

The Elizabethton Bird Club holds two summer bird counts to supplement other population monitoring efforts on the birdlife of Tennessee.

Carter Co. : The 26th summer count was held 8 June with 16 observers in 5 parties plus 2 yard watchers. 115 species were found, which is slightly above the average of 113 per count. The all-time high was 123 species in 2017. Several species restricted to the higher elevations of East Tenn were found.

Highlights:

N. Bobwhite - 1 - they have been increasingly difficult to find.
Ruffed Grouse - 2
Great Egret - 1 - first on this count.
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
Am. Woodcock - 1
Eur. Collared-Dove - 3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 3
Alder Flycatcher - 3
Least Flycatcher - 4
Fish Crow - 1 - first for Carter Co of this rapidly expanding species.
Com. Raven - 5
Red-br. Nuthatch - 5
Brown Creeper - 3
Winter Wren - 8
Golden-cr. Kinglet - 23
Hermit Thrush - 1

20 species of warblers, including

Golden-wg. - 6
Swainson's - 3
Magnolia - 6
Blackburnian - 4
Yellow-rumped - 1 - on Roan Mtn, where they have nested

Grasshopper Sparrow - 1 - scarce in mountain Cos.
Rose-br. Grosbeak - 11
Purple Finch - 2 - pair with conjunctivitis lingering at a feeder
Pine Siskin - 2

Misses included: Green Heron, Yellow-cr. Night-Heron, Bald Eagle, Gr. Horned Owl, White-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Purple Martin, Kentucky Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Vesper Sparrow.
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Unicoi Co. : The 6th summer count was held 15 June with 16 observers in 5 parties. 107 species were found, which is slightly below the average of 109 species (still a small sample size). Several high elevation species also found here.

Highlights:

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
Bald Eagle - 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 4
Least Flycatcher - 1
Warbling Vireo - 2
Com. Raven - 8
Red-br. Nuthatch - 6
Brown Creeper - 3
Golden-cr. Kinglet - 4
Hermit Thrush - 3

18 species of warblers, including

Swainson's - 8
Kentucky - 1
Magnolia - 1
Prairie - 1

Rose-br. Grosbeak - 5

Misses included: Ruffed Grouse, Gr. Horned Owl, Winter Wren, Blackburnian Warbler, Pine Warbler.
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Thanks to all participants.

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