

The 83rd consecutive Elizabethton Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held December 20th, 2025. Twenty-four observers participated in 7 parties.

The weather was good; 23-66 degrees, clear & calm.

We tallied 73 species, plus 1 in count week (cw). This is right on the recent 30 year average. The all-time high was 85 species in 2017.

The list:

Canada Goose 372  
Mallard 81  
Redhead 3  
Ring-necked Duck 17  
Gr. Scaup 2  
Lsr. Scaup 1  
Bufflehead 109  
Hooded Merganser 26  
Wild Turkey 18  
Pied-billed Grebe 10  
Horned Grebe 14  
Rock Pigeon 208  
Mourning Dove 72  
Killdeer 3  
Wilson's Snipe 7  
Ring-billed Gull 3  
Com. Loon 1  
Great Blue Heron 11  
Black Vulture 26  
Turkey Vulture 131  
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1  
Cooper's Hawk 2  
Bald Eagle 4  
Red-shouldered Hawk 1  
Red-tailed Hawk 14  
E. Screech Owl 5  
Great Horned Owl 2  
Belted Kingfisher 17  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 28  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 19  
Downy Woodpecker 15  
Hairy Woodpecker 4  
N. Flicker 27  
Pileated Woodpecker 15  
Am. Kestrel 14  
E. Phoebe 13  
WHITE-EYED VIREO 1  
Blue Jay 130  
Am. Crow 343  
Com. Raven 9  
Carolina Chickadee 101  
Tufted Titmouse 66  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 11  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 24  
Cedar Waxwing 18  
White-breasted Nuthatch 29  
Brown Creeper 1

Carolina Wren 74  
Winter Wren 11  
Brown Thrasher 1  
N. Mockingbird 58  
Eur. Starling 1058  
E. Bluebird 117  
Hermit Thrush 8  
Am. Robin 236  
House Sparrow 28  
House Finch 135  
Purple Finch 4  
Pine Siskin cw  
Am. Goldfinch 74  
Chipping Sparrow 1  
Field Sparrow 20  
Fox Sparrow 1  
Dark-eyed Junco 24  
White-throated Sparrow 87  
Savannah Sparrow 1  
Song Sparrow 83  
Swamp Sparrow 3  
E. Towhee 14  
E. Meadowlark 67  
Com. Grackle 1  
Pine Warbler 3  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 55  
N. Cardinal 102

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The White-eyed Vireo was seen in Hampton at the watershed trail (the pines).  
It was the third for this CBC; also seen in 1997 and 2001.

Notable misses: Barred Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-crowned Sparrow.

Thanks to all participants.  
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