

The 79th consecutive Elizabethton Christmas Bird Count was held 18 Dec 2021 with 27 observers in 7 parties. We tallied 68 species of birds, which is below the recent 30-year average of 73 species. The all-time high was 85 species counted in 2017.

The weather on count day, light rain for much of the day, contributed heavily to the lower total. Few ducks due to a mild season also was a factor.

Notably absent were cormorants, Turkey Vulture, Red-br. Nuthatch, Palm Warbler, White-cr. Sparrow, E. Meadowlark, grackle & cowbird. Several species were found in low numbers, also largely due to the rain.

#### The List

Canada Goose 562  
Mallard 162  
Redhead 11  
Ring-necked Duck 1  
Bufflehead 179  
Wild Turkey 31  
Com. Loon 2  
Pied-billed Grebe 7  
Horned Grebe 20  
Great Blue Heron 19  
Black Vulture 1  
Sharp-sh. Hawk 2  
Cooper's Hawk 10  
Bald Eagle 3  
Red-shld. Hawk 1  
Red-tailed Hawk 4  
Killdeer 3  
Wilson's Snipe 1  
Ring-billed Gull 1  
Rock Pigeon 329  
Eur. Collared-Dove 1  
Mourning Dove 205  
E. Screech-Owl 4  
Great Horned Owl 1  
Barred Owl 1  
Belted Kingfisher 14  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 36  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12  
Downy Woodpecker 25  
Hairy Woodpecker 6  
N. Flicker 23  
Pileated Woodpecker 16  
Am. Kestrel 12  
E. Phoebe 16  
Blue Jay 182

Am. Crow 373  
Com. Raven 6  
Carolina Chickadee 145  
Tufted Titmouse 99  
White-br. Nuthatch 13  
Brown Creeper 4  
Winter Wren 6  
Carolina Wren 110  
Golden-cr. Kinglet 29  
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 20  
E. Bluebird 128  
Hermit Thrush 4  
Am. Robin 443  
Gray Catbird 1  
Brown Thrasher 3  
N. Mockingbird 69  
Eur. Starling 1110  
Cedar Waxwing 120  
Orange-cr. Warbler 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 176  
E. Towhee 13  
Chipping Sparrow 3  
Field Sparrow 19  
Fox Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 193  
Swamp Sparrow 3  
White-thr. Sparrow 62  
Dark-eyed Junco 48  
N. Cardinal 176  
Red-wg. Blackbird 5  
House Finch 57  
Am. Goldfinch 83  
House Sparrow 16

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Observers: Fred Alsop, Rob Armistead, Judith Baird, Jerry Bevins, Tammy Bright, Kevin Brooks, Cade Campbell, Debi & J. G. Campbell, Catherine Cummins, Harry Lee Farthing, Dave Gardner, David & Connie Irick, Rick & Jacki Knight, Roy Knispel, Vern Maddux, Tom McNeil, Brookie & Jean Potter, Pete Range, Judi Sawyer, Bryan Stevens, Kim Stroud, Scott Turner, Charlie Warden.

Thanks to all for participating on such a sloppy day.

Rick Knight, compiler (My 34th year doing so.)