

The 28th Carter Co. Summer Bird Count was held on 12 June 2021 with 28 observers. The weather was less than optimal, shall we say: Rain for much of the day. Dense fog on Roan Mtn & other high elevations. As a result, birdsong was reduced in many areas. Thus, numbers of individuals were low for many species, especially songbirds. Despite this we tallied 116 species which is just 1 shy of the recent 10 year average and actually 2 above the average of the previous 27 years. So, not bad considering the weather, thanks to the dedication of the observers. Take a bow, y'all!

Participants: Fred Alsop, Rob Biller, Catherine Cummins, Dianne Draper, Dave Gardner, Tammy Griffey, Don Holt, David Kirschke, Rick Knight (compiler), Roy Knispel, Richard Lewis, Dianna Lynn, Vern Maddux, Larry McDaniel, Joe McGuinness, Tom & Cathy McNeil, Brookie & Jean Potter, Judith Reid, Brenda Richards, Judi Sawyer, Michele Sparks, Bryan Stevens, Kim Stroud, Scott Turner, Charles Warden, John Whinery.

#### The List:

Canada Goose 218  
Wood Duck 13  
Mallard 92  
Ruffed Grouse 1  
Wild Turkey 40  
Double-crested Cormorant 16  
Great Blue Heron 23  
Green Heron 2  
Black Vulture 7  
Turkey Vulture 25  
Osprey - 1  
Cooper's Hawk 3  
Bald Eagle 2  
Red-shouldered Hawk 4  
Broad-winged Hawk 7  
Red-tailed Hawk 10  
Killdeer 8  
American Woodcock 1  
Rock Pigeon 101  
Eurasian Collared-Dove 2  
Mourning Dove 177  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5  
Eastern Screech-Owl 5  
Barred Owl 2  
Common Nighthawk 2  
Eastern Whip-poor-will 7  
Chimney Swift 99  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 28  
Belted Kingfisher 11  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 24  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2  
Downy Woodpecker 19  
Hairy Woodpecker 3  
Northern Flicker 36

Pileated Woodpecker 15  
American Kestrel 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee 24  
Acadian Flycatcher 9  
Alder Flycatcher 2  
Least Flycatcher 13  
Eastern Phoebe 48  
Great Crested Flycatcher 7  
Eastern Kingbird 21  
White-eyed Vireo 5  
Yellow-throated Vireo 2  
Blue-headed Vireo 38  
Warbling Vireo 1  
Red-eyed Vireo 117  
Blue Jay 77  
American Crow 185  
Fish Crow 4  
Common Raven 5  
Purple Martin 38  
N. Rough-winged Swallow 34  
Tree Swallow 109  
Barn Swallow 154  
Cliff Swallow 137  
Carolina Chickadee 32  
Tufted Titmouse 65  
Red-breasted Nuthatch 3  
White-breasted Nuthatch 10  
House Wren 60  
Winter Wren 3  
Carolina Wren 84  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 8  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 2  
Eastern Bluebird 113  
Veery 23  
Wood Thrush 35  
American Robin 510  
Gray Catbird 42  
Brown Thrasher 38  
Northern Mockingbird 62  
European Starling 1203  
Cedar Waxwing 45  
Ovenbird 50  
Worm-eating Warbler 4  
Louisiana Waterthrush 10  
Golden-winged Warbler 1  
Black-and-white Warbler 27  
Swainson's Warbler 2  
Common Yellowthroat 12  
Hooded Warbler 67

American Redstart 8  
Northern Parula 30  
Blackburnian Warbler 4  
Yellow Warbler 1  
Chestnut-sided Warbler 12  
Black-throated Blue Warbler 20  
Pine Warbler 2  
Yellow-throated Warbler 9  
Prairie Warbler 3  
Black-throated Green Warbler 14  
Canada Warbler 5  
Yellow-breasted Chat 9  
Eastern Towhee 112  
Chipping Sparrow 61  
Field Sparrow 58  
Savannah Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 253  
Dark-eyed Junco 46  
Scarlet Tanager 25  
Northern Cardinal 157  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5  
Blue Grosbeak 5  
Indigo Bunting 102  
Red-winged Blackbird 109  
Eastern Meadowlark 15  
Common Grackle 67  
Brown-headed Cowbird 43  
Orchard Oriole 4  
Baltimore Oriole 2  
House Finch 132  
Pine Siskin 1  
American Goldfinch 97  
House Sparrow 44

---

116 species

#####

Species missed: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Great Horned Owl, Chuck-will's-widow, Willow Flycatcher, Brown Creeper, Hermit Thrush, Kentucky Warbler, and Magnolia Warbler. These are often, but not always, found on this count.

#####

Rick Knight