

The Fort Qu'appelle Nature Society held our annual bird and mammal count on December 18. Along with the active participants and 3 guests from Regina, we also have members who recorded birds at their bird feeders. We had a record setting day and the highlight would be the spotting of a King Eider, an arctic bird not found in these parts. Our count day totals are: 38 species of birds and 6 species of mammals.

I have attached a copy of the count day totals. The official count period is from December 14 to January 5, so there is still an opportunity to add species to the list. We did not record any snowy owls, Great Horned Owls, pileated woodpeckers, and several other birds and mammals that should be in the area.

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