

CBC4kids – Dec 31, 2025

Thank you to all of you who participated or helped in this year's Christmas Bird count for Kids. We had 28 participants of all ages enjoy some very nice birding weather for this time of year. We went out in three groups to walk along the lake front and into the Esplanade trails by the marina before going back to the art gallery for some hot chocolate and cookies. I hope each of you had one special moment. Mine was watching a Common Merganser chasing a fish through the water before catching it for lunch. The Bald Eagle and Trumpeter Swans also seemed to be a big hit and A Townsend's Solitaire made a special appearance for some of us.

We managed to see 29 species of birds, which is pretty respectable for a short outing. The following is the list of species that we saw and the high count for each.

I hope you learned lots and continue to go out and enjoy all the great things in nature.

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Canada Goose 12
Trumpeter Swan 7
Mallard 90
Bufflehead 20
Common Goldeneye 2
Hooded Merganser 8
Common Merganser 2
California Quail 1
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 10
American Coot 2
Ring-billed Gull 5
California Gull 20
Pied-billed Grebe 2
Horned Grebe 4
Red-necked Grebe 3
Common Loon 1
Bald Eagle 1
Red-tailed Hawk 1
Common Raven 1
Red-breasted Nuthatch 1
Northern Flicker 1
Black-capped Chickadee 1
European Starling 300
Townsend's Solitaire 1
American Robin 20
House Finch 3
Pine Siskin 2
American Goldfinch 12
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) 5