

Matanuska Valley Christmas Bird Count

The Matanuska Valley CBC Count Circle is centered at Four Corners (junction of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway and Trunk Road). The Circle is subdivided into 23 Areas with a habitat range from urban/industrial zones to residential neighborhoods to areas that are near-wilderness in nature. The southern portion of the Circle is largely composed of portions of the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. Usually there is little unfrozen water within the Circle during a normal December, except for some portions of fast-moving streams and possibly at the outflow of a few lakes. The Circle encompasses the two largest Matanuska Valley towns, Palmer and Wasilla. Our Count Day concludes with a wrapup potluck in the evening, where participants tell tall tales about the bird species that they've seen during the Count.