November 2016 – A **Hooded Merganser** was on the pond at Mugaha. Barb & Ron observed a **Northern Hawk Owl** on the way in to Mugaha.

13 November 2016 – Two **Mountain Chickadees** were at Lambies' feeder.

22 November 2016 – Karen Jungnitsch had a **Chestnut-backed Chickadee** at their place at Powder King.

## **Acknowledgements**

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page 8: Redhead, Dowitcher, Lesser Yellowlegs, Red-necked Phalarope, Wilson's Snipe, Common Yellowthroat, Pied-billed Grebe, Pectoral Sandpiper, Hooded Merganser, Blackbacked Woodpecker – Doug Thompson; Willow Ptarmigan – Angie Joiner & Jeff Dyck, Least Sandpiper – Vi Lambie; Tundra Swans - Barb Paterson; Rough-legged Hawk and House Finch – John D. Lambie