

ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS JANUARY, 2016

January was a month of two halves it started off warm and dry and then became cold and wet, I prefer warm and dry. With these winter rains the fields are getting extra help at staving off the effect of any drought this coming summer. There will be few shorebirds excepting the Sod Farm but the grebes, anhinga, herons and Ibis may all have a good breeding season. There have been no freezes so far this winter if that holds true species such as the Yellow-breasted Chat may find more nest sites.

Now to the birds there was an immature Brown Pelican on the 14th. I only saw the adult Brown Booby to the 7th. Since then the winds have been from the west or it has been calm. I seem to need strong easterly winds in order to bring this bird to my side of the lake. I think it has left but.... Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks peaked at 300 on the 7th and Fulvous peaked at 21 on the 11th. Ducks as a whole were scarce because of the mild winter (at least initially) in the northern states. There were two Greater Scaup on the 25th and 26th with 14 Lesser Scaup on the 26th. On Lake Apopka there was a Bufflehead on the 25th with two on the 26th. The rarest duck was a Common Goldeneye on Lake Apopka on the 6th. There were two Red-breasted Mergansers on the 5th with one staying by Pole Road to the 25th. It was only at the end of the month that the winds died down and I counted 6,200 Ruddy Duck on the lake on the 26th.

Both Merlin and Peregrine have been present all month; there could be two of each. The Gray-headed Swamphen has been present all month but I believe that many of the birders using the Wildlife Drive have yet to see it. Limpkins are more in evidence this winter (their breeding season) so that bodes well. There were three Black-necked Stilts at Duda on the 26th. Both yellowleg species were seen and there was a Willet on the 11th (there has been a northerly movement on the Volusia County coast all month). There were three Least Sandpipers on the 11th.

Single Laughing Gulls were seen on three dates and there was a first-winter Franklin's Gull flying to the north-east on the 20th. Bonaparte's Gulls peaked at 417 on the 25th and Herring Gulls at eight on the 11th. There were 11 Caspian Terns and an adult Sandwich Tern on the 5th. Sticking with the terns there was a first-winter Common Tern on the 11th whilst Forster's peaked at 124 on the 6th.

There may have been eight Ash-throated Flycatchers during the month there being six by Lake Apopka to the south of the Hooper Farms Road extension and one on the southern border on the 7th there was also one by the Hooper

Farms Road gate on the 5th. Last year there were no records of Western Kingbird and situation continues to this date. The first Purple Martin was on the 26th and Tree Swallows peaked at 2350 on the 25th. The three Eastern Bluebirds remain at the Workshops.

Warbler numbers were low again I think they stopped further north this year. Northern Waterthrushes peaked at six on the 26th. With the ever thickening vegetation most sparrow species cannot now be located. There were Song Sparrows at two locations and a Lincoln's Sparrow at the Workshops on the 14th. A single White-crowned Sparrow was seen on the 12th. Blue Grosbeaks have been present at two sites all month with Indigo Buntings at three sites. Painted Buntings were more widespread with small parties at four sites.

There was a male Brewer's Blackbird on the 8th (not part of the survey) I had a female by the Stormwater Ponds on the 14th. Again not part of the survey there has been a Yellow Warbler by Pole Road on two dates.

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Species	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.19	1.20	1.25	1.26
Pied-billed Grebe	47	51	35	43	18	2	30	75	25	6
Brown Booby	1		1							
Brown Pelican						1				
Double-crested Cormorant	206	170	193	198	112	20	85	136	103	120
Anhinga	30	29	44	32	25	18	13	40	40	43
American Bittern	1		2		3		1	1	2	3
Least Bittern			1							
Great Blue Heron	19	13	30	25	25	7	19	34	24	29
Great Egret	10	6	16	23	14	6	14	12	79	9
Snowy Egret	11	10	31	20	13	5	24	24	22	9
Little Blue Heron	28	15	25	29	25	21	35	33	19	21
Tricolored Heron	7	3	8	7	11	5	6	11	8	5
Cattle Egret	5	3	2	5	5	4	6	5	3	6
Green Heron	7	6	10	9	13	1	22	22	20	6
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3		4	4	3	1	6	12	11	12
White Ibis	36	13	20	19	132	11	141	150	327	11
Glossy Ibis	27	10	17	23	30	26	18	32	24	43

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Hooded Merganser	6		1	2	4				2	1
Red-breasted Merganser	2	1							1	
Ruddy Duck		4	23	1				2	730	6200
Osprey	15	8	17	30	30	17	9	22	28	26
Bald Eagle	2	3	3	2	4	7	2	1	1	2
Northern Harrier	7	2	2	3	7	3	5	3	9	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				2					1
Cooper's Hawk					1			1		
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	17	20	15	14	9	7	14	18	13
Red-tailed Hawk	4	3	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	2
American Kestrel	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	3
Peregrine Falcon					1					1
Northern Bobwhite					1	1				
King Rail	10	3	57	3	10	1	1	5	10	16
Sora	23	11	57	26	17	7	11	25	34	25
Purple Gallinule					1					
Gray-headed Swamphen	1					1	1	1		
Common Gallinule	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1100	1000	1000
American Coot	370	370	830	345	330	nc	510	545	525	nc

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Limpkin				1	2		2			
Sandhill Crane	2	2		2	2					
Killdeer	7	9	4	3	11	2	2		1	27
Black-necked Stilt										3
Greater Yellowlegs				1			1	1		1
Lesser Yellowlegs							1			
Willet				1						
Least Sandpiper				3						
Wilson's Snipe	32		7	1	4			2		1
Laughing Gull	1							1	1	
Franklin's Gull								1		
Bonaparte's Gull	57	42	15	24	5	210	24	79	417	95
Ring-billed Gull	50	55	34	91	98	45	72	105	80	16
Herring Gull	1	2	3	8	2	1	7		2	2
Caspian Tern	11						1	1	1	
Sandwich Tern	1									
Common Tern				1						
Forster's Tern	119	124	19	40	5	4	37	7	13	9

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Mourning Dove	57		13	55	4	5			1	2
Common Ground-Dove			3	1	2		4	7	5	1
Barn Owl	1				1					
Great Horned Owl				2			1			1
Barred Owl			1							1
Eastern Whip-poor-will		1	1							
Belted Kingfisher	9	8	12	17	10	3	11	8	6	9
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4	4	10	4	5	5	7	5	10	12
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	2			1	2	1	1		1
Downy Woodpecker	2					4		2	1	5
Northern Flicker			1	1		1	2	1	2	3
Pileated Woodpecker			1	1						3
Eastern Phoebe	29	24	34	31	24	19	18	32	35	21
Ash-throated Flycatcher	6	1	7	2						
White-eyed Vireo	1	2	4		2	2		1	3	4
Blue-headed Vireo			2							1
Blue Jay	2	6	10	2	4	8	4	7	4	14
American Crow	1		1			5		2		3

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Fish Crow					2	36	2	32	65	10
Purple Martin										1
Tree Swallow	10	4	3	210	740	60	870	1250	2350	2050
Tufted Titmouse		1				2				
Carolina Wren	2	10	16	6	4	4	3	8	7	14
House Wren	11	23	18	9	12	8	9	9	20	16
Sedge Wren	1	1	1		1	1	1	2		2
Marsh Wren	3	8	9	8	11	2	4	11	11	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	4	1	1	3	1	3		2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	14	8	22	8	2	9	4	7	9	8
Eastern Bluebird	3		3		1			3	1	3
Hermit Thrush		1	1							
American Robin		2			1	80				
Gray Catbird	5	9	14	2	5	13	6	7	11	5
Northern Mockingbird					1	4	4		1	3
Brown Thrasher			1		1	1				
American Pipit										1
Cedar Waxwing						8	12		17	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1		3							

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Yellow-rumped Warbler	13	16	5	21	3	17	12	30	21	56
Prairie Warbler		1			1			1		
Palm Warbler	43	26	40	34	20	19	20	83	61	50
"Yellow" Palm Warbler	3									3
Black-and-white Warbler						1				
Northern Waterthrush	4	4	4	1	1	3	1		4	6
Common Yellowthroat	9	18	26	24	13	15	18	21	33	35
Eastern Towhee		3	2	1	5	5	5	1	2	9
Savannah Sparrow	17	7		14	16	2	13	13	14	8
Song Sparrow		1	1	1	1					1
Lincoln's Sparrow						1				
Swamp Sparrow	4	19	70	33	24	25	11	20	46	53
White-crowned Sparrow					1					
Northern Cardinal	7	15	22	12	6	21	6	22	33	39
Blue Grosbeak		1					1	1		
Indigo Bunting		1						1		
Painted Bunting						2			2	
Red-winged Blackbird	200	160	300	200	300	200	300	300	300	300

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Eastern Meadowlark							1			
Brewer's Blackbird						1				
Common Grackle	1	4	6		2	3	2	3	9	8
Boat-tailed Grackle	2	37	155	5	42	4	52	53	15	40
Brown-headed Cowbird						1				
American Goldfinch	1	1		1	4				2	1

