The 57th Elizabethton Fall Count was held on September 26. There may have been some fall counts before 1970, but I have found no record of them. Other counts date back to the 1940s. This year 29 observers participated in 10 parties. The weather was pleasant.

We tallied 121 species, which is slightly below the 30 year average of 124. The all-time high count was 137 species in 1993.

The list:
Canada Goose 670
Wood Duck 24
Blue-winged Teal 6
Mallard 100
Com. Merganser 17
Wild Turkey 20
Pied-billed Grebe 1
Rock Pigeon 55
Eur. Collared-Dove 1
Mourning Dove 229
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 3
Black-billed Cuckoo 2
Chimney Swift 457
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird 32
Sandhill Crane 1
Killdeer 32
Spotted Sandpiper 2
Solitary Sandpiper 1
Double-cr. Cormorant 12
Green Heron 5
Great Egret 3
Great Blue Heron 32
Black Vulture 9
Turkey Vulture 112
Osprey 13
Sharp-shinned Hawk 4
Cooper's Hawk 5
Bald Eagle 4
Red-shouldered Hawk 11
Broad-winged Hawk 5
Red-tailed Hawk 33
E. Screech-Owl 22
Great Horned Owl 2
Barred Owl 2
Belted Kingfisher 24
Red-headed Woodpecker 9
Red-bellied Woodpecker 79
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2
Downy Woodpecker 44

Hairy Woodpecker 9
N. Flicker 61
Pileated Woodpecker 34
Am. Kestrel 19
Merlin 1
E. Wood-Pewee 17
E. Phoebe 65
White-eyed Vireo 4
Yellow-throated Vireo 3
Blue-headed Vireo 14
Philadelphia Vireo 3
Red-eyed Vireo 16
Blue Jay 373
Am. Crow 365
Fish Crow 2
Com. Raven 25
Carolina Chickadee 151
Tufted Titmouse 135
Tree Swallow 174
Barn Swallow 33
Cliff Swallow 5
Ruby-cr. Kinglet 6
Golden-cr. Kinglet 5
Cedar Waxwing 102
Red-br. Nuthatch 2
White-br. Nuthatch 81
Brown Creeper 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5
Carolina Wren 140
House Wren 2
Winter Wren 2
Gray Catbird 61
Brown Thrasher 22
N. Mockingbird 77
Eur. Starling 517
E. Bluebird 117
Gray-cheeked Thrush 7
Swainson's Thrush 33
Hermit Thrush 2
Wood Thrush 13
Am. Robin 101
House Sparrow 21
House Finch 92
Pine Siskin 2
Am. Goldfinch 154
Chipping Sparrow 38
Field Sparrow 4
Dark-eyed Junco 34
Savannah Sparrow 1

Song Sparrow 84
E. Towhee 43
Yellow-breasted Chat 1
E. Meadowlark 21
Red-winged Blackbird 52
Brown-headed Cowbird 1
Com. Grackle 5

warblers (21 species)
Ovenbird 3
N. Waterthrush 2
Black-and-white 5
Tennessee 83
Nashville 1
Com. Yellowthroat 16
Hooded 14
Am. Redstart 21
Cape May 33
N. Parula 18
Magnolia 32
Bay-breasted 30
Blackburnian 7
Yellow 3
Chestnut-sided 8
Black-thr. Blue 4
Palm 32
Pine 6
Yellow-throated 5
Black-thr. Green 15
Canada 2

Scarlet Tanager 14
N. Cardinal 139
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 59
Blue Grosbeak 2
Indigo Bunting 14
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Highlights: a fly-over Sandhill Crane in Limestone, 2 Black-billed Cuckoos, a Merlin, 3 Philadelphia Vireos, 2 Fish Crows, and a Yellow-br. Chat.

Notable misses:
Shorebirds, blackbirds, & sparrows were in short supply. Also missed were Ruffed Grouse, Com. Nighthawk, and Loggerhead Shrike.

Thanks to all participants.
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