

Vaseux Lake Christmas Bird Count: 23 December 2023

Mild, clear and calm, -3 to +3C. Almost all lakes and ponds open, no snow in valley, up to 10 cm at 1200m. 29 observers in 10 to 14 parties, 75 party-hours. Second lowest effort (after last year) since 1996, species count below average (30-year average is 90). CW=seen in count-week only.

Snow Goose	1	Downy Woodpecker	9
Cackling Goose	2	Hairy Woodpecker	8
Canada Goose	385	Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	1
Trumpeter Swan	96	Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker	120
Wood Duck	22	Pileated Woodpecker	13
Gadwall	23	American Kestrel	6
American Wigeon	56	Peregrine Falcon	1
Mallard	392	Northern Shrike	5
Canvasback	CW	Steller's Jay	38
Redhead	9	Black-billed Magpie	88
Ring-necked Duck	102	Clark's Nutcracker	3
Greater Scaup	22	American Crow	12
Lesser Scaup	24	Common Raven	43
Bufflehead	367	Black-capped Chickadee	194
Common Goldeneye	114	Mountain Chickadee	78
Barrow's Goldeneye	132	Red-breasted Nuthatch	24
Harlequin Duck	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	10
Hooded Merganser	56	Pygmy Nuthatch	147
Common Merganser	150	Brown Creeper	5
Ruddy Duck	1	Canyon Wren	15
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	Pacific Wren	7
California Quail	932	Bewick's Wren	12
Chukar	14	Marsh Wren	8
Gray Partridge	14	American Dipper	7
Common Loon	6	Golden-crowned Kinglet	11
Pied-billed Grebe	6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5
Horned Grebe	37	Western Bluebird	100
Red-necked Grebe	5	Townsend's Solitaire	9
Western Grebe	5	American Robin	4
Great Blue Heron	10	European Starling	842
Northern Harrier	CW	Bohemian Waxwing	97
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	Cedar Waxwing	36
Cooper's Hawk	4	Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	203
Bald Eagle	17	White-crowned Sparrow	82
Red-tailed Hawk	19	Song Sparrow	85
Golden Eagle	1	Red-winged Blackbird	9
Virginia Rail	3	House Finch	187
American Coot	674	Cassin's Finch	1
gull, sp.	1	Common Redpoll	90
Rock Pigeon	180	American Goldfinch	26
Eurasian Collared-Dove	54	House Sparrow	446
Mourning Dove	2		
Western Screech-Owl	3	Total Individuals	7043
Great Horned Owl	4	Total Species	83
Belted Kingfisher	7		

