

The 53rd consecutive Elizabethton Fall Count was held 30 September with 30 observers in 10-12 parties. The weather was good, with a temperature range of 54-82°F.

We tallied 121 species, plus 1 sp. (*Empidonax* sp.). This total is slightly below the recent 30-year average of 125 species. The all-time high was 137 species in 1993.

The count highlight was the lingering immature Purple Gallinule in Washington County.

The list:

Canada Goose 850

Wood Duck 40

Mallard 179

Com. Merganser 6

N. Bobwhite 3

Ruffed Grouse 1

Wild Turkey 37

Pied-billed Grebe 4

Rock Pigeon 362

Eur. Collared-Dove 1

Mourning Dove 172

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5

Black-billed Cuckoo 1

Com. Nighthawk 2

Chimney Swift 246

Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 17

Virginia Rail 1

Purple Gallinule 1

Killdeer 45

Wilson's Snipe 1

Spotted Sandpiper 2

Double-cr. Cormorant 84

Great Blue Heron 34

Great Egret 3

Green Heron 3

Black Vulture 29

Turkey Vulture 141

Osprey 7

N. Harrier 1

Sharp-shinned Hawk 5

Cooper's Hawk 4

Bald Eagle 7

Red-shouldered Hawk 6

Broad-winged Hawk 1

Red-tailed Hawk 19

Barn Owl 2

E. Screech-Owl 17

Great Horned Owl 4

Barred Owl 4

N. Saw-whet Owl 1

Belted Kingfisher 26

Red-headed Woodpecker 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker 69

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7

Downy Woodpecker 39

Hairy Woodpecker 12

N. Flicker 54

Pileated Woodpecker 30

Am. Kestrel 16

Merlin 1

Great Crested Flycatcher 1

E. Wood-Pewee 18

Empidonax sp. 1

E. Phoebe 97

Yellow-throated Vireo 2

Blue-headed Vireo 31

Red-eyed Vireo 5

Blue Jay 438

Am. Crow 505

Fish Crow 7

Com. Raven 20

Tree Swallow 220

Barn Swallow 1

Carolina Chickadee 195

Tufted Titmouse 168

Red-breasted Nuthatch 17

White-breasted Nuthatch 64

Brown Creeper 3

House Wren 3

Carolina Wren 177

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1

Golden-crowned Kinglet 5

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4

E. Bluebird 152  
Veery 1  
Gray-cheeked Thrush 6  
Swainson's Thrush 43  
Wood Thrush 5  
Am. Robin 113

Gray Catbird 38  
Brown Thrasher 9  
N. Mockingbird 80

Eur. Starling 615  
Cedar Waxwing 106  
House Sparrow 37

House Finch 42  
Pine Siskin 2  
Am. Goldfinch 123

Chipping Sparrow 95  
Field Sparrow 11  
Dark-eyed Junco 83  
Savannah Sparrow 3  
Song Sparrow 84  
E. Towhee 62

E. Meadowlark 17  
Red-winged Blackbird 10  
Brown-headed Cowbird 2  
Com. Grackle 10

Ovenbird 6  
N. Waterthrush 3  
Black-and-white Warbler 2  
Tennessee Warbler 73  
Com. Yellowthroat 12  
Hooded Warbler 13  
Am. Redstart 10  
Cape May Warbler 23  
N. Parula 11  
Magnolia Warbler 20  
Bay-breasted Warbler 28  
Blackburnian Warbler 5  
Chestnut-sided Warbler 6  
Blackpoll Warbler 1  
Black-thr. Blue Warbler 21  
Palm Warbler 21  
Pine Warbler 14  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 6

Black-thr. Green Warbler 15

Scarlet Tanager 9

N. Cardinal 169

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 26

Blue Grosbeak 3

Indigo Bunting 12

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Observers: Fred Alsop, Jerry Bevins, Rob Biller, Tammy Bright, Debi & J.G. Campbell,  
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Rick & Jacki Knight, Roy Knispel, Vern Maddux, Joe McGuinness, Tom McNeil, Alson Ovando,  
Susan Peters, Brookie & Jean Potter, Lia Prichard, Pete Range, Judith Reid, Judi Sawyer,  
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