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Made bird census today, covering identical area as of 1-4-42 in respect to position and time. Started 8:00 A.M and finish at late twilight. Day freezing on north exposures but sky clear and sun shining. Practically no wind. Ice completely or at least 90° coverage on Columbia river and all moving except stable peripheral edges. River choked entire day. Last nite not quite so bad and night before still freer from ice flow but covering 8% of river channel. Birds observed:

Dendroica auduboni auduboni: 4 single birds. One of them feeding with a flock of Oregon Juncos in cultivated field. Very seldom seen in large aggregations. Their call is very diagnostic and frequently offered.

Megaceryle alcyon caurina: Heard several times and observed the bird at several points but am of the opinion that it is the same individual. ♂.

Dryobates pubescens gairdneri. Seven birds at different points generally found in either cottonwood or willow growth fringing river edge. They call continually.

Penthestes atricapillus occidentalis. Small groups of 2-7. Probably 20 bird all told. Feeding with own species.

Nannus hiemalis pacificus. One bird only at hospital in deep conifer forest. not as confiding as Seattle wren.

Sturnella neglecta: Early singers in spite of the extreme low temp. One flock of about 40 birds otherwise very few.

Buteo borealis calurus. One bird probably roaming area and observed several times during day.

Anthus spinoletta: Several small groups of from 2 to 15. A general readjusting after sun had gone down and other birds more or less quieted. Frequently found with Juncos or other birds. Not in large aggregations as of previous trips of a month ago.

Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos: 2 single pairs where last week supported several dozen. Duck practically deserted river. Small group of 15 in marsh some 500' from river. They left and returned to same place later. Heard at late twilight on river. Twenty five bird in all. No other species of duck.

Larus glaucescens. Extremely unusual but on no birds observed until 11:00 A.M. Few gulls moving down river about noon and in afternoon but no east movement at all. Some birds riding ice flows.

Larus argentatus. 1 bird.