

## **DUCK WADDLE 2011**

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Weather is always a consideration when reviewing a Duck Waddle. This year the ambient temperature (34°F) was rather mild. However, the strong winds created very uncomfortable wind chills. The strong winds even buffeted the spotting scopes making it difficult to focus in on distant birds. I suggest that you read Pat Fisher's article (April 2011 newsletter). She describes the birding conditions and birding results much better than I can. We saw 33 species of birds. They are listed here:

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| American White Pelican | Hooded Merganser     |
| Greater White-fronted  | Goose Ruddy Duck     |
| Canada Goose           | Bald Eagle           |
| Cackling Goose         | Northern Harrier     |
| Trumpeter Swan         | Red-tailed Hawk      |
| Gadwall                | American Coot        |
| American Wigeon        | Sandhill Crane       |
| American Black Duck    | Ring-billed Gull     |
| Mallard                | Herring Gull         |
| Northern Pintail       | Loggerhead Shrike    |
| Canvasback             | American Crow        |
| Redhead                | Horned Lark          |
| Ring-necked Duck       | American Robin       |
| Greater Scaup          | Song Sparrow         |
| Lesser Scaup           | Lapland Longspur     |
| Bufflehead             | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Common Goldeneye       |                      |