

CHURCHBRIDGE 2012

CHRISTMAS BIRD AND MAMMAL COUNT

This report is a thumb nail of the participation and statistics for Churchbridge Bird and Mammal Count conducted 14th December 2012.

All observations took place in the Churchbridge registered Count Area which consists of approximately eighty five square mile, somewhat centered on the Town of Churchbridge. On the day of the count the temperature in the morning was minus ten degrees with light winds and light fog which limited visibility to one half mile. By early afternoon the temperature rose to a high of minus two degrees, the wind also picked up a bit to dissipate the fog which was replaced by light snow.

Seventeen volunteers participated in the count. Rick and Barb Godard, Ron and Elin Johnson, Phyllis Kaeding, John and Elaine Pollock, Denis and Dianne Putland and Gloria Wirth made observations from their respective rural farm yards. Cas and Verna Chyz, Martha Karau and Jack and Kris Sauser monitored the activity at their urban feeders. Wally Karau and Ed Wirth traveling by truck put on 130 KMs following highways and passable rural roads within the Churchbridge registered Count Area.

The result of the days count was, 562 individual birds, of 19 species. The number of mammals counted were 11 individuals of 2 species, along with a number of signs of mammal activity such as tracks, dens, smell and carcasses.

I wish to thank all those who participated to help make it another successful Annual Christmas Bird and Mammal Count .

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