

The 82nd Elizabethton CBC was held Dec. 14 with 24 observers in 6 parties. We tallied 71 species, with an additional 3 species seen during "count week", which is 3 days before or after count day. Our total was just below the recent 40 year average of 72 species. The all-time high was 85 species seen in 2017.

The list (cw = count week)

Canada Goose 302
Wood Duck 2
Am. Wigeon cw
Mallard 65
Green-wg Teal 2
Ring-nk. Duck 5
Bufflehead 143
Hooded Merganser 3
Red-br. Merganser 1
Com. Merganser 4
Wild Turkey 26
Pied-billed Grebe 10
Rock Pigeon 106
Eur. Collared-Dove 2
Mourning Dove 108
Killdeer cw
Wilson's Snipe 1
Ring-billed Gull 9
Double-cr. Cormorant 1
Great Blue Heron 9
Black Vulture 18
Turkey Vulture 21
Cooper's Hawk 5
Bald Eagle 6
Red-shouldered Hawk 2
Red-tailed Hawk 15
E. Screech-Owl 6
Great Horned Owl 1
Barred Owl 2
Belted Kingfisher 12
Red-bellied Woodpecker 30
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 8
Downy Woodpecker 26
Hairy Woodpecker 2
N. Flicker 32
Pileated Woodpecker 19
Am. Kestrel 16
E. Phoebe 13
Blue Jay 107
Am. Crow 339
Fish Crow 1
Com. Raven 10

Carolina Chickadee 102
Tufted Titmouse 77
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 11
Golden-cr. Kinglet 17
Cedar Waxwing 103
Red-br. Nuthatch 8
White-br. Nuthatch 27
Brown Creeper 10
Carolina Wren 104
Winter Wren 9
Gray Catbird 1
N. Mockingbird 55
Eur. Starling 369
E. Bluebird 108
Hermit Thrush 11
Am. Robin 181
House Sparrow 34
House Finch 73
Purple Finch 2
Am. Goldfinch 34
Chipping Sparrow 18
Field Sparrow 9
Dark-eyed Junco 151
White-thr. Sparrow 56
Song Sparrow 125
Swamp Sparrow 7
E. Towhee 10
E. Meadowlark 11
Orange-cr. Warbler 1
Pine Warbler cw
Yellow-rumped Warbler 98
N. Cardinal 118

71 species + 3 cw

Highlights: Fish Crow, Gray Catbird, Orange-cr. Warbler.

Also notable: Red-br. & Com. Merganser, Eur. Collared-Dove.

Notable misses: Horned Grebe, Killdeer, Sharp-sh. Hawk, Fox & White-cr. Sparrows.

Thanks to all who participated.

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