

The 79th consecutive Elizabethton Spring Count was held on 7 May 2022 with 28 observers in 9-12 parties, plus 2 feeder watchers. The area covered included Carter Co. and parts of adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Washington, & Unicoi Cos.

The weather was less than ideal, with cool temperatures (45-60\*) and mist or light rain for part or most of the day (depending on location). The mountainous areas had the most rain.

We tallied 147 species, which is slightly below the recent 30 year average of 150 species. In addition, most species were in reduced numbers, likely due to the difficulties presented by the weather (i.e., less singing, fewer soaring birds, etc.). On the other hand, the weather may have grounded some of the shorebirds. Large numbers of swallows & swifts were foraging low over the water at Austin Springs due to the cool temps.

The list:

Canada Goose 482  
Wood Duck 58  
Blue-wg. Teal 4  
Mallard 113  
Bufflehead 1  
Hooded Merganser 3  
Com. Merganser 1  
Wild Turkey 41  
Rock Pigeon 124  
Eur. Collared-Dove 4  
Mourning Dove 259  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 2  
Com. Nighthawk 1  
Chuck-will's-widow 6  
E. Whip-poor-will 12  
Chimney Swift 401  
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 19  
Killdeer 32  
Least Sandpiper 16  
Pectoral Sandpiper 2  
Semipalmated Sandpiper 1  
Spotted Sandpiper 34  
Solitary Sandpiper 13  
Lsr. Yellowlegs 5  
Gr. Yellowlegs 1  
Ring-billed Gull 3  
Com. Loon 3  
Dbl-cr. Cormorant 75  
Great Blue Heron 51  
Great Egret 3  
Green Heron 10  
Black Vulture 40  
Turkey Vulture 56

Osprey 4  
Cooper's Hawk 3  
Bald Eagle 5  
Broad-winged Hawk 2  
Red-tailed Hawk 8  
E. Screech-Owl 3  
Great Horned Owl 2  
Barred Owl 1  
Belted Kingfisher 11  
Red-headed Woodpecker 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 46  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3  
Downy Woodpecker 20  
Hairy Woodpecker 7  
N. Flicker 36  
Pileated Woodpecker 29  
Am. Kestrel 8  
Gr. Crested Flycatcher 14  
E. Kingbird 30  
E. Wood-Pewee 11  
Acadian Flycatcher 15  
Least Flycatcher 2  
E. Phoebe 61  
White-eyed Vireo 7  
Yellow-thr, Vireo 4  
Blue-hd. Vireo 25  
Warbling Vireo 8  
Red-eyed Vireo 149  
Blue Jay 192  
Am. Crow 280  
Fish Crow 4 (present 3rd year in a row)  
Com. Raven 8  
Bank Swallow 6  
Tree Swallow 399  
N. Rough-wg. Swallow 168  
Purple Martin 94  
Barn Swallow 405  
Cliff Swallow 499  
Carolina Chickadee 123  
Tufted Titmouse 140  
Red-br. Nuthatch 1  
White-br. Nuthatch 11  
House Wren 53  
Winter Wren 1  
Carolina Wren 161  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 51  
Golden-cr. Kinglet 2  
E. Bluebird 141  
Veery 19

Gray-cheeked Thrush 1  
Swainson's Thrush 3  
Wood Thrush 51  
Am. Robin 924  
Gray Catbird 75  
Brown Thrasher 64  
N. Mockingbird 93  
Eur. Starling 730  
Cedar Waxwing 75  
House Sparrow 50  
House Finch 62  
Pine Siskin 3  
Am. Goldfinch 224  
Grasshopper Sparrow 1  
Chipping Sparrow 95  
Field Sparrow 29  
Dark-eyed Junco 19  
White-cr. Sparrow 1  
White-thr. Sparrow 1  
Savannah Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 290  
Lincoln's Sparrow 1  
E. Towhee 151  
Yellow-br. Chat 11  
E. Meadowlark 91  
Orchard Oriole 20  
Baltimore Oriole 11  
Red-wg. Blackbird 302  
Brown-hd. Cowbird 101  
Com. Grackle 281  
Ovenbird 88  
Worm-eating Warbler 13  
La. Waterthrush 25  
No. Waterthrush 1  
Golden-wg. Warbler 1  
Black-&-white Warbler 37  
Swainson's Warbler 6  
Tenn. Warbler 1  
Kentucky Warbler 5  
Com. Yellowthroat 17  
Hooded Warbler 85  
Am. Redstart 14  
Cape May Warbler 1  
N. Parula 46  
Magnolia Warbler 2  
Bay-br. Warbler 2  
Blackburnian Warbler 3  
Yellow Warbler 9  
Chestnut-sd. Warbler 15

Blackpoll Warbler 2  
Black-thr. Blue Warbler 33  
Palm Warbler 1  
Pine Warbler 9  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 9  
Yellow-thr. Warbler 44  
Prairie Warbler 1  
Black-thr. Green Warbler 33  
Canada Warbler 10  
Summer Tanager 1  
Scarlet Tanager 60  
N. Cardinal 270  
Rose-br. Grosbeak 11  
Blue Grosbeak 8  
Indigo Bunting 104  
Dickcissel 2

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147 species

Species missed: Ruffed Grouse, Sora, Am. Woodcock,  
both night-herons, Sharp-sh. Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk,  
Brown Creeper, Ruby-cr. Kinglet, Hermit Thrush.

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