

The 32nd annual Carter County Summer Bird Count was held June 7 with 20 observers in 9 parties. We tallied 117 species, which is slightly above the average of 114 species.

Most unusual was a Mississippi Kite seen in the Toll Branch vicinity. Also notable were Com. Merganser and Red Crossbill.

The list:

Canada Goose 90
Wood Duck 8
Mallard 56
Com. Merganser 2
Wild Turkey 13
Rock Pigeon 36
Eur. Collared-Dove 3
Mourning Dove 142
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5
Chuck-will's-widow -4
E. Whip-poor-will 8
Chimney Swift 55
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 20
Killdeer 8
Double-cr. Cormorant 5
Green Heron 2
Great Blue Heron 10
Black Vulture 14
Turkey Vulture 46
Osprey 3
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1
Cooper's Hawk 3
Bald Eagle 2
Mississippi Kite 1 - first for the summer count
Red-shouldered Hawk 4
Broad-winged Hawk 5
Red-tailed Hawk 14
E. Screech Owl 3
Great Horned Owl 1
Barred Owl 1
Belted Kingfisher 9
Red-bellied Woodpecker 18
Downy Woodpecker 10
Hairy Woodpecker 1
N. Flicker 24
Pileated Woodpecker 16
Am. Kestrel 2
Great Crested Flycatcher 8
E. Kingbird 16
E. Wood-Pewee 26
Acadian Flycatcher 23

Alder Flycatcher 1
Least Flycatcher 9
E. Phoebe 46
White-eyed Vireo 11
Yellow-throated Vireo 1
Blue-headed Vireo 20
Warbling Vireo 4
Red-eyed Vireo 130
Blue Jay 104
Am. Crow 180
Fish Crow 4
Com. Raven 2
Carolina Chickadee 57
Tufted Titmouse 78
Tree Swallow 101
N. Rough-winged Swallow 58
Purple Martin 23
Barn Swallow 106
Cliff Swallow 127
Golden-crowned Kinglet 2
Cedar Waxwing 69
Red-breasted Nuthatch 3
White-breasted Nuthatch 13
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 13
Carolina Wren 78
House Wren 23
Winter Wren 1
Gray Catbird 34
Brown Thrasher 31
N. Mockingbird 83
Eur. Starling 660
E. Bluebird 102
Veery 10
Hermit Thrush 1
Wood Thrush 35
Am. Robin 417
House Sparrow 27
House Finch 84
Red Crossbill 3
Pine Siskin 5
Am. Goldfinch 117
Chipping Sparrow 91
Field Sparrow 26
Dark-eyed Junco 34
Song Sparrow 204
E. Towhee 105
Yellow-breasted Chat 4
E. Meadowlark 11
Orchard Oriole 8

Baltimore Oriole 6
Red-winged Blackbird 88
Brown-headed Cowbird 43
Com. Grackle 109

warblers (18 species):

Ovenbird 65
Worm-eating 5
Louisiana Waterthrush 15
Golden-winged 3
Black-and-white 34
Swainson's 9
Com. Yellowthroat 19
Hooded 104
Am. Redstart 24
N. Parula 65
Blackburnian 6
Yellow 9
Chestnut-sided 31
Black-thr. Blue 33
Pine 3
Yellow-throated 20
Black-thr. Green 27
Canada 2

Scarlet Tanager 34
N. Cardinal 160
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7
Blue Grosbeak 6
Indigo Bunting 154

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It seems like a few species are often missed on a one-day count like this.
Usually these are low-density or localized species. Weather or other
circumstances may contribute to these misses, as well.

Missed species this year were:

Ruffed Grouse, Com. Nighthawk, Am. Woodcock, Yellow-cr. Night-Heron,
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brown Creeper, Kentucky Warbler, and
Magnolia Warbler.

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