

The 56th annual Elizabethton Fall Bird Count was held on October 4. We had 25 observers participating in 10-13 parties. The weather was good, with clear skies, no wind, and temperatures ranging from 42-82 degrees.

We tallied 120 species, plus 2 gull sp. and 1 Empidonax sp. This total is slightly below the recent 30 year average of 124 species. The all-time high on this count was 137 species in 1993.

The list:

Canada Goose 466
Wood Duck 34
Blue-wg. Teal 21
Mallard 64
Com. Merganser 12
Wild Turkey 25
Pied-billed Grebe 4
Rock Pigeon 183
Eur. Collared-Dove 2
Mourning Dove 145
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 3
Chimney Swift 176
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 1
Killdeer 41
Spotted Sandpiper 3
Solitary Sandpiper 2
gull sp. 2
Double-cr. Cormorant 30
Green Heron 3
Great Egret 5
Great Blue Heron 26
Black Vulture 39
Turkey Vulture 195
Osprey 5
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1
Cooper's Hawk 6
Bald Eagle 7
Red-shouldered Hawk 6
Broad-winged Hawk 1
Red-tailed Hawk 17
Am. Barn Owl 1
E. Screech Owl 24
Great Horned Owl 5
Barred Owl 7
N. Saw-whet Owl 3
Belted Kingfisher 22
Red-headed Woodpecker 5
Red-bellied Woodpecker 71
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9
Downy Woodpecker 41
Hairy Woodpecker 17

N. Flicker 54
Pileated Woodpecker 17
Am. Kestrel 14
Merlin 4
E. Wood-Pewee 17
Empidonax sp. 1
E. Phoebe 82
Yellow-thr. Vireo 6
Blue-hd. Vireo 23
Philadelphia Vireo 4
Red-eyed Vireo 10
Loggerhead Shrike 1
Blue Jay 360
Am. Crow 416
Fish Crow 4
Com. Raven 21
Carolina Chickadee 158
Tufted Titmouse 140
Tree Swallow 120
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 13
Golden-cr. Kinglet 4
Cedar Waxwing 126
Red-br. Nuthatch 13
White-br. Nuthatch 70
Brown Creeper 1
Carolina Wren 135
House Wren 3
Gray Catbird 27
Brown Thrasher 9
N. Mockingbird 74
Eur. Starling 560
E. Bluebird 157
Veery 1
Gray-cheeked Thrush 5
Swainson's Thrush 42
Wood Thrush 7
Am. Robin 233
House Sparrow 34
House Finch 50
Red Crossbill 3
Am. Goldfinch 64
Chipping Sparrow 51
Field Sparrow 6
Dark-eyed Junco 30
White-crowned Sparrow 1
White-throated Sparrow 2
Savannah Sparrow 1
Song Sparrow 98
Swamp Sparrow 2

E. Towhee 47
Yellow-br. Chat 1
E. Meadowlark 20
Red-wg. Blackbird 70
Brown-hd. Cowbird 208
Com. Grackle 24

warblers (22 species)

Ovenbird 2
N. Waterthrush 2
Black-and-white 6
Tennessee 47
Orange-crowned 1
Nashville 1
Com. Yellowthroat 12
Hooded 5
Am. Redstart 21
Cape May 9
N. Parula 21
Magnolia 28
Bay-breasted 47
Blackburnian 4
Chestnut-sided 3
Black-thr. Blue 11
Palm 26
Pine 4
Yellow-rumped 4
Yellow-throated 2
Black-thr. Green 14
Wilson's 1

Scarlet Tanager 9
N. Cardinal 165
Rose-br. Grosbeak 13
Indigo Bunting 9

Notable misses: White-eyed Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, and Blue Grosbeak.

We held the count a week later than usual (due to the TOS fall meeting in Johnson City). This may have accounted for some of the misses or low numbers for some species (e.g., just 1 hummingbird); but, may have contributed to finding some of the later migrants (e.g., Orange-cr. Warbler, White-thr. Sparrow). The count has been held on the first Saturday in October a few times previously.

Thanks to all participants.

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