

The 81st consecutive Elizabethton Spring Bird Count was held on 4 May with 40 observers in 16 parties. Participants covered Carter County plus parts of adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, & Washington Cos. Temperatures were mild with little wind, however, light rain just before sunrise and light to moderate rain during much of the afternoon hampered birding to some degree. Despite this good numbers were counted.

We tallied 151 species, including 28 species of warblers. The average number of species over the last 20 years was 153 species. The all-time high was 166 species in 2016.

The list:

Canada Goose 391
Wood Duck 35
Blue-wg. Teal 4
Mallard 96
Green-wg. Teal 1
Com. Merganser 2
Wild Turkey 23
Ruffed Grouse 1
Pied-billed Grebe 1
Rock Pigeon 117
Eur. Collared-Dove 1
Mourning Dove 223
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 4
Chuck-will's-widow 8
E. Whip-poor-will 28
Chimney Swift 168
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 9
Virginia Rail 1
Killdeer 29
Least Sandpiper 27
Pectoral Sandpiper 2
Semipalmated Sandpiper 3
Spotted Sandpiper 49
Solitary Sandpiper 27
Lsr. Yellowlegs 5
Gr. Yellowlegs 1
Double-cr. Cormorant 80
Great Blue Heron 76
Great Egret 2
Green Heron 21
Yellow-cr. Night-Heron 4
Black Vulture 111
Turkey Vulture 96
Osprey 13
Cooper's Hawk 3
Bald Eagle 7
Red-shouldered Hawk 6
Broad-wg. Hawk 8

Red-tailed Hawk 14
E. Screech-Owl 11
Great Horned Owl 1
Barred Owl 8
Belted Kingfisher 25
Red-headed Woodpecker 16
Red-bellied Woodpecker 87
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9
Downy Woodpecker 31
Hairy Woodpecker 8
N. Flicker 52
Pileated Woodpecker 46
Am. Kestrel 9
Great Crested Flycatcher 30
E. Kingbird 66
E. Wood-Pewee 31
Acadian Flycatcher 16
Least Flycatcher 15
E. Phoebe 96
White-eyed Vireo 18
Yellow-thr. Vireo 12
Blue-headed Vireo 49
Warbling Vireo 15
Red-eyed Vireo 343
Blue Jay 151
Am. Crow 280
Fish Crow 12
Com. Raven 13
Carolina Chickadee 143
Tufted Titmouse 158
Tree Swallow 154
N. Rough-wg. Swallow 49
Purple Martin 68
Barn Swallow 213
Cliff Swallow 780
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 3
Golden-cr. Kinglet 2
Cedar Waxwing 64
Red-br. Nuthatch 8
White-br. Nuthatch 27
Brown Creeper 2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 77
Carolina Wren 203
House Wren 50
Winter Wren 5
Marsh Wren 1
Gray Catbird 54
Brown Thrasher 64
N. Mockingbird 94

Eur. Starling 500
E. Bluebird 134
Veery 14
Gray-cheeked Thrush 2
Swainson's Thrush 9
Hermit Thrush 1
Wood Thrush 118
Am. Robin 742
House Sparrow 30
House Finch 79
Pine Siskin 1
Am. Goldfinch 279
Grasshopper Sparrow 1
Chipping Sparrow 123
Field Sparrow 43
Dark-eyed Junco 48
White-cr. Sparrow 1
White-thr. Sparrow 5
Savannah Sparrow 6
Song Sparrow 338
Swamp Sparrow 1
E. Towhee 179
Yellow-br. Chat 11
E. Meadowlark 81
Orchard Oriole 24
Baltimore Oriole 18
Red-wg. Blackbird 282
Brown-hd. Cowbird 61
Com. Grackle 315

Warblers (28 spp.):
Ovenbird 162
Worm-eating 28
La. Waterthrush 34
N. Waterthrush 4
Golden-wg. 1
Black-&white 103
Swainson's 15
Tennessee 15
Kentucky 7
Com. Yellowthroat 48
Hooded 231
Am. Redstart 33
Cape May 9
N. Parula 89
Magnolia 4
Bay-breasted 7
Blackburnian 24
Yellow 15

Chestnut-sd. 30
Blackpoll 8
Blk-thr. Blue 89
Palm 3
Pine 8
Yellow-rumped 21
Yellow-throated 54
Prairie 1
Blk-thr. Green 81
Canada 37

Summer Tanager 1
Scarlet Tanager 97
N. Cardinal 321
Rose-br. Grosbeak 30
Blue Grosbeak 10
Indigo Bunting 184
Dickcissel 1

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Thanks to all participants.
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