

The Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS just completed two CBCs in Northeast Tennessee. The results follow:

The 78th consecutive Elizabethton CBC was held on Saturday, Dec 19, with 26 observers in 9-10 parties. Although the day started cold at 19 degrees, it warmed up in the mid-day. We tallied 77 species (plus 1 in count week), which is above the recent 30-year average of 73 species. The all-time high on this count was 85 species found in 2017.

The list:

Canada Goose - 645
Mallard - 193
Ring-necked Duck - 1
Bufflehead - 105
Hooded Merganser - 6
Ruffed Grouse - cw
Wild Turkey - 26
Com. Loon - 3
Pied-billed Grebe - 5
Horned Grebe - 8
Dbl-cr. Cormorant - 1
Great Blue Heron - 21
Black Vulture - 14
Turkey Vulture - 14
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
Cooper's Hawk - 4
Bald Eagle - 3
Red-tailed Hawk - 30
Killdeer - 8
Ring-billed Gull - 5
Rock Pigeon - 313
Eur. Collared-Dove - 6
Mourning Dove - 108
E. Screech-Owl - 4
Great Horned Owl - 1
Barred Owl - 2
Belted Kingfisher - 16
Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 49
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 14
Downy Woodpecker - 29
Hairy Woodpecker - 3
N. Flicker - 17
Pileated Woodpecker - 27
Am. Kestrel - 19
E. Phoebe - 14
Blue Jay - 199
Am. Crow - 395
Com. Raven - 9
Carolina Chickadee - 159
Tufted Titmouse - 110
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 3
White-breasted Nuthatch - 28
Brown Creeper - 2
Winter Wren - 9
Carolina Wren - 136
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 26
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 9
E. Bluebird - 134
Hermit Thrush - 13
Am. Robin - 40
Gray Catbird - 1
N. Mockingbird - 69
Eur. Starling - 1081
Am. Pipit - 51
Cedar Waxwing - 16
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1
Palm Warbler - 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 71
E. Towhee - 20
Chipping Sparrow - 15

Field Sparrow - 10
Fox Sparrow - 1
Song Sparrow - 179
Swamp Sparrow - 6
White-throated Sparrow - 62
White-crowned Sparrow - 13
Dark-eyed Junco - 65
N. Cardinal - 199
Red-winged Blackbird - 3
E. Meadowlark - 1
Com. Grackle - 2
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1
Evening Grosbeak - 1
House Finch - 27
Red Crossbill - 9
Am. Goldfinch - 136
House Sparrow - 49

77 species + 1 count week

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The 68th Roan Mountain CBC was held on Sunday, Dec. 20, with 7 observers
in 3 parties. There was 1-2 inches of snow above 4000 ft elevation. We tallied
49 species (plus 1 in count week), which also is slightly above the recent 30-year
average of 46 species. The all-time high on this count was 55 species in 1987.
This count circle is entirely above 2800 ft elevation with less water areas and
open country resulting in lower over-all bird diversity and density.

The list:

Canada Goose - 27
Am. Black Duck - 10
Bufflehead - 12
Hooded Merganser - 8
Ruffed Grouse - cw
Wild Turkey - 18
Pied-billed Grebe - 3
Great Blue Heron - 4
Turkey Vulture - 6
Cooper's Hawk - 1
Red-shouldered Hawk - 2
Red-tailed Hawk - 4
Rock Pigeon - 16
Mourning Dove - 27
Belted Kingfisher - 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2
Downy Woodpecker - 13
Hairy Woodpecker - 6
N. Flicker - 2
Pileated Woodpecker - 5
Am. Kestrel - 1
E. Phoebe - 5
Blue Jay - 37
Am. Crow - 176
Com. Raven - 31
Carolina Chickadee - 68
Tufted Titmouse - 32
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 3
White-breasted Nuthatch - 14
Brown Creeper - 1
Winter Wren - 4
Carolina Wren - 39
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1

E. Bluebird - 30
Hermit Thrush - 1
Am. Robin - 43
N. Mockingbird - 10
Eur. Starling - 132
E. Towhee - 5
Field Sparrow - 2
Song Sparrow - 89
Swamp Sparrow - 5
White-throated Sparrow - 4
Dark-eyed Junco - 30
N. Cardinal - 68
House Finch - 4
Am. Goldfinch - 11
House Sparrow - 20

49 species + 1 count week

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Thanks to all participants for another successful pair of CBCs.

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