

First Saturday in December
American River Parkway Wildlife Count – Dec. 6, 2008
 American River Natural History Association
 American River – Hazel Avenue to Mouth at Sacramento River
 Use this form for 2009 results

Area: All Areas

Number of Observers: 64

LEGEND: * = BIRD SPECIES SPOTTED IN 2008 (113)

** = NEW BIRD SPECIES SEEN IN 2008 (1)

NUMBER AFTER SPECIES = YEARS SEEN IN WILDLIFE COUNTS

Common Loon	5	* California Quail	24	* Bushtit	24
* Pied-billed Grebe	24	Virginia Rail	1	* Red-breasted Nuthatch	3
Horned Grebe	3	* Sora	3	* White-breasted Nuthatch	24
* Eared Grebe	6	Common Moorhen	21	* Brown Creeper	13
* Western Grebe	8	* American Coot	24	Rock Wren	12
American White Pelican	3	Sandhill Crane	1	* Bewick's Wren	24
* Dbl-crested Cormorant	23	* Killdeer	24	* House Wren	24
American Bittern	3	* Greater Yellowlegs	24	Winter Wren	8
* Great Blue Heron	24	* Spotted Sandpiper	24	Marsh Wren	8
* Great Egret	24	Long-billed Curlew	1	American Dipper	1
* Snowy Egret	21	* Western Sandpiper	2	* Golden-crowned Kinglet	17
** Cattle Egret	1	Least Sandpiper	10	* Ruby-crowned Kinglet	24
* Green Heron	24	Long-billed Dowitcher	7	* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	22
* Black-crowned Night-heron	17	Wilson's Snipe	10	* Western Bluebird	24
* Turkey Vulture	24	Red-necked Phalarope	1	* Hermit Thrush	24
Greater White-fronted Goose	4	Bonaparte's Gull	1	* American Robin	23
Snow Goose	5	* Mew Gull	24	Varied Thrush	17
Ross's Goose	2	* Ring-billed Gull	24	Wrentit	11
* Cackling Goose	4	* California Gull	24	* Northern Mockingbird	24
* Canada Goose	23	* Herring Gull	24	California Thrasher	1
Tundra Swan	15	* Thayer's Gull	24	* American Pipit	24
* Wood Duck	24	Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	* European Starling	24
Gadwall	5	Western Gull	4	* Cedar Waxwing	24
* American Wigeon	10	* Glaucous-winged Gull	24	* Phainopepla	23
* Mallard	24	Glaucous Gull	4	Northern Parula	1
* Cinnamon Teal	2	* Rock Pigeon	24	* Orange-crowned Warbler	24
* Northern Shoveler	14	Band-tailed Pigeon	3	* Yellow-rumped Warbler	24
Northern Pintail	12	* Mourning Dove	24	Palm Warbler	1
Green-winged Teal	10	Barn Owl	13	* Black-throated Gray Warbler	19
* Canvasback	12	* Western Screech-owl	11	* Townsend's Warbler	7
Redhead	3	* Great Horned Owl	24	Black-and-white Warbler	1
Ring-necked Duck	8	Northern Pygmy-owl	1	Common Yellowthroat	1
Lesser Scaup	4	Burrowing Owl	5	Wilson's Warbler	1
Long-tailed Duck	1	Long-eared Owl	2	Western Tanager	3
* Bufflehead	23	* White-throated Swift	22	* Spotted Towhee	24
* Common Goldeneye	24	* Anna's Hummingbird	24	* California Towhee	24
* Barrow's Goldeneye	23	Costa's Hummingbird	2	* Rufous-crowned Sparrow	4
* Hooded Merganser	14	* Belted Kingfisher	24	* Chipping Sparrow	5
* Common Merganser	24	Lewis' Woodpecker	2	* Lark Sparrow	21
Red-breasted Merganser	1	* Acorn Woodpecker	24	* Savannah Sparrow	20
* Ruddy Duck	21	Red-napped Sapsucker	1	* Fox Sparrow	24
* Osprey	17	* Red-breasted Sapsucker	23	* Song Sparrow	24
* White-tailed Kite	24	* Nuttall's Woodpecker	24	* Lincoln's Sparrow	24
Bald Eagle	5	* Downy Woodpecker	24	* White-throated Sparrow	12
* Northern Harrier	20	Hairy Woodpecker	1	* White-crowned Sparrow	24
* Sharp-shinned Hawk	24	* Northern Flicker	24	* Golden-crowned Sparrow	24
* Cooper's Hawk	24	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	2	* Dark-eyed Junco	24
* Red-shouldered Hawk	24	* Black Phoebe	24	* Red-winged Blackbird	23
Swainson's Hawk	1	* Say's Phoebe	4	* Tricolored Blackbird	2
* Red-tailed Hawk	24	Loggerhead Shrike	3	* Western Meadowlark	24
Ferruginous Hawk	1	Northern Shrike	1	* Brewer's Blackbird	24
Rough-legged Hawk	2	Cassin's Vireo	1	* Brown-headed Cowbird	8
Golden Eagle	1	* Hutton's Vireo	19	Purple Finch	15
* American Kestrel	24	* Western Scrub-jay	24	* House Finch	24
* Merlin	11	* Yellow-billed Magpie	24	* Pine Siskin	15
* Peregrine Falcon	3	* American Crow	24	* Lesser Goldfinch	24
* Ring-necked Pheasant	20	Horned Lark	3	* American Goldfinch	24
* Wild Turkey	22	Tree Swallow	15	* House Sparrow	24
		* Oak Titmouse	24		

NEW SPECIES: One bird species added – Cattle Egret

SUMMARY: Wildlife spotted on December 6, 2008, along the American River Parkway. 10 areas (plus 4 canoes in the river between Grist Mill and Howe Ave.) had 64 observers who spotted a total of 113 bird species and 16 other animal species. Leader Keith Kwan won for the year with the greatest percentage increase of bird species sighted in his area over his three year average.

Total Animals in all areas by year:

Weather	River CFS	Number of Observers	Year	Bird Species: Number Seen	Mammal Species: Number Seen	Other Species: Number Seen
			1985	98		
			1986	103		
			1987	108		
			1988	104		
			1989	103		
			1990	109		
Fog & Rain		31	1991	106		
Sunny		30	1992	110		
Overcast to Sunny		36	1993	103	9	5
Soaking Rain		27	1994	101	8	1
Overcast		42	1995	108	9	3
Overcast	1900	53	1996	110	10	2
Cold & Foggy	2400	43	1997	104	10	1
Cold. Clear to overcast	3103	42	1998	107	10	2
Cold & clear	2512	45	1999	105	10	2
Very cold, dense fog 'til noon	2551	49	2000	106	12	2
Light rain, strong wind	1027	46	2001	101	8	1
Clear & sunny	1791	45	2002	107	11	4
Light rain, overcast	2050	41	2003	102	11	3
Clear & frosty to overcast	1798	44	2004	108	11	1
Clear & frosty to clear & windy	2339	46	2005	103	12	4
Cold fog to clear	2047	52	2006	106	8	3
Clear, very cold. Wind in afternoon	1280	62	2007	109	11	2
Dense fog 'til noon, very cold	1124	64	2008	113	14	2

Total Different Bird Species seen in 24 years: 175
Most in one year: 113 species in 2008

MAMMALS AND OTHER SPECIES COUNT, 2008

44 Deer	8 River Otters	* Pocket Gopher (mounds)
12 Bucks	5 Jack Rabbits	* Mole (broken ground trails)
25 Does	3 Cottontail Rabbits	0 Fence Lizards
7 Fawns	0 House Cats	0 Western Pond Turtles
4 Ground Squirrels	1 Beaver	1 Pond Slider Turtle
72 Gray Squirrels	* Skunks (smell)	3 Pacific Tree Frogs
156 Fox Squirrels	0 Black Rats	31 Wild Turkeys
3 Coyotes	* Raccoon (tracks)	
	1 Muskrat	