

The 82nd consecutive Elizabethton spring count was held 3 May 2025 with 44 observers in 15 parties. We tallied 148 species, which is slightly below the recent 30 year average of 150 species.

Noteworthy sightings included Com. Merganser, Black-billed Cuckoo, Willow Flycatcher, Vesper Sparrow, Bobolink, Prothonotary and Cerulean warblers.

The list:

Canada Goose 208  
Wood Duck 31  
Blue-wg. Teal 2  
Mallard 86  
Com. Merganser 7  
Wild Turkey 16  
Ruffed Grouse 1  
Rock Pigeon 92  
Eur. Collared-Dove 1  
Mourning Dove 176  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 3  
Black-billed Cuckoo 2  
Chuck-will's-widow 9  
E. Whip-poor-will 32  
Chimney Swift 149  
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 18  
Killdeer 32  
Least Sandpiper 16  
Pectoral Sandpiper 1  
Spotted Sandpiper 42  
Solitary Sandpiper 39  
Lesser Yellowlegs 6  
Dbl-cr. Cormorant 28  
Green Heron 8  
Great Egret 1  
Great Blue Heron 50  
Black Vulture 38  
Turkey Vulture 96  
Osprey 4  
Cooper's Hawk 6  
Bald Eagle 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk 4  
Broad-winged Hawk 7  
Red-tailed Hawk 14  
E. Screech Owl 15  
Great Horned Owl 2  
Barred Owl 4  
Belted Kingfisher 15  
Red-headed Woodpecker 2  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 68  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7

Downy Woodpecker 33  
Hairy Woodpecker 6  
N. Flicker 37  
Pileated Woodpecker 36  
Am. Kestrel 5  
Great Crested Flycatcher 28  
E. Kingbird 42  
E. Wood-Pewee 16  
Acadian Flycatcher 27  
Willow Flycatcher 1  
Least Flycatcher 10  
E. Phoebe 64  
White-eyed Vireo 19  
Yellow-thr. Vireo 12  
Blue-headed Vireo 42  
Warbling Vireo 10  
Red-eyed Vireo 364  
Blue Jay 175  
Am. Crow 218  
Fish Crow 17 (reported by 6 parties, an example of their local expansion)  
Com. Raven 17 (reported by 8 parties)  
Carolina Chickadee 144  
Tufted Titmouse 189  
Tree Swallow 107  
N. Rough-wg. Swallow 81  
Purple Martin 29  
Barn Swallow 144  
Cliff Swallow 482  
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 1  
Golden-cr. Kinglet 2  
Cedar Waxwing 122  
Red-br. Nuthatch 9  
White-br. Nuthatch 26  
Brown Creeper 6  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 62  
Carolina Wren 159  
House Wren 39  
Winter Wren 1  
Gray Catbird 68  
Brown Thrasher 43  
N. Mockingbird 97  
Eur. Starling 539  
E. Bluebird 97  
Veery 15  
Swainson's Thrush 8  
Wood Thrush 116  
Am. Robin 654  
House Sparrow 55  
House Finch 78

Pine Siskin 7  
Am. Goldfinch 252  
Chipping Sparrow 139  
Field Sparrow 34  
Dark-eyed Junco 48  
White-crowned Sparrow 3  
White-throated Sparrow 4  
Vesper Sparrow 1  
Savannah Sparrow 4  
Song Sparrow 287  
Swamp Sparrow 1  
E. Towhee 203  
Yellow-br. Chat 9  
Bobolink 6  
E. Meadowlark 108  
Orchard Oriole 28  
Baltimore Oriole 26  
Red-wg. Blackbird 211  
Brown-headed Cowbird 65  
Com. Grackle 195

warblers: 31 species

Ovenbird 169  
Worm-eating 42  
La. Waterthrush 45  
No. Waterthrush 4  
Golden-winged 2  
Blue-winged 1  
Black-and-white 104  
Prothonotary 1  
Swainson's 24 (a record number on this count, but indicative of their local abundance)  
Tennessee 13  
Kentucky 4  
Com. Yellowthroat 25  
Hooded 234  
Am. Redstart 27  
Cape May 14  
Cerulean 2  
N. Parula 88  
Magnolia 4  
Bay-breasted 6  
Blackburnian 16  
Yellow 10  
Chestnut-sided 32  
Blackpoll 6  
Black-thr. Blue 97  
Palm 5  
Pine 7  
Yellow-rumped 17

Yellow-throated 52  
Prairie 1  
Black-thr. Green 100  
Canada 50

Summer Tanager 2  
Scarlet Tanager 92  
N. Cardinal 284  
Rose-br. Grosbeak 30  
Blue Grosbeak 11  
Indigo Bunting 164  
Dickcissel 1

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