

BIRDING REPORT 2021-2022

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As in our personal lives, our Birding Excursions were impacted by you know what.

But I should take you back to March 2020 when our Thursday morning and second Saturday of the month Birding Excursions were indefinitely cancelled. With some loosening of BC government restrictions, Monday morning Birding Walk Excursions were started on October 5, 2020 and were planned to be extended through the winter season only to be cancelled on November 19, 2020. After almost a year, both Monday and Thursday Excursions were successfully restarted in October 2021 and carried on through to the Christmas break. Typically, 10 to 23 birders came out every week, with a total of 37 individual CONC members participating. Saturday Excursions have still been on hold.

Thank you to all of the Leaders who ensured that these restarts were successful. Without Leaders there are no Excursions. I would like to acknowledge Howard Braun, who coordinated Thursday Birding, and Pam Laing who both coordinated Saturday Birding and also was the Leader of these excursions. Both of these long time CONC members contributed in these roles for many years.

CONC birders continued to contribute to our communities through ongoing participation in the Sweagle (Swan and Eagle) Count, Johns Family Park Bird and Critter Count, Okanagan Mountain Park Critter Park and numerous Christmas Bird Counts.