

The 83rd consecutive Elizabethton Spring Count was held May 9 with 44 observers in 16 parties. We tallied 155 species, which is slightly above the average of the most recent 20 years (152 spp.). The all-time high on this count was 166 species in 2016.

The list:

Canada Goose 391
Wood Duck 71
Am. Wigeon 13
Mallard 69
Com. Merganser 11
Red-br. Merganser 1
Wild Turkey 25
Mourning Dove 181
Eur. Collared-Dove 2
Rock Pigeon 78
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 2
Com. Nighthawk 2
Chuck-will's-widow 8
E. Whip-poor-will 19
Chimney Swift 101
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 15
Sora 1
Killdeer 32
Semipalmated Plover 24
Least Sandpiper 37
Semipalmated Sandpiper 5
Spotted Sandpiper 71
Solitary Sandpiper 22
Lesser Yellowlegs 8
Greater Yellowlegs 5
Com. Tern 2
Forster's Tern 3
Double-cr. Cormorant 136
Yellow-cr. Night-Heron 6
Green Heron 8
Great Egret 1
Great Blue Heron 61
Black Vulture 86
Turkey Vulture 94
Osprey 16
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1
Cooper's Hawk 3
Bald Eagle 8
Red-shouldered Hawk 8
Broad-winged Hawk 4
Red-tailed Hawk 20
Am. Barn Owl 1

E. Screech Owl 7
Barred Owl 3
N. Saw-whet Owl 1
Belted Kingfisher 17
Red-headed Woodpecker 6
Red-bellied Woodpecker 66
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2
Downy Woodpecker 39
Hairy Woodpecker 8
N. Flicker 35
Pileated Woodpecker 31
Am. Kestrel 9
Great Crested Flycatcher 27
E. Kingbird 112
E. Wood-Pewee 30
Acadian Flycatcher 47
Willow Flycatcher 2
Least Flycatcher 15
E. Phoebe 59
White-eyed Vireo 15
Yellow-throated Vireo 6
Blue-headed Vireo 72
E. Warbling Vireo 19
Red-eyed Vireo 310
Loggerhead Shrike 1
Blue Jay 167
Am. Crow 291
Fish Crow 15
Com. Raven 15
Carolina Chickadee 136
Tufted Titmouse 154
Bank Swallow 4
Tree Swallow 124
N. Rough-wg. Swallow 90
Purple Martin 42
Barn Swallow 165
Cliff Swallow 785
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 1
Golden-cr. Kinglet 1
Cedar Waxwing 225
Red-br. Nuthatch 10
White-br. Nuthatch 25
Brown Creeper 3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 63
Carolina Wren 187
N. House Wren 35
Winter Wren 5
Gray Catbird 78
Brown Thrasher 46

N. Mockingbird 131
Eur. Starling 630
E. Bluebird 140
Veery 18
Swainson's Thrush 8
Hermit Thrush 2
Wood Thrush 70
Am. Robin 717
House Sparrow 55
House Finch 129
Pine Siskin 2
Am. Goldfinch 226
Grasshopper Sparrow 4
Chipping Sparrow 101
Field Sparrow 41
Dark-eyed Junco 45
White-crowned Sparrow 1
White-throated Sparrow 5
Savannah Sparrow 1
Song Sparrow 268
Swamp Sparrow 1
E. Towhee 142
Yellow-br. Chat 5
E. Meadowlark 48
Orchard Oriole 43
Baltimore Oriole 28
Red-wg. Blackbird 272
Brown-hd. Cowbird 64
Com. Grackle 280

warblers:

Ovenbird 132
Worm-eating 27
La. Waterthrush 29
N. Waterthrush 6
Golden-winged 5
Blue-winged 1
Black-and-white 58
Swainson's 23
Tennessee 10
Kentucky 11
Com. Yellowthroat 45
Hooded 198
Am. Redstart 26
Cape May 12
N. Parula 73
Magnolia 4
Bay-breasted 11
Blackburnian 12

Yellow 19
Chestnut-sided 40
Blackpoll 12
Black-thr. Blue 76
Palm 2
Pine 14
Yellow-rumped 26
Yellow-throated 42
Black-thr. Green 104
Canada 32

Summer Tanager 1
Scarlet Tanager 81
N. Cardinal 239
Rose-br. Grosbeak 35
Blue Grosbeak 9
Indigo Bunting 152
Dickcissel 2

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We missed a few species, notably: Ruffed Grouse,
Great Horned Owl, Virginia Rail, & Prairie Warbler.

Thanks to all observers.
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