

The 50th consecutive Elizabethton Fall Bird Count was held on Saturday, 5 Oct 2019 with 29 observers in 8 parties. We tallied 118 species, which is below the recent 30-year average of 125 species. Windy conditions throughout and dense fog on the higher mountain tops contributed to the reduced variety. The all-time high on this count was 137 species in 1993.

The list:

Canada Goose 635  
Wood Duck 97  
Mallard 173  
Blue-wg. Teal 30  
Green-wg. Teal 3  
Ruffed Grouse 3  
Wild Turkey 56  
Com. Loon 1  
Pied-billed Grebe 7  
Dbl-cr. Cormorant 10  
Great Blue Heron 35  
Black Vulture 78  
Turkey Vulture 139  
Osprey 7  
N. Harrier 3  
Sharp-shinned Hawk 2  
Cooper's Hawk 9  
Bald Eagle 12  
Red-shld. Hawk 5  
Broad-wg. Hawk 2  
Red-tailed Hawk 13  
Killdeer 35  
Spotted Sandpiper 1  
Lsr. Yellowlegs 1  
Ring-billed Gull 1  
Rock Pigeon 402  
Eur. Collared-Dove 1  
Mourning Dove 153  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1  
E. Screech-Owl 10  
Great Horned Owl 5  
Barred Owl 2  
Chimney Swift 244  
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 7  
Belted Kingfisher 24  
Red-headed Woodpecker 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 50  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7  
Downy Woodpecker 36  
Hairy Woodpecker 6  
N. Flicker 41  
Pileated Woodpecker 17  
Am. Kestrel 16  
Merlin 2  
Peregrine Falcon 1  
E. Wood-Pewee 12  
Least Flycatcher 1  
E. Phoebe 82  
Yellow-thr. Vireo 1  
Blue-hd. Vireo 18  
Philadelphia Vireo 1  
Red-eyed Vireo 7  
Blue Jay 347  
Am. Crow 442  
Com. Raven 10  
Tree Swallow 118  
Carolina Chickadee 141  
Tufted Titmouse 82  
Red-br. Nuthatch 6  
White-br. Nuthatch 28  
Brown Creeper 1  
Winter Wren 2  
Marsh Wren 1  
Carolina Wren 114

Golden-cr. Kinglet 5  
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 1  
E. Bluebird 114  
Veery 1  
Gray-cheeked Thrush 6  
Swainson's Thrush 37  
Wood Thrush 15  
Am. Robin 212  
Gray Catbird 23  
Brown Thrasher 9  
N. Mockingbird 56  
Eur. Starling 555  
Cedar Waxwing 70  
Ovenbird 3  
N. Waterthrush 3  
Black-&-white Warbler 4  
Tennessee Warbler 51  
Kentucky Warbler 1  
Com. Yellowthroat 6  
Hooded Warbler 3  
Am. Redstart 7  
Cape May Warbler 1  
N. Parula 4  
Magnolia Warbler 6  
Bay-br. Warbler 36  
Blackburnian Warbler 4  
Chestnut-sd. Warbler 4  
Blackpoll Warbler 4  
Blk-thr. Blue Warbler 8  
Palm Warbler 56  
Pine Warbler 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 4  
Yellow-thr. Warbler 2  
Blk-thr. Green Warbler 7  
E. Towhee 53  
Chipping Sparrow 46  
Field Sparrow 11  
Savannah Sparrow 2  
Song Sparrow 126  
Swamp Sparrow 4  
Dark-eyed Junco 73  
Scarlet Tanager 5  
N. Cardinal 120  
Rose-br. Grosbeak 67  
Blue Grosbeak 1  
Indigo Bunting 27  
Red-wg. Blackbird 194  
E. Meadowlark 14  
Com. Grackle 1  
Brown-hd. Cowbird 11  
House Finch 36  
Pine Siskin 8  
Am. Goldfinch 99  
House Sparrow 19

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118 species

Notable misses: Green Heron, Com. Nighthawk, E. Kingbird,  
Loggerhead Shrike, White-eyed Vireo, Barn Swallow, House Wren,  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Hermit Thrush, Prairie Warbler,  
Lincoln's Sparrow, Red Crossbill.

The crossbills were missed because Roan Mtn was completely socked in all day.  
Also, few shorebirds were found partly due to shortage of habitat, because of the drought.

Thanks to all participants.

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