

ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS MARCH, 2016

Most of the winter visitors have left but a few will hang on to late April, the spring migrants always seem to come in too slowly. The first brood of Pied-billed Grebe chicks (three) was seen on the 24th. On the 31st there were 130 Great and 290 Snowy Egrets by the lake south of the Lust Road pump house. There were 119 Black-crowned-Night-Herons on the 14th and there were 95 on the 31st. Two adults and an immature Yellow-crowned Night-Heron were seen during the month. There were 450 White Ibis on the 21st with 68 Glossy Ibis on the 29th. There were 385 Black Vultures on the eastern border on the 22nd. There were 155 Black-bellied on the 17th and 45 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks on the 10th. Ring-necked Ducks were seen to the 22nd.

The high count of Ospreys for the month was that of 74 on the 14th. There were two Swallow-tailed Kites on the 15th with one on the 31st. Merlins seen on three dates with two on the 29th whilst single Peregrine Falcons were seen on the 17th and 24th. At the Sand Farm three Wild Turkeys were seen on the 8th and 15th with four there on the 22nd. The wintering King Rails have gone but Sora are still present there were 38 on the 24th. There was a small passage of Virginia Rails from the 1st to the 10th singles were seen at five locations. Purple Gallinule numbers are climbing had ten on the 31st. American Coots appear to be leaving only 145 seen on the 31st. Limpkins are the success story so far this year had a new high count of 21 on the 10th. There appears to be at least 29 pairs this year.

There were 77 Bonaparte's Gulls on the 14th with 80 Ring-billed Gulls on the 22nd. There was a Black Skimmer at the lake on the 29th. Up to six a day White-winged Doves are now being seen. There was an exceptionally early Yellow-billed Cuckoo on the 17th it was singing. Chuck-will's-widows were heard on the 8th and 24th. Eastern Whip-poor-wills noted on four dates from the 8th with three on the 15th. The last sapsucker was on the 17th and the last Eastern Phoebe was on the 22nd. Great Crested Flycatchers only noted from the 29th. There was a Western Kingbird on the 22nd with a Gray Kingbird on the 29th. On that date there was a Red-eyed Vireo. Tree Swallows peaked at 7850 on the 21st but there were only 26 on the 31st. A total of four Northern Rough-winged Swallows were seen from the 21st to the 31st with two on the 31st. Barn Swallows peaked at 30 on the 21st they are now at four nest sites. House Wrens peaked at 50 on the 15th and Marsh Wrens at 22 on the 29th. There were still 3950 Yellow-rumped Warblers on the 1st but only three located on the 31st. On the 15th I found an "Audubon's" Warbler on the Sand Farm. Northern Waterthrushes peaked at five on the 24th and Louisiana Waterthrushes peaked at nine on the 29th.

Sparrows away from the Lust Road gate were hard to find. There was a Grasshopper Sparrow at the Sand Farm on the 15th, a Lincoln's Sparrow at Potter's Farm on the 31st and a White-throated Sparrow at the Sand Farm on the 8th. There was a Blue Grosbeak at the Sand Farm on the 8th and there was a Painted Bunting there on the 15th. The next two species were very unexpected. There was a male Shiny Cowbird on the utility wires by Airport Road on the 29th; on the same day there was a male Baltimore Oriole with 20 Cedar Waxwings south of the Workshops.

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Species	3.1	3.7	3.8	3.10	3.14	3.15	3.17	3.21	3.22	3.24	3.29	3.31
Pied-billed Grebe	22	17	24	9	11	11	14	14	18	22	27	11
American White Pelican		1				3				1		
Double-crested Cormorant	136	169	155	184	124	140	117	104	50	147	106	124
Anhinga	29	30	31	33	30	26	29	22	37	57	42	51
American Bittern	2		1	1			2		1	2		
Least Bittern	1		2	3	1	2	6			3	4	3
Great Blue Heron	34	21	25	44	29	19	57	18	26	33	41	33
Great Egret	26	27	12	28	65	8	53	17	7	18	33	130
Snowy Egret	25	16	7	104	350	1	208	150	8	200	235	290
Little Blue Heron	25	12	16	18	19	12	27	15	11	25	9	11
Tricolored Heron	10	8	7	3	12	10	9	5	4	11	16	8
Cattle Egret	12	7	12	8	24	14	13	38	13	21	17	31
Green Heron	7	10	5	12	5	6	20	3	5	16	11	7
Black-crowned Night-Heron	17	7	1	75	119		75	8		53	55	95
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron							3			1		1
White Ibis	173	116	23	21	61	18	233	450	24	25	36	23
Glossy Ibis	59	48	43	16	26	41	30	24	35	44	68	49

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Wood Stork	2											
Black Vulture	33	3	8	34	39	28	3	14	385	6	2	6
Turkey Vulture	80	73	47	49	59	45	17	13	38	20	7	16
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	30	8		15	33	12	155	3				45
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	13	3		46	5		4	2		9	10	8
Wood Duck		2	2				2			1	1	1
Mallard	1		1	1		1	1		2	1	1	2
Mottled Duck	3		4	5	2	5	1	2	6	4	6	6
Blue-winged Teal	75	67	48	44	39	153	82	49	69	26	35	53
Green-winged Teal	5					1		1	1			
Ring-necked Duck	134	58	28	24	27	26	23	11				
Lesser Scaup	5											
Ruddy Duck	209	310		170			3			61	37	
Osprey	43	36	33	61	74	25	43	16	16	51	32	65
Swallow-tailed Kite						2						1
Bald Eagle	5	5	2	4	4	3	4	5	7	1	5	2
Northern Harrier	2	5	6	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1								1		

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Cooper's Hawk		1		1								
Red-shouldered Hawk	13	12	8	7	7	14	2	3	7	7	7	10
Red-tailed Hawk	4	1				1			1	1	1	1
American Kestrel	3	5	1	2	2	5	1	2		2	2	2
Merlin					1						2	1
Peregrine Falcon							1			1		
Wild Turkey			3			3			4			
Northern Bobwhite			1			4			4	1		
King Rail	18	9	5	10	4	3		1		8	3	2
Virginia Rail	2	1	1	1								
Sora	25	26	29	21	12	19	23	28	13	38	37	23
Purple Gallinule	1		1	2	2	1	5		1	1	2	10
Gray-headed Swamphen	1											
Common Gallinule	700	700	700	700	700	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
American Coot	470	270	375	300	330	295	380	415	490	445	285	145
Limpkin	14	20	1	21	9	5	2	3	1	12	12	4
Sandhill Crane			2	4		2		2	2	2		
Killdeer	2	2			2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1
Black-necked Stilt			4			6			1		2	4

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Greater Yellowlegs			1			1			1		2	4
Lesser Yellowlegs			1			1			2		3	32
Wilson's Snipe	2		1			1						1
Laughing Gull		2									1	
Bonaparte's Gull		2		5	77	4	16	11		7	1	
Ring-billed Gull	18	39		15	26		27	61	80	9	9	16
Herring Gull	3	1										
Caspian Tern	1	1		3	21		12	5	1		4	4
Forster's Tern	10	19	2	11	29	1	3	11		4	6	2
Black Skimmer											1	
White-winged Dove				1	1		3			3	6	5
Mourning Dove	1	3	9		1	10	3		6	1	13	3
Common Ground-Dove	1	2	3		1	1		2		3	5	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							1					
Barn Owl		1										1
Eastern Screech-Owl						1						
Great Horned Owl		1	1		1	1				1		
Barred Owl	3		1		2	2				1		

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Chuck-will's-widow			1							1		
Eastern Whip-poor-will			1			3			2		1	
Belted Kingfisher	9	6	9	4	6	5	5	3	8	5	7	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	8	10	19	5	2	22	6		20	11	5	8
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							1					
Downy Woodpecker		1	2				1		1		2	
Northern Flicker	1		1			2	1		3	2	1	1
Pileated Woodpecker	1		2			1			1	1	1	1
Eastern Phoebe	29	17	14	7	6	10	5	1	4			
Great Crested Flycatcher											1	1
Western Kingbird									1			
Gray Kingbird											1	
White-eyed Vireo	15	11	8	3	8	16	8	1	19	12	14	8
Blue-headed Vireo	1								1		1	1
Red-eyed Vireo											1	
Blue Jay	11	12	13	4	6	11	6		9	3	6	7
American Crow			2	3		2	2		2	1	2	2
Fish Crow	4	6	3	4	6	44	12	4	5	8	9	10

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Northern Parula	1	3	2	1		5	1		6	1	2	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3950	1650	1450	765	225	140	255	52	65	31	27	3
“Audubon’s Warbler”						1						
Pine Warbler									1			
Prairie Warbler	1								1	1	1	1
Palm Warbler	30	30	18	20	25	16	19	7	20	37	36	7
Northern Waterthrush	4	4	4	3	2	1	2	2	1	5	4	1
Louisiana Waterthrush	2	3	5	1	2	2			4	3	9	6
Common Yellowthroat	18	19	27	21	14	19	15	4	17	31	33	12
Eastern Towhee	12	7	30	11	13	25	8	1	43	25	25	13
Savannah Sparrow	11	10	28	8	10	48	6	4	30	13	2	24
Grasshopper Sparrow						1						
Lincoln’s Sparrow												1
Swamp Sparrow	21	11	9	12	21	17	22	3	13	32	21	10
White-throated Sparrow			1									
Northern Cardinal	32	32	43	36	56	54	51	11	58	94	119	58
Blue Grosbeak			1									
Painted Bunting						1					1	

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Red-winged Blackbird	400	400	400	600	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Eastern Meadowlark					1	2			2		4	
Common Grackle	41	18	8	7	8	2	16	1	3	11	44	16
Boat-tailed Grackle	50	25	40	25	50	35	51	35	60	65	55	40
Shiny Cowbird											1	
Brown-headed Cowbird						1					1	
Baltimore Oriole											1	
American Goldfinch	1	1	2			2	1		1		1	

