

2016 ELKO CBC

Elko's count was held on Dec. 17 with 20 participants.

Elko had a particularly cold day for our bird count. The high was 23 with a start of 11. Luckily there wasn't too much wind. Many of our typical mountain birds had not come down into the valley yet. We hadn't had any major storms to push them down. There were no rarities or unusual species. There were some that typically we get that no one saw. It was definitely a strange count for us.

We had 11652 birds. Starlings were 6543 of them! This is a very high number for this bird. The majority were seen at the Elko City Dump. Canada Geese was the highest ever for this count with 1337. Surprisingly Eurasian Collared Doves were actually down with only 554 (down from 1141 the previous year).

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