

# INDIAN PEAKS BIRD COUNTS

Winter 2013

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## Winter Count Summary

The winter count numbers backed up what most people thought - there were few birds around. There were poor numbers of mountain chickadees, Townsend's solitaires, American Robins, dark-eyed juncos (only 6 - lowest since 1992), red crossbills, and pine siskins (only 1).

### Winter Count Summary

#### Number of Species

2013 - 31

Last Winter - 28

25-year Average - 36

Record High - 42 (1982)

Record Low - 28 (1998)

#### Number of Individuals

2013 - 16/count hour

Last Winter - 25/count hour

25-year average - 18/count hour

Record High - 29/count hour (1999)

Record Low - 11/count hour (1998)

Slightly offsetting this was one large flock of Bohemian waxwings (Rollinsville; most seen since 2002), one large flock of common redpolls (Eldora; fifth time seen and first since 1996), and good numbers of pygmy nuthatches.

Species normally seen that were missed on the count included dusky grouse, three-toed woodpecker, golden-crowned kinglet, Cassin's finch, and evening grosbeak.

## Looking Ahead

### Breeding Count

Count Day - June 15

Count Period - June 1 - July 15

### Fall Count

Count Day - September 14

Count Period - September 7-22

I am predicting that few if any Brewer's sparrows and sage thrashers will be found in the krummholz this year due to the abundant April snow.

A reminder, there will be no spring count. May 1 will roll around and I will feel like I need to be doing something.

Happy Birding,

Dave Hallock

## 2013 INDIAN PEAKS WINTER BIRD COUNT

Count period – February 15-18. Nineteen observers, 9 (of 25) areas covered. Total party hours: 40.75.

White-tailed Ptarmigan..... 1	American Dipper..... 2
Red-tailed Hawk ..... 2	Townsend’s Solitaire ..... 4
Downy Woodpecker ..... 8	American Robin ..... 1
Hairy Woodpecker ..... 10	Bohemian Waxwing..... 109
Northern Flicker..... 1	Dark-eyed Junco ..... 6
Northern Shrike..... 1	(White-winged) ..... (1)
Gray Jay ..... 2	(Slate-colored) ..... (2)
Steller’s Jay..... 56	Black Rosy-Finch..... 2
Clark’s Nutcracker..... 5	Brown-capped Rosy-Finch..... 20
Black-billed Magpie..... 16	Rocy-Finch species ..... 10
American Crow ..... 58	Pine Grosbeak ..... 23
Common Raven ..... 17	House Finch ..... 2
Black-capped Chickadee..... 15	Red Crossbill..... 8
Mountain Chickadee ..... 107	Common Redpoll ..... 50
Red-breasted Nuthatch..... 10	Pine Siskin ..... 1
White-breasted Nuthatch ..... 10	House Sparrow ..... 5
Pygmy Nuthatch..... 77	
Brown Creeper ..... 2	

Totals: 31 species plus 2 additional races; 641 individuals; 16 individuals per count hour.  
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