

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

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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