

The 12th annual Unicoi County Summer Count was held on June 14 with 15 observers in 6 parties. We tallied 107 species, which is near the average of 108 species.

Notable sightings included Black-billed Cuckoo, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin, Savannah Sparrow, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

The list:

Canada Goose 37  
Mallard 34  
Wild Turkey 21  
Ruffed Grouse 1  
Rock Pigeon 19  
Mourning Dove 53  
Black-billed Cuckoo 1  
Chuck-will's-widow 1  
E. Whip-poor-will 7  
Chimney Swift 17  
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 8  
Killdeer 3  
Green Heron 1  
Great Blue Heron 4  
Black Vulture 3  
Turkey Vulture 47  
Red-shouldered Hawk 1  
Broad-winged Hawk 2  
Red-tailed Hawk 1  
E. Screech Owl 2  
Barred Owl 1  
Belted Kingfisher 3  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 10  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3  
Downy Woodpecker 9  
Hairy Woodpecker 4  
N. Flicker 6  
Pileated Woodpecker 10  
Great Crested Flycatcher 6  
E. Kingbird 6  
E. Wood-Pewee 6  
Acadian Flycatcher 52  
Least Flycatcher 3  
E. Phoebe 39  
White-eyed Vireo 1  
Blue-headed Vireo 25  
Warbling Vireo 2  
Red-eyed Vireo 135  
Blue Jay 48  
Am. Crow 89

Fish Crow 3  
Com. Raven 2  
Carolina Chickadee 37  
Tufted Titmouse 51  
Tree Swallow 34  
N. Rough-winged Swallow 16  
Purple Martin 16  
Barn Swallow 46  
Cliff Swallow 48  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 1  
Cedar Waxwing 28  
Red-breasted Nuthatch 9  
White-breasted Nuthatch 9  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 16  
Carolina Wren 50  
House Wren 20  
Winter Wren 3  
Gray Catbird 15  
Brown Thrasher 8  
N. Mockingbird 10  
Eur. Starling 347  
E. Bluebird 26  
Veery 24  
Hermit Thrush 5  
Wood Thrush 46  
Am. Robin 195  
House Sparrow 17  
House Finch 21  
Red Crossbill 5  
Pine Siskin 3  
Am. Goldfinch 37  
Chipping Sparrow 44  
Field Sparrow 6  
Dark-eyed Junco 28  
Savannah Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 81  
E. Towhee 51  
E. Meadowlark 5  
Orchard Oriole 4  
Baltimore Oriole 1  
Red-winged Blackbird 43  
Brown-headed Cowbird 8  
Com. Grackle 30

warblers (19 species):

Ovenbird 46  
Worm-eating 7  
Louisiana Waterthrush 10  
Black-and-white 22

Swainson's 16  
Kentucky 1  
Com. Yellowthroat 9  
Hooded 52  
Am. Redstart 1  
N. Parula 32  
Magnolia 1  
Blackburnian 2  
Yellow 1  
Chestnut-sided 12  
Black-thr. Blue 29  
Yellow-rumped 1  
Yellow-throated 21  
Black-thr. Green 40  
Canada 18

Scarlet Tanager 16  
N. Cardinal 63  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 3  
Blue Grosbeak 3  
Indigo Bunting 64

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Species missed:

Wood Duck, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, any accipiters, Bald Eagle, Great Horned Owl,  
Am. Kestrel, Yellow-thr. Vireo, Brown Creeper, and Yellow-br. Chat.

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