

TOGO BIRD AND MAMMAL COUNT COMPLETED

Wildlife observers in and around the village of Togo have compiled a list of birds and mammals observed during Nature Saskatchewan's annual Christmas count period.

Watching their bird feeders, skiing, driving and snowshoeing on count day, January 04th, a network of 14 observers saw 778 individual birds. Of the 20 different kinds or species of birds recorded, the house sparrow at 125 sightings, was the most numerous.

Togo district bird watchers also saw 112 common redpolls, 104 blue jays and 81 ravens. Pine grosbeaks and evening grosbeaks came in tied at 79 sightings. 69 chickadees, 26 white-breasted nuthatches, and 11 snow buntings were also seen. Rare birds of note included 2 pileated woodpeckers, one red crossbill, and one red cardinal spotted near the Empress Hotel.

Ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge and sharp-tailed grouse were the game bird species observed Jan 04th.

The Christmas mammal counters recorded nine species, among them 13 white-tailed deer, 6 elk, 3 moose, 4 flying squirrels and one timber wolf.

Wildlife census information from the Togo Locality has been forwarded to Nature Saskatchewan and will be published in their nature journal *The Blue Jay*. Nature Saskatchewan, formerly the Saskatchewan Natural History Society, encourages wildlife conservation practices in all parts of the province.

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