

Results: 21st Annual Pueblo County Fall Count

The 21st annual Pueblo County Fall Count was held 9-17-16. 21 birders in up to 14 parties tallied 158 species, well below totals in recent years. High temp was 87 degrees & there was little wind. But this fine weather may have hurt the tally allowing many migrants taking advantage of this weather to zip thru the County undetected.

The Greenhorn Valley team tallied 82 species. Best was a Red-headed Woodpecker spotted by Gwen Moore near Lake Beckwith. On the Lake itself were somewhat early arriving 7 Common Mergansers found by Star Jorgensen & Bud O'Hara. High water levels limited shorebird numbers, but we were happy with a Pectoral Sandpiper at Huerfano Lake.

Most Mississippi Kites have vamoosed the County by Count day, but Rick Clawges saw one along the Arkansas River in Pueblo. Likewise for Yellow Warblers, yet 1 of the 3 turned up for Leon Bright along the River in Pueblo. Acorn Woodpeckers are now regulars on our Counts at the Mountain Park in Beulah with 1 tallied this time. 2 Peregrine Falcon were nice, symptomatic of the recovery of this magnificent bird from a once dangerously low population. Other birds of interest on the Count were a Barn Owl, all 3 Phoebes, 4 Townsend's Warblers & 2 Indigo Buntings.

These Counts are sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society and organized & compiled with the help of Brandon Percival. Count totals are entered in the e-bird/International Migratory Bird Day data base <www.birdday.org> To receive a complete list of birds seen on this year's Fall Count, please respond to this message.

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