

The 53rd consecutive Elizabethton Fall Count was held on 24 Sep 2022 with 26 observers in 9 parties. The weather was cool and cloudy, with scattered light showers in most areas. We covered parts of Carter Co. & adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Cos.

We tallied 125 species, which is exactly the average of the last 30 years. The all-time high was 137 species in 1993. Conversely, the lowest total in the last 30 years was 102 species in 1999.

The list:

Canada Goose 881  
Wood Duck 50  
Blue-wg. Teal 3  
Mallard 195  
Am. Black Duck 1  
Com. Merganser 6  
N. Bobwhite 6  
Wild Turkey 50  
Pied-billed Grebe 1  
Rock Pigeon 477  
Eur. Collared-Dove 8  
Mourning Dove 248  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 3  
Com. Nighthawk 1  
Chimney Swift 91  
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 18  
Virginia Rail 2  
Sora 1  
Killdeer 12  
Semipalmated Sandpiper 1  
Wilson's Snipe 1  
Double-cr. Cormorant 30  
Great Blue Heron 25  
Great Egret 5  
Green Heron 4  
Black Vulture 43  
Turkey Vulture 82  
Osprey 8  
N. Harrier 1  
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1  
Cooper's Hawk 5  
Bald Eagle 4  
Red-shouldered Hawk 7  
Red-tailed Hawk 9  
E. Screech-Owl 19  
Great Horned Owl 7  
Barred Owl 4  
Belted Kingfisher 25

Red-headed Woodpecker 8  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 69  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2  
Downy Woodpecker 32  
Hairy Woodpecker 24  
N. Flicker 50  
Pileated Woodpecker 29  
Am. Kestrel 24  
Merlin 1  
Peregrine Falcon 2  
Great Crested Flycatcher 1  
E. Wood-Pewee 12  
Acadian Flycatcher 1  
Empidonax sp. 1  
E. Phoebe 93  
White-eyed Vireo 4  
Yellow-thr. Vireo 3  
Blue-headed Vireo 15  
Red-eyed Vireo 11  
Blue Jay 415  
Am. Crow 436  
Fish Crow 2  
Com. Raven 11  
Tree Swallow 130  
Barn Swallow 6  
Carolina Chickadee 167  
Tufted Titmouse 136  
Red-br. Nuthatch 7  
White-br. Nuthatch 51  
House Wren 9  
Winter Wren 1  
Marsh Wren 1  
Carolina Wren 157  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1  
Golden-cr. Kinglet 4  
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 3  
Veery 2  
Gray-cheeked Thrush 5  
Swainson's Thrush 85  
Am. Robin 271  
Gray Catbird 37  
Brown Thrasher 9  
N. Mockingbird 69  
Eur. Starling 453  
Cedar Waxwing 225  
House Sparrow 28  
House Finch 52  
Red Crossbill 2  
Am. Goldfinch 145

Chipping Sparrow 72  
Field Sparrow 19  
Dark-eyed Junco 17  
Song Sparrow 83  
E. Towhee 59  
E. Meadowlark 17  
Red-wg. Blackbird 67  
Ovenbird 4  
Worm-eating Warbler 1  
N. Waterthrush 2  
Black-and-white Warbler 13  
Tennessee Warbler 57  
Orange-cr. Warbler 1  
Nashville Warbler 3  
Com. Yellowthroat 15  
Hooded Warbler 4  
Am. Redstart 34  
Cape May Warbler 18  
N. Parula 10  
Magnolia Warbler 25  
Bay-br. Warbler 16  
Blackburnian Warbler 11  
Chestnut-sd. Warbler 5  
Black-thr. Blue Warbler 15  
Palm Warbler 96  
Pine Warbler 6  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 5  
Yellow-throated Warbler 1  
Prairie Warbler 2  
Black-thr. Green Warbler 17  
Canada Warbler 1  
Summer Tanager 1  
Scarlet Tanager 14  
Rose-br. Grosbeak 65  
Blue Grosbeak 2  
Indigo Bunting 5

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Notable misses:

Ruffed Grouse, Broad-winged Hawk, Brown Creeper, Com. Grackle,  
and Brown-headed Cowbird.

Many thanks to all participants for another good count.

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